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COVID-19

We understand that you have been inundated with an overwhelming amount of information from a variety of sources these last few weeks. In an effort to assist NECA members, our National NECA office and Chapters' across Washington State want to deliver a more unilateral response to our contractors as we navigate through these unprecedented times. These resources are easily accessible via link through the Washington State NECA Document and Database website <https://www.necawa.org/covid-19> and consist of what we consider to be most helpful list of documents and assistance for our contractor members. These resources will be updated as the information continues to rapidly evolve. Our goal is to help provide a clearer path of the most-up-to-date information on this pandemic so you can focus on what is most important to you, running a safe business!

Other important links:

[Washington State Department of Health](#)

[NECA National Resource Center](#)

Furthermore the Cascade Chapter NECA and IBEW Local 191 Health & Welfare Trust has been working diligently on what we can do to help assist our contractors and members alike get through this time of need. Please be patient with us as we work out the details and be on the lookout for news to come later this week.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS!

The Integrated Technologies Group, Inc was founded in 2006 to provide low-voltage telecommunications and fiber optic network services. They are located in Snohomish, WA. Please welcome Suzi Puckett, President who joined NECA this January 2020. You can reach Suzi at 206.510.0878 or Suzi.Puckett@theITGroup-inc.com.



Apex Consortium, LLC was founded in 2017 and works on Residential and Commercial, including new construction, retrofits, remodels and plant expansions. They are located in Lake Stevens, WA. Please welcome Christian Raboin, NECA Accredited Rep & Wade Roses who joined NECA this March 2020. You can reach Christian at 425.343.2667 or apexconsortiumllc@gmail.com.



Hubbell Wiring Devices / Hubbell Commercial & Industrial (HCI) and Mike Walker, Territory Manager joined us as Associate Members in March 2020. Please welcome Mike. You can reach him at 206.491.5309 or mjwalker@hubbell.com.



SAFETY MEETING APP RENEWAL

Our annual Safety Meeting App Renewal is coming up at the end of the month and the Cascade Chapter has decided to purchase the membership for all our members this year! It is a versatile program, as there is both an app and a website with over a thousand different topics - including recently added COVID-19 topics.

You can cover meetings, report incidents, access topic checklists and more! To sign up, email irisv@necacascade.org or call our office at 425.258.2644 today.

NWEJATC APPRENTICESHIP

In response to COVID-19, in-person classroom instruction at the Training Center is prohibited through at least April 24. Given that, NWEJATC is trying to make the most of the situation. Following the lead of the local colleges, they are shifting to distance learning (online classes) as an interim solution. The intent is to conduct the classes as if the apprentice were in the classroom. To aid in these efforts, the instructors are reworking their class plans to teach the classroom based material online and delay the hands on portions until the Training Center can reopen.

The NWEJATC evaluated several programs for online classes and decided to try the conferencing website Zoom.us. Once that decision was made, they started to learn the program and figure out the hardware requirements. To test, they had several successful online meetings and a group of fifth year apprentices finished their apprenticeship with online classes. Building on that knowledge, classes will resume Monday, March 30.

A message from NWEJATC Training Director, Rob Bartel: "Although this change is difficult and happening rather quickly due to a bad situation, on the bright side, I believe that we are adding another tool to the JATC's teaching toolbox that will open new possibilities to enhance our future ability to deliver apprenticeship training.

As always, stay safe and feel free to contact the Training Center if you have questions. Note, the physical Training Center is closed, but we are working from home answering phone calls and responding to emails."

NECA LEGAL SERVICES

The Cascade Chapter, NECA is now offering up to four (4) hours of legal advice with one or a combination of our participating Attorneys at Law throughout the fiscal year of 2020.

To utilize this service, you will first need to contact the Cascade Chapter Office and place a legal service request by emailing Cindy at cindya@necacascade.org or calling the office at 425.258.2644

After this you can contact one of the participating attorney's and advise them you are with the Cascade Chapter, NECA. The Chapter will be billed directly for your first four (4) hours of utilization that occur in the fiscal year of 2020. Contact information for our participating attorneys is listed below.

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NECA 2020 CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW

October 3rd - 6th
Chicago, IL

The NECA SHOW is where leaders of the \$171 billion electrical construction industry convene each year to stay ahead of the ever-changing industry landscape. These electrical contractors bring power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S.

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) opens its doors each year and invites all aspects of the electrical industry to meet and discuss the growing opportunities in electrical construction work.



LEARN ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING!

With some offices working mostly or all remotely, it may be more difficult to communicate and share ideas as you would in person. The website and app for Zoom makes it a lot easier to collaborate remotely! Whether it's with your team or to host a meeting, it is a great tool for video conferencing.

Some of the tools we really liked are:

- ▶ Video conference with up to 100 people with the free membership
- ▶ Optional chat with everyone or privately one-on-one
- ▶ Schedule meetings
- ▶ Screen share so others can see what you are working on
- ▶ Shared whiteboard... and more!

If you are interested in trying Zoom and would like some help getting started, email Iris at irisv@necacascade.org or call 425.258.2644

UPCOMING SEMINARS & COURSES

June 11th: Subcontract Seminar

July 16th - 18th: Sales Course

August 24th - 27th: Basic Estimating Course

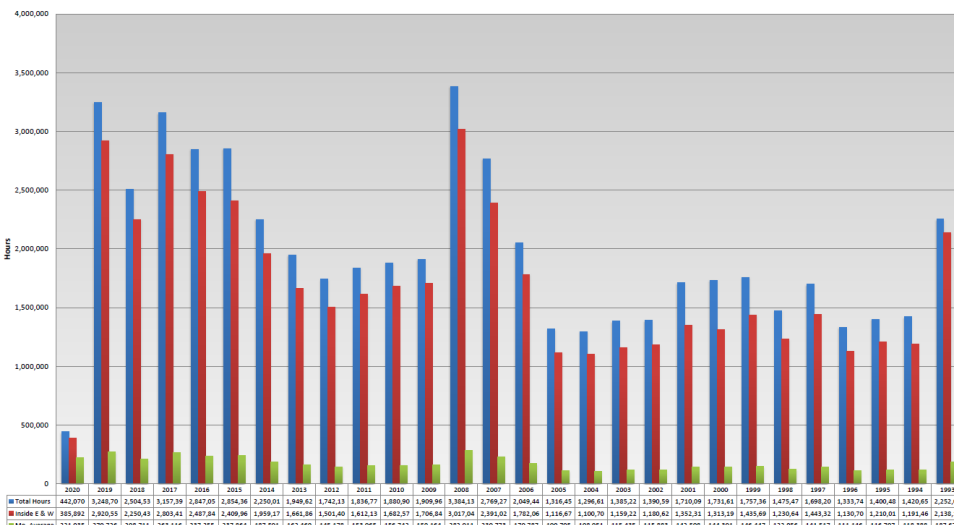
September 22nd - 23rd: Project Management Part 1

September 29th - 30th: Project Management Part 2

October 14th - 15th: Advanced Estimating Course

MAN-HOUR REPORT

Historical Man Hours thru FEBRUARY 2020



Currently on Jry Wire Bk 1: 221 Bk 2: 113 Electronic Tech Bk 1: 2 Bk 2: 0 Bk 3: 0

MAN-HOUR CHART

Cumulative Man Hours thru February 2020

Inside Wireman West:	188,998
Inside Wireman East:	196,895
Residential:	15,270
Sound & Comm:	26,650
Material Handers:	14,257
YTD Total 2020 Hours:	442,070

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In 1889, to honor of the centenary of the French Revolution, the French government planned an international exposition and announced a design competition for a monument to be built on the Champ-de-Mars in central Paris. Out of more than 100 designs submitted, the Centennial Committee chose Eiffel's plan of an open-lattice wrought-iron tower that would reach almost 1,000 feet above Paris and be the world's tallest man-made structure. Eiffel, a noted bridge builder, was a master of metal construction and designed the framework of the Statue of Liberty that had recently been erected in New York Harbor.

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