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NECA RELEASES NEW MANUAL OF LABOR UNITS AND TOOL & EQUIPMENT RENTAL SCHEDULE

NECA National recently made an announcement that the 2019-2020 editions of the NECA Manual of Labor Units (4090-19) and Tool & Equipment Rental Schedule (5065-19) publications were available, but only in PDF format. **These are now available for sale in print and ready to ship.** Visit the links below for purchase or search by index number in the [NECA Store](#).

NECA MEMBERS RECEIVE ONE FREE COPY OF THE MLU

Letters for members to request their free copy of the MLU will be mailed to accredited representatives and chapter managers the first week of January 2020.

FREE INTRODUCTION TO THE MANUAL OF LABOR UNITS COURSE NOW AVAILABLE

NECA Members have free access to the Introduction to the NECA Manual of Labor Units

online course in the NECA Learning Center. This short program details the components and proper application of the MLU. Interested in taking the class? [Just click this link!](#)



NECA PROJECT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

NECA will begin accepting submissions for the 2020 Project Excellence Awards Program on **January 1, 2020**.

To be eligible, a NECA member must have performed the installation. It must have been completed between Jan. 1, 2019 and Dec. 31, 2019. **The deadline for submissions for the 2020 Project Excellence Awards is April 30, 2020.**

Contact Mir Mustafa at mmm@necanet.org or 301-215-4556 for additional information or [click here for the program rules](#). FAQ's? [Click here](#).

TO BENEFIT ... PARTICIPATE!



THANK YOU TO PAUL LAESEN

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Paul Laesen of Pajaro Valley Electric for the many years of service to the chapter. He has served on the Board of Directors, the Health Trust, Pension Trust, Labor Management Committee, LMCC and Negotiations Committee. He has truly gone above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of the industry. Paul retired on December 31st and he and his wife Donna plan to enjoy a long and relaxing retirement. Wishing you both many happy times ahead and lots of fun adventures!

Mark Clough, also of Pajaro Valley Electric will take Paul's place on the Board of Directors and has also agreed to serve on the Health Trust. Thanks to both of these industry leaders for their dedication! We sincerely appreciate it!

AULD LANG SYNE

Did you know....The song literally means "old long ago." The work by 18th-century Scottish poet Robert Burns has endured the ages and spread beyond Scotland and

throughout the English-speaking world. The song is about "the love and kindness of days gone by, but ... it also gives us a sense of belonging and fellowship to take into the future," according to Scotland.org, a website of the Scottish government.



Happy New Year

NEW CALIFORNIA LAWS FOR 2020

The California Legislature introduced more than 3,033 bills in the first half of the 2019-2020 session. Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP has put together a summary of the more important bills affective contractors in their roles as contractors effective January 1, 2020, unless otherwise noted. You can view the article by [clicking here](#).

Not addressed in the article are the many other bills that will affect contractors in their businesses, taxpayers and employers. Each of the summaries is brief, focusing on what is more important to contractors. Because not all aspects of these bills are discussed, each summary's titles is a live link to the full text of the referenced bills for those wanting to explore the details of the new laws.



NEW IRS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR 2020

The Internal Revenue Service has set the new mileage reimbursement rate or 2020 at 57.5 cents per mile for business use. This is down one-half cent from the 2019 rates.



UPCOMING CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH THE JATC

FIRST AID/CPR

A CPR/First Aid class is going to be scheduled in February. Instructor Merralinda Goddard

will be teaching the basics of First Aid and CPR. Call the JATC office at (831) 633-3063 to reserve your place. Class size is limited.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CODE

Instructor David Martinez will be leading the way through the Significant Changes of the 2017 National Electrical Code. Drop on in! You are welcome to attend one class or as many as you like in this series. This is a (3) hour class. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm.

OSHA 30

Demonstrate your commitment to workplace safety and compliance with OSHA 30 with instructor Stephen Slovacek. The class is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th from 8 am to 4 pm. The complete class schedule will be shared on the first night of class. Call the JATC office to reserved your place. Tis is a stand alone OSHA 30 class. It does not matter when you last completed OSHA10.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE COMPLETING UPGRADE CLASSES

Congratulations to the following individuals who have recently completed classes offered through the apprenticeship program! We

appreciate your commitment to the industry!

CPR/First Aid December 7, 2019

- Erik Fritz
- Rick Keaton
- Ron Keaton
- Jose Moncada
- Chad Vargas
- Crystelle Vargas

Significant Changes December 17, 2019

- Israel Andrade
- Erik Fritz
- Mark Hiura



APPRENTICE APPLICATION INFORMATION NEW TEST DATE

The Tri-County Electrical JATC accepts applications on a year-round basis. Online applications are now available. For more information

regarding the process, please click in the following link:

JATC INFORMATION

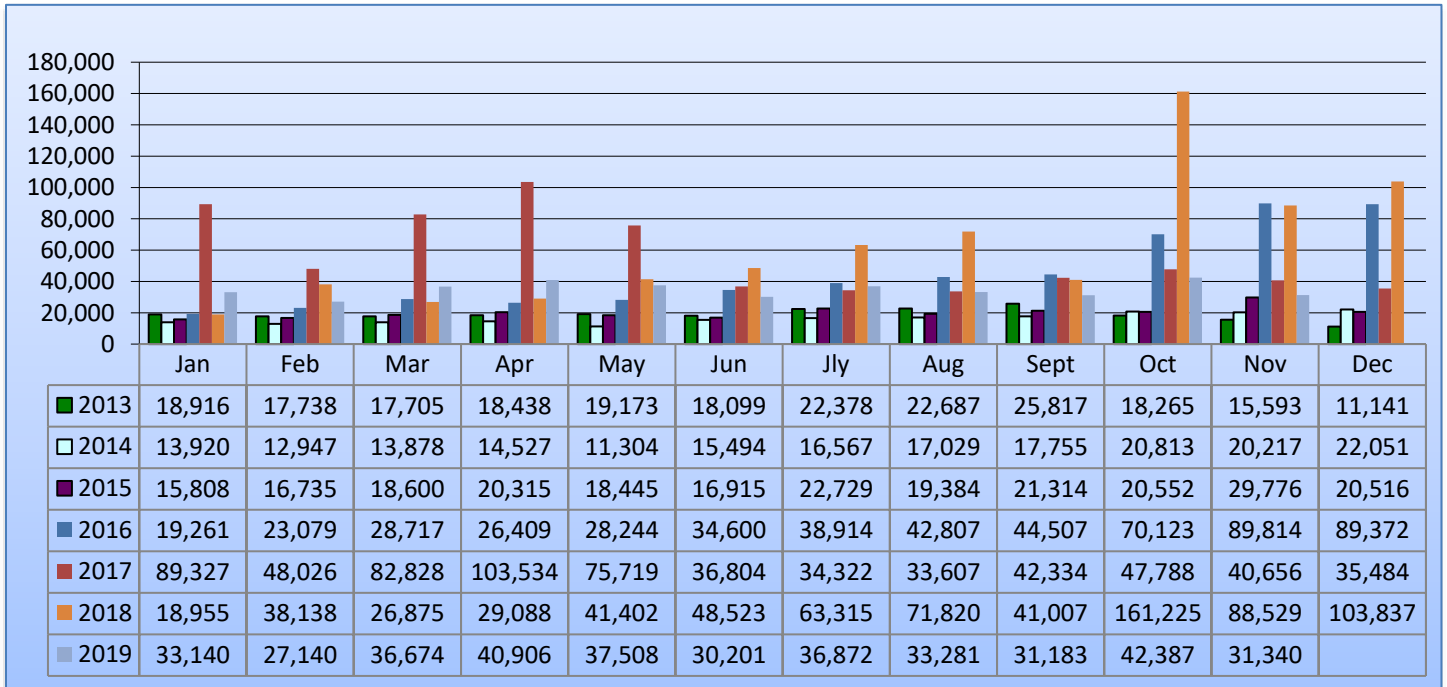


AVAILABILITY LIST UPDATE

On the Inside Out-of-Work List, there are 13 on Book 1, 20 on Book 2, 9 on Book 3 and 2 on Book 4. There are 0 on Book 1, 0 on Book 2, 2 on Book 3 and 1 on Book 3 for Sound & Comm. There is 1 on CW Book 1 and 6 on CW Book 2. There are no Inside apprentice available for work at this time.



INSIDE MONTHLY HOURS REPORT



2020

January 27-29, 2020
IBEW-NECA Benefits Conference
St. Pete, FL

February 8, 2020
JATC Aptitude Test
Castroville, CA

February 17, 2020
President's Day Holiday

February 26-28, 2020
Association Executives Institute
Chicago, IL

February 29, 2020
IBEW Local #234 50th Anniversary Celebration
Monterey Aquarium
Monterey, CA

March 18, 2020
Health Trust Meeting
Castroville, CA

April 1-3, 2020
District Nine Meeting
Indian Wells, CA

May 8, 2020
Tri-County JATC Graduation
The Tides Hotel
Monterey, CA