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Public Works Online System - Enhancement Update

The DIR's Public Works Online System has now launched an update effective Tuesday April 22, 2025 with a number of platform enhancements and as a result we'll be hosting live workshops on the system updates.

The event registration, user guide, and training video are posted here <https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/SupportCenter.html>

The system enhancements include but are not limited to the items listed below.

Searching by DIR PROJECT ID

As contractors, you can now search by DIR PROJECT ID to add projects to dashboard

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to upload XML eCPRs (Extensible Markup Language electronic Certified Payroll Records)

A new "Contract With" field when submitting eCPRs

You can now enter the awarding body or (sub)contractor with whom you are contracting with when you are submitting eCPRs. Additionally, you are now able to submit multiple eCPRs for the same work week.

Manual eCPR form enhancements

The manual eCPR submission form has been enhanced to include new fields

- OT (overtime)
- DT (doubletime)
- Total OT hrly Rate
- Total DT Hrly Rate

Manual eCPR now provides option for user to select whether fringes are paid to employee or to benefit plan. Fringe benefit fields now remain the same regardless of the option selected.

eCPR “drafts”

draft eCPRs no longer block your ability to submit eCPRs

eCPR amendments

You can now amend eCPRs by searching for and selecting a specific payroll number to amend an eCPR to.

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SB 61 Passes California Senate with Unanimous Bipartisan Support

We're pleased to report that Senate Bill 61—NECA-sponsored legislation to cap retention on private construction projects at 5%—has passed the California State Senate with unanimous, bipartisan support and has not received a single “no” vote to date.

This strong endorsement highlights the impact of our collective advocacy efforts, including the grassroots engagement of our contractors, and demonstrates the Legislature's recognition of the need for fair, consistent retention practices in California's construction industry. SB 61 marks an important step toward improving cash flow and financial certainty for contractors statewide.

The bill now moves to the Assembly, and we will continue working with our partners to sustain this momentum and push for final passage.

Thank you for your continued support. If you haven't yet participated in our grassroots campaign, please take action today. [HERE](#)

To help make the 5% retention cap a reality, NECA Chapters and members are invited to the **State Capitol on Wednesday, June 11, 2025**, to advocate for SB 61. Contractor participation is vital to advancing high-priority, industry-sponsored legislation. Please coordinate with your

Chapter to schedule Capitol appointments with your local Senators and Assemblymembers. You can find your representative [\[HERE\]](#).

Supporting Events

CEC PAC Fundraising Dinner:

On the evening of **Tuesday, June 10**, a fundraising dinner will be held for the **California Electrical Contractors PAC (CEC State PAC)**. Everyone is welcome to join. Attendees will have the opportunity to make contributions and will be provided a PAC pledge sheet with a minimum contribution of \$250 and a maximum of \$9,800. Senator Dave Cortese, author of SB 61, has been invited to attend.

Lobby Day Prep Briefing Breakfast:

There will be an important briefing the morning of Lobby Day to review talking points and logistics before heading into legislative meetings.

Full Event Details

CEC PAC Dinner:

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: [Frank Fat's 806 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814](#)

Lobby Day Prep Briefing:

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Location: [Kimpton Sawyer Hotel](#) – Maple Suite
(Breakfast will be provided)
[500 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814](#)

Lobby Day at the Capitol:

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: [Capitol Annex Swing Space](#)
[1021 O St, Sacramento, CA 95814](#)

Hotel Accommodations

A discounted room block is available at the **Kimpton Sawyer Hotel**. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) to reserve your room— space is limited. Other nearby hotel options include:

- [The Citizen Hotel](#)
- [Hyatt Centric](#)

RSVP Required
Please RSVP for the PAC Dinner and/or the Lobby Day Prep Briefing Breakfast by Friday, May 16, to [Jenny Fothergill](#) at the **NorCal NECA Chapter**. Please note, space at the CEC PAC dinner may be limited.

For questions regarding lodging, RSVPs, or the event schedule, [Jenny](#) is your point of contact.

HEALTH CARE CORNER

The Silent Killer

What Do You Know About the Silent Killer?

High blood pressure or hypertension is often called the “silent killer.” Because most people do not know they have high blood pressure—they have no symptoms. But hypertension left untreated can cause stroke, heart attack, aneurysm, and kidney failure, which can cause disabilities like blindness, memory problems,

and partial paralysis, to name a few, and ultimately death.

What is normal blood pressure:

- ✓ Normal blood pressure is 120/80.
- ✓ Elevated blood pressure is above 130/80.
- ✓ Hypertension is blood pressure above 139/89.
- ✓ Risk factors for elevated/high blood pressure include:
- ✓ Obesity or being overweight.
- ✓ Family history of high blood pressure.
- ✓ Not being physically active.
- ✓ Diet high in salt (sodium) or low in potassium.

- ✓ Tobacco use (including secondhand smoke)
- ✓ Drinking too much alcohol
- ✓ Chronic Stress
- ✓ Certain chronic conditions. Kidney disease, diabetes, sleep apnea, among others.
- ✓ Age. Risk increases with age. However, anyone can have high blood pressure at any age.
- ✓ Race. More common among Black people.

Prevention:

- ✓ It's important to regularly check and control your blood pressure.
- ✓ Adults aged 18 -39 should have a blood pressure check at least every two years.
- ✓ Adults aged 40 and older should have a blood pressure check at least once per year.
- ✓ You might need more frequent checks if you have elevated blood pressure or other risk factors for heart disease.
- ✓ Healthy lifestyle habits, such as regular exercise and a healthy diet, stress management, can help prevent and control high blood pressure (hypertension).

Treatment: There are highly effective medications to treat

high blood pressure, once diagnosed.

Do you know what your blood pressure is? When was the last time you checked it? If you answered, “I do not know”, it is time to have your blood pressure checked!

This is a covered health benefit in many plans. I can help you navigate the health care system or find a doctor if you do not have one. If you have risk factors like being overweight, chronic stress, or poor lifestyle choices, I can offer you health coaching to help you decrease your risk and live healthier. Please contact me. Be well.

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CALIFORNIA PAY DATA REPORTS DUE MAY 14, 2025

California employers have until May 14, 2025, to report last year’s pay data to the state, and you need a plan of action to comply with this stringent law. As in past years, the California Civil Rights Department (CRD) has updated its detailed FAQs to provide additional guidance to employers, and Fisher Phillips has combed

through it all to come up with a simple four-step plan for you to comply.

*Taken from Fisher Phillips on
Monday, March 24, 2025*



UPCOMING CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH THE JATC

Please note that if you reserve a space and do not show up for class, you will be responsible for paying for the class.

CPR/FIRST AID

**The next class will be held
May 3, 2025. Please
contact Damaris to sign
up.**

Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching on the basics of First Aid and CPR. Contact Damaris in the JATC office to sign up at (831) 633-3063.

Please note that class size is limited and sign-up is required. This is NOT a drop-in class. (Also note that if you reserve a space and do not show up for class, you will be

responsible for paying for the class.)

**CONFINED SPACE
AWARENESS TRAINING
Cancelled due to lack of
sign-ups. We hope to
reschedule for sometime
in the summer.
OSHA 10**

If you are interested in taking an online OSHA 10 course, please contact Damaris at the JATC office (831) 633-3063 during office hours Monday – Friday, 12pm-5pm to sign up. If you are interested in taking our online OSHA 10 course, we will be taking sign-ups between now and January 31st. All who sign up will be required to complete the course no later than February 28th. Online access codes will be available and emailed after the first of the new year – along with further class completion instructions.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL
CLASSES REQUIRE
REGISTRATION PRIOR TO
THE CLASS.**

**Damaris will be in the
JATC office thru June 30th.
If you would like to sign up
for classes, please call the
JATC office at (831) 633-
3063 during regular
business hours: Monday –
Thursday from 12pm –
5pm.**



CLASS COMPLETIONS

None



APPRENTICE APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Tri-County Electrical JATC is accepting applications on a year-round basis. **OUR PROCEDURES HAVE CHANGED!!!** Please note that we will only accept online applications and applicants need only follow the directions obtained in our website to apply. For more information regarding the process, please click in the following link: [JATC INFORMATION](#)

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the recent graduates of the Tri-County JATC program! Roberto Alanis-Aguilar, Marco Arredondo, Robert Meloney, Alfredo Nicolosi, Frank Rodriguez, and Philip Villaneda are the class of 2025. Congratulations to these new Journeymen Wiremen!

JATC INSTRUCTORS NEEDED!

The JATC is seeking instructors for apprenticeship and journeyman training courses on an ongoing basis. If you or someone that you know is interested in teaching – even to substitute or teach journeyman upgrade classes, or if you have a specialty that you would like to assist in for one night, please contact Stacy at the JATC office for more information. Your help in teaching our future generations is always greatly appreciated.

AVAILABILITY LIST UPDATE

On the Inside Out-of-Work List, there are 84 on Book 1, 200 on Book 2, 40 on Book 3 and 0 on Book 4. There are 5 Book 1, 45 on Book 2, 0 on Book 3 and 0 on Book 4 for Sound & Comm. There are 0 CE's on Book 1 and 0 on Book 2, 90 CW's on Book 1 and 0 CW's on Book 2 and 0 on Book 0 available. ***There are no Inside apprentices available for work at this time. If you are interested in hiring a new apprentice in the near future, please contact Stacy at the JATC office to let her know your future needs.***

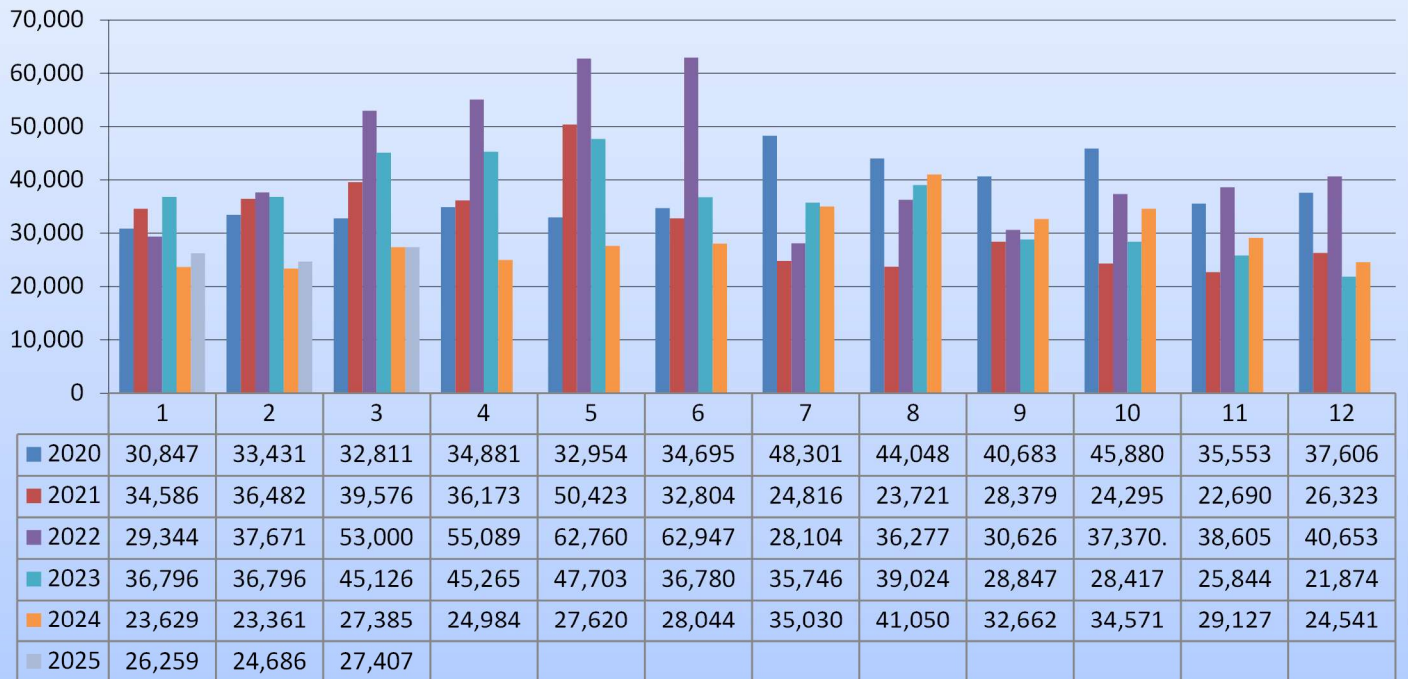


The NECA Show

presented by the National Electrical Contractors Association

**McCormick Place Convention Center
September 12-15, 2025**

**#1 Event for Power, Light, Controls, Energy,
Information & Communications Technology**



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13-14, 2025

VitalCog Suicide Prevention in Construction Train the Trainer Classes
Seven Oaks Country Club
Bakersfield, CA

May 16, 2025

Tri-County JATC Graduation
Del Monte Hyatt
RSVP Required

May 19-21, 2025

Safety Professionals Conference
Des Moines, IA

June 4-7, 2025

Academy of Electrical Contractors Meeting
Isle of Palms, SC

July 14 –16, 2025

Electri Meeting
Toronto, CA

July 28 – August 1, 2025

National Training Institute
Ann Arbor, MI

August 13-16, 2025

District 9 Meeting
Turtle Bay, HI

September 12-15, 2025

NECA Convention
Chicago, IL

October 3, 2025

Education Class
Vespera Resort
Pismo Beach, CA