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IEC Hosts TDLR Town Hall Meeting February 11

IEC Dallas and Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters are teaming up with the Compliance Division staff of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to provide an update on important changes in rules and regulations concerning electrical licensing. The meeting will:

- Introduce TDLR staff
- Discuss electrical safety issues/concerns specific to our local area
- Answer "hot topic" questions regarding state electrical requirements and the new testing requirements
- Provide additional education on law and rules

There will be no charge for the meeting which will be held:

February 11, 2020 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott South
4151 Centreport Boulevard
Fort Worth, TX 76155 (817) 358-1700

Please contact Jo Britt at the IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County office and let her know how many from your office will attend. (817) 496-8422 or jo@iecfwtc.org

IEC Members Achieve 2009 National Spark Awards

IEC National's SPARK program is designed for contractors to evaluate their company's safety program by giving it a "safety check-up." By supporting the program contractors protect their employees and reduce their Experience Modification Rate which reduces Workers Compensation costs.

The contractors can rate themselves with Grand Achievement, Superior Achievement or SPARK Achievement. Congratulations to these contractors achieving the following SPARK Recognition Certificates:

Fox Electric, LTD – Grand Achievement
Humphrey & Associates – Grand Achievement
JBI Electrical Systems, Inc. – Grand Achievement
Tutor Electrical Service, Inc. – SPARK Achievement

Calendar of Events

*Membership Meeting
February 11*

*Annual Meeting
March 25*

*Spring Golf Tournament
April 20*

*Horse Races
May 27*

*Graduation
June 10*

*Clay Shoot
August 20*

*Trade Show
September 9*

*Fall Golf Tournament
October 11*

*Holiday Party
December 3*

Education Calendar

2010 Continuing Education IEC Chapter Office

January 23

January 30

February 13

February 27

March 13

March 27

April 10

April 24

May 8

May 22

June 12

June 26

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

Journeyman & Masters Exam Preparation

Journeyman

February 6- March 13

Masters

February 6-March 27

Welcome New Member: Fort Worth Electric

Fort Worth Electric (FWE), IEC's newest member, is a full-service electrical contractor and engineering firm. The company's expertise spans both commercial and residential sectors, and includes engineered design, installation, data cabling and maintenance service agreements & assignments.

FWE's president is Tracy Aaron. Find out more about FWE:

<http://www.fortworthelec.com>.

Fall Apprenticeship Program Opens April 1st

Applications will be accepted April 1 through July 31, 2010 for the 2010-2011 school -year. Applications will be taken Monday through Thursday at the IEC office from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Minimum requirements to apply for the program are:

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Applicants must have a high school diploma or must have successfully passed the GED Equivalent and have a GED Certificate.
- Applicants shall be physically capable of performing the essential functions of the apprenticeship program without posing a direct threat to the health and safety of the individual or others.

Candidates must be able to pass a drug test and become a licensed apprentice with the State of Texas for admittance into the program. Please call Sandra Strelvel at the chapter office (817) 496-8422 or [Click here for more information](#).

Texas Electrician Journeyman/Masters Exam Preparation Starts February 6

Classroom instruction dedicated to helping you prepare to take the Texas Electrician Licensing Exam for Journeyman or Master Electrician will begin February 6, 2010. All classes will meet Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Those preparing for the Journeyman Electrician Exam will attend Saturdays from February 6 to March 13. Those preparing for the Masters Electrician Exam will attend Saturdays from February 6 to March 27.

Cost: Journeyman Prep \$200 members/\$250 non members
Masters Prep \$250 members/\$300 non members

Contact the IEC office for more information.

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New Comptroller's Office Brochure Available

The Texas Comptroller's office has a new agency brochure, online at www.window.state.tx.us/about/96-1394_Brochure.pdf. The brochure shares the breadth and depth of the many ways the office serves citizens, business and local governments across Texas.

In it, you will find information on how to file taxes online, interactive Web tools for economic data to drive economic development, tips on how to do business with the state and new initiatives to develop a strong Texas work force for the 21st century.

To request a hard copy, contact Kristin Smith by e-mail at kristin.smith@cpa.state.tx.us or by phone at (512) 463-7604, and they will be happy to mail you one.

Increased OSHA Enforcement Likely

By Michael Patrick O'Brien, Esq.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has a new director who promises to implement the Obama Administration's promise that OSHA will be "back in the enforcement business."

OSHA recently published its list of top ten workplace safety violations: (1) scaffolding; (2) fall protection for workers working at a height of four feet or higher; (3) hazard communications; (4) respiratory protection; (5) lockout and tag out procedures to avoid the unexpected start of machinery; (6) electrical wiring; (7) ladders; (8) powered industrial trucks; (9) electricity; and (10) machine guarding.

OSHA also noted that the frequency of top ten violations increased thirty percent in 2008.

Membership Anniversaries

Contractor Members

JBI Electrical Systems, Inc. – February
1994

Associate Members

CED/Keller – February 2008
Parrish-Hare Electrical Supply – February
1988

IEC Inc. News

2010 Leadership Conference Set for January 25-28 in Las Vegas

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Contact Jo Britt at (817) 496-8422 or e-mail your information to jo@iecfwtc.org

Each year the IEC National Leadership Conference offers members, chapter leaders and volunteers the opportunity to learn, connect and profit; 2010 is no exception. Additionally, this year's conference will kick-off IEC's Leadership Institute. The Institute is a year-long leadership education opportunity for both Chapter and National volunteers. The Leadership Institute is designed to help each leader within IEC become the best. Strong leadership skills will grow chapter and improve your everyday business.

The Conference will be held January 25-28, in Las Vegas, at the MGM Grand Hotel. The conference schedule and registration are available at: <http://www.ieci.org/>

IEC of Texas News

Click this link to - [Keep up with the current news from IEC of Texas.](#)

Safety

NFPA Launches New Web Pages to Streamline Access to Technical Document Information - Details on More Than 300 Codes and Standards Available

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) introduced improved document information Web pages to make finding information on its more than 300 codes and standards easier. This project was developed based on feedback received from a survey of NFPA's technical committee members, the volunteers responsible for developing and revising NFPA documents, and other participants in the process

[NFPA launches new Web pages to streamline access to technical document information \(Click here\)](#)

Tool Box Talk

Arc Flash Presentation

<http://www.ieci.org/uploads/70E COMPLIANCE807.pdf>

Membership Directory Sponsorship Available

Advertise in the 2010 IEC Membership Directory. Contact Jo Britt (817) 496-8422 for details.