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April 8, 2009
Safety Luncheon
IEC Chapter Office

April 21, 2009
Spring Golf Tournament
Texas Star Golf Course

2009 Board of Directors Elected

IEC's 2009 Board of Directors and Officers were elected by the membership and installed during the Christmas Party held December 5, 2008 at Stockyards Station. Congratulations to these dedicated volunteer leaders:

Officers:

President: Steve Humphrey, Jr., Humphrey & Associates, Inc.
1st Vice President: Doug Green, E-MC Electrical Services
2nd Vice President: Wes Shahan, Fox Electric, LTD
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Jack Martin, JBI Electrical Systems, Inc.
Coty Owens, Coty Owens Electric Service, LLC
Gary Sodd, Sodd Electric Company, Inc.
Bobby Tutor, Tutor Electrical Service, Inc.
Robert Leonhart, RISC, Inc.

IEC Fort Worth Contractor Members Receive National Awards

Bobby Tutor Awarded National Member of the Year

The Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc. (IEC National) presented its annual association awards to members, chapters and other industry leaders during the 51st Annual IEC National Convention and Electric Expo, which was held October 29 – November 1 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Bobby Tutor, president of Tutor Electrical Service, Inc. in Mansfield, was honored with the prestigious 2008 National Member of the Year Award. Bobby has been a very active volunteer leader in the electrical industry for many years. He currently serves on the IEC National Board of Directors as Regional Director; Past President of IEC of Texas and current director, Past President and current director of IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter. In addition, he has served on numerous committees for all three organizations and is very active in the Mansfield community.

Calendar of Events *(continued)*

May 21, 2009
Horse Races
Lone Star Park

June 4, 2009
Graduation
Bob Duncan Center

June 24-28
IEC of Texas Conference
Boca Raton, FL

July 16, 2009
Networking Social

August 21, 2009
Clay Shoot
Alpine Gun Range

September 9, 2009
Safety Luncheon
IEC Chapter Office

September 17, 2009
IEC Dallas and Fort Worth
Tarrant County Chapters
Trade Show and
Wire-Off Competition

October 12, 2009
Fall Golf Tournament

October 21-24, 2009
IEC National Convention
St. Louis, MO

December 4, 2009
IEC Christmas Party
Stockyards Station

Education Calendar

Journeyman Prep
IEC Chapter Office
Saturday's March 7- April 11

2009 Continuing Education
IEC Chapter Office

March 14
March 28
April 11
April 25
May 9
May 23
June 13
June 27
July 11
August 8
September 12
October 10
November 14
December 12

JB Electrical Systems, Inc. Receives Spark Award

Congratulations to JBI Electrical Systems, Inc. on receiving an IEC, Inc. Spark Recognition Award for Grand Achievement. This award is presented to companies that have evaluated their company's safety program through the IEC Spark Award criteria and rate themselves with Grand Achievement, Superior Achievement or SPARK achievement.

IEC of Texas Legislative Conference Update

The IEC of Texas Legislative Conference was held Tuesday, February 27 at the Omni Hotel in Austin, Texas. This year IEC of Texas teamed up with the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and the other members of the Texas Business Tax Coalition to unify efforts on small business issues at the Legislative Conference. Approximately 40 IEC representatives attended the conference.

Representatives from the IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter met with our local legislators to voice concerns regarding the Margins Tax Reform, Continuing Education for Licensed Apprentices, Indemnification Legislation and Lien Law Legislation.

[Keep up with the current news from IEC of Texas.](#)

IEC National News

Join Your Fellow Contractors on Capitol Hill

Make your plans to attend the 2009 IEC National Legislative Fly-In May 19-20 at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza in Washington, D.C., and join fellow members in protecting the merit shop! With minority merit shop representation in the U.S. Congress, it is more important than ever that your Senators, Representative, and their staffs, hear directly from you. [Read more.](#)

Obama Adds Union-Only PLAs to Federal Construction Contracts

President Barack Obama has signed an executive order that gives Federal contracting agencies the discretion to require union-only project labor agreements (PLAs) on federal contracts. This means that the 84% of the construction workforce cannot work on these federal contracts because they are exercising their right (as protected by the National Labor Relations Act) to not join a union. [Read more.](#)

IEC Releases its Online EFCA Toolkit

IEC's number one priority continues to be the defeat of the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA). EFCA will likely pass in the U.S. House of Representatives sometime in the next month. And, now with Democrats controlling 58 seats, EFCA's passage in the Senate is a real possibility. [Use this online toolkit.](#) to take action against the EFCA.



IEC and OSHA Join Efforts to Increase Industry Resources

OSHA and IEC renewed its alliance to provide IEC members and others in the construction industry with resources to protect employees' safety and health. The Alliance will specifically address reducing and preventing exposure to fall and arc flash hazards and electrical and motor vehicle safety issues. [Learn more.](#)

Call for Submission: 2nd Annual Apprentice Essay Contest

IEC National is hosting its second annual short essay contest for 4th-year IEC apprentices

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and is requesting that you and/or your training directors encourage all fourth-year apprentices to participate in the contest. [Click here for forms:](#)

Topics for the short essay should deal with one or more of the following:

- How I first found out about the IEC Apprentice Training Program.
- Why I decided to enroll in the IEC Apprentice Training Program.
- Why I choose to become an electrician.
- Who or what influenced my decision to become an electrician.

Grand prize is a \$250 Visa gift card and four runners up will each receive a \$100 Visa gift card. Short stories should be sent along with the completed application directly to IEC National by **May 29, 2008**. Please send by e-mail (wtdf@ieci.org), fax, or regular mail.

Online Continuing Education Now Available

Continuing Education is available on line. The four hour class meets all state requirements for license renewal. The course cost is \$45.00. This online class allows you to take the course at your own pace and start and stop whenever you like. Click to [Register online.](#)

Safety News

IEC Participates in OSHA Alliance

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter have established a collaborative relationship to foster a safer and more healthful workplace for members. This Alliance has been formed to provide members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help protect employees' health and safety, particularly reducing and preventing exposure to construction and electrical hazards. Meetings are held quarterly with OSHA to monitor completion of the goals outlined in the Alliance.

IEC Safety Luncheon

Last week at the IEC Safety Luncheon, Whitney Short of The Jeff Short Jobsite Safety Foundation talked to the members about the importance of safety. More than 50 people attended, making it the largest safety luncheon we have ever had.

Members learned the importance of jobsite safety through her presentation. The presentation brings safety statistics to life by sharing the story of Jeff Short, IEC Graduate Apprentice and his surviving family. During the presentation, Whitney talked about Jeff's accident and the true consequences that her family has experienced, which she hopes inspires people to stop and think about safety procedures and their importance on the job.

For more information contact Tracy Dalrymple at tracy@iecfwtc.org.

Link to the Foundation : www.jeffshortsafetyfoundation.org/

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Welcome New Members

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ARCHER WESTERN CONTRACTORS
(8/19/2008)
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Associates

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Products or Services: Electrical Staffing

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Insurance, Bonding, Group Benefits, and
Wealth Management Services

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Power Tool Accessories

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PRE-PAID LEGAL & ID THEFT SHIELD
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Products or Services: Legal &
ID Theft Insurance

SMALL BIZ EXPRESS
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Lighting

Membership Anniversaries

Contractor Members

Feris Electric – January , 1957
Accutex Electric, LLC – January 2007
JBI Electrical Systems, Inc. – February 1994
Gifford Electric, Inc. – March 1979
Hurst Electric – March 1987
FSG Electric – March 2002
Structures & Interiors, Inc. – March 2006

Associate Members

AFLAC – February 2008
CED/Keller – February 2008
The Reynolds Company – March 1982
Graybar Electric – March 1995
Ideal Industries – March 2007
Square D Company – January 1990
Thomas Loss Control – January 2002
Trailer Storage – January 2006
Parrish-Hare Electric Supply – February 1988

2009-2010 Apprenticeship Program Opens

Applications will be accepted April 1 through July 31, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications will be taken Monday through Friday at the IEC office from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 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.
- 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 Strevel at the chapter office (817) 496-8422 or [Click here for more information.](#)

Annual Meeting Set for March 19th at Joe T's

Join us Thursday, March 19 for IEC's Annual Meeting at the historic Joe T Garcia's Mexican Restaurant from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. We'll have your favorite "nachos and enchilada's" in La Puertita across the street from the main restaurant.

Our guest speaker will be Brian Worth, VP for Government and Public Affairs, Independent Electrical Contractors, Inc. Brian will provide information on the most important legislative issues impacting the electrical industry at a national level, including Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) and Project Labor Agreement (PLA) legislation.

[Register Online](#)

Important Form I-9 Changes Begin February



The **U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)** recently issued new regulations changing a number of important requirements for verifying employment eligibility on the Form I-9. All employers must use the new Form I-9 for new hires as of February 2, 2009.

Employers still using the old form after February 2 or completing the new form improperly could be subject to major civil fines, criminal prosecution and other employer sanctions. **Most significant changes include:**

- An employer can no longer accept *any expired documents*
- The form includes four attestation boxes, separating the U.S. "citizen" and "national" designations
- Employers are required to accept several "List A" documents, including the addition of the new US. Passport Card

In addition a new federal regulation will require most federal contractors awarded contracts exceeding \$100,000 to verify employee information using E-Verify, the government's internet-based system that allows employers to verify legal status of new hires.

The new regulations have resulted in several other changes to the form. To protect your business and ensure that your company is in compliance with the Form I-9 changes, [click here to get more information.](#)

2009 Membership Directory Available in March

Watch your mailbox for your copy of the 2009 IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter membership directory. Special thanks to these advertisers who made the directory possible:

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