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## Safety Luncheon March 17 – Lead Based Paint Certification

On April 22, 2010 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will implement the new Lead Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule on renovation work performed on homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978. While the rule is limited to residential construction, the EPA is expected to issue a rule related to commercial construction by July 2011.

Learn more about the rules and how this will affect your business during our luncheon presented by Dana Brown, GEBCO Associates, LP:

March 17, 2010 11:30 am for lunch; 12:00 program  
IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Office  
5809 East Berry Street  
Fort Worth, TX 76119  
Cost for the luncheon: \$15.00 per person

## Annual Meeting March 25 - Joe T Garcia's

Join us for the IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter's annual meeting.

March 25, 2010 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Joe T Garcia's La Puertita  
2201 North Commerce Street, Fort Worth, TX 76106

The program after dinner will be presented by Fred Cardenas, Manager of Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) at Austin Commercial where he oversees technology related support services for Building Information Modeling (BIM.)

Fred will present the program. "How Does the Electrical Contractor fit into the BIM Landscape."

- Procurement: What are General Contractors looking for in BIM capable subs
- Coordination: What's needed in terms of modeling and coordination
- Technology: What software and training your company will need
- Knowledge: Where do I go to read up on the latest and greatest news on BIM

## Calendar of Events

*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*

*Safety Luncheon  
March 17*

*TDLR Town Hall Meeting  
April 1*

### Journeyman & Masters Exam

#### Preparation

*Journeyman*

*April 10 – May 15*

*Masters*

*April 10 – May 29*

## IEC TDLR Town Hall Meeting Rescheduled for April 1

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:

April 1, 2010 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott South  
4151 Centreport Boulevard  
Fort Worth, TX 76155 (817) 358-1700 (directions)

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](mailto:jo@iecfwtc.org)

## Welcome New Members

### **Contractor Member:**

#### **CEC Electrical, Inc.**

Bill Weidner  
14450 Trinity Blvd., #250  
Fort Worth, TX 76155  
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Website: [www.cecelectricalinc.com](http://www.cecelectricalinc.com)  
Type of Work: Commercial, Industrial,  
Service

### **Associate Member**

#### **Roach Howard Smith & Barton**

Brand Daves  
1200 Summit Avenue, Suite 202  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
817-332-1313 Fax: 817-390-3554  
E-mail: [bdaves@rhsb.com](mailto:bdaves@rhsb.com)  
Website: [www.rhsb.com](http://www.rhsb.com)  
Products for Services: Commercial  
Insurance, Risk Management and Bonds

## Fall Apprenticeship Program Opens April 1st

Applications will be accepted April 1 through July 30, 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:

## Board of Directors

### President

Steve Humphrey, Jr.

### 1st Vice President

Doug Green

### 2nd Vice President

Wes Shahan

### Secretary/Treasurer

Chip Bean

### Directors

*Terry Browning*

Gerald Jordan

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Jack Martin

Alex Nantz

Coty Owens

Gary Sodd

Bobby Tutor

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## Chapter Staff

### Executive Director

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### Apprenticeship Coordinator

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### Training Coordinator

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### Membership & Marketing

#### Director

Jo Britt  
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### Administrative Assistant

Diana Thornton  
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- 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 Strelve at the chapter office (817) 496-8422 or [Click here for more information](#).

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## Texas Electrician Journeyman/Masters Exam Preparation So Successful – Second Class Starts April 10

Classroom instruction dedicated to helping you prepare to take the Texas Electrician Licensing Exam for Journeyman or Master Electrician will begin April 10, 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 April 10 to May 15. Those preparing for the Masters Electrician Exam will attend Saturdays from April 10 to May 29.

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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## IEC Apprentices Receive NAWIC Scholarship Awards



Congratulations to Ryan Autrey and Scott Donahue who will each receive a \$750 scholarship from the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) Chapter Number One. Both are first year students working for Brandt Electric. The scholarship will cover the apprentices' contribution for dues in the apprenticeship program from January – December 2010. Julia Campbell, NAWIC Scholarship Chairman, presented the awards.

To Sponsor an  
Issue of the  
Newsletter:

Contact Jo Britt at  
(817) 496-8422 or  
e-mail your  
information to  
[jo@lecfwtc.org](mailto:jo@lecfwtc.org)

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## Marcie Funchess Appointed to ATAC

Marcie Funchess has been appointed to serve as a member of the Apprenticeship Training and Advisory Committee (ATAC.)

The ATAC provides information, advice and recommendations to the Council concerning apprenticeship in Texas. ATAC is also responsible for recommending forms, formulas and administrative procedures for the distribution of available funds to apprenticeship training programs funded under Chapter 133 of the Texas Education Code. Our apprenticeship program is funded through Chapter 133 funds.

Tom Jones served on the ATAC for many years. Jerry Thomas began serving on the committee last year. The committee is mostly made up of members from union organizations so it is great to add another member from the “independent” arena.

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## TWC Certifies \$219 Million in Federal Tax Credits for Texas Employers

Texas employers can reap substantial savings on their federal business income taxes by taking advantage of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) assisted businesses by certifying nearly \$219 million in potential tax savings, available to Texas employers who hire from qualified targeted populations and apply for certification within 28 days of their start date.

Although TWC identified millions in savings for Texas employers, millions went unclaimed because employers did not apply for the credit on their eligible, newly hired workers. Fewer than 5 percent of Texas’ more than 440,000 employers took advantage of WOTC in FY 2009. WOTC is designed to encourage employers to hire new employees from targeted groups of qualified job seekers who may face barriers to employment.

Employers can save up to \$2,400 per qualifying employee by hiring from these groups:

- Unemployed veterans\*
- Disconnected youth\*
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients
- Ex-felons
- Designated community residents
- Vocational rehabilitation referrals
- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefit recipients (formerly known as food stamps).
- Veterans receiving SNAP benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients

Employers can save up to \$4,800 for hiring:

- Disabled veterans

Employers can save up to \$9,000 for hiring:

- Long-term family assistance (TANF) benefit recipients

Employers can save up to \$1,200 for hiring:

- Summer youth from empowerment zones or renewal counties

\*new group added in 2009

In 2009, two new groups were added to the list of those who qualify under the WOTC program. Veterans receiving unemployment benefits and 16- to 24-year olds who have not been regularly employed or attending school for at least six months prior to being hired are now included in the list of populations which qualify an employer for the tax credit.

Applications for the credits can be submitted year-round to TWC's WOTC Unit for certification. Within each target population, there are specific eligibility requirements, which TWC will verify before issuing the certifications.

All applications must be postmarked no later than 28 days from the qualifying worker's start date. For more information employers may contact TWC's WOTC Unit at 1-800-695-6879 or visit the TWC Web site: [www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/wotc/wotc.html](http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/wotc/wotc.html).

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## Membership Anniversaries

### Contractor Members

FSG Electric - March 2002  
Gifford Electric, Inc. - March 1979  
Hurst Electric - March 1987  
Structures & Interiors, Inc. – March 2006

### Associate Members

Graybar Electric – March 1995  
Ideal Industries – March 2007  
Independent Insurance Group, Inc. – March 2009  
Lantana Communications Corp.- March 2009  
The Reynolds Company – March 1982

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## IEC Inc. News

### **2010 IEC National Legislative Fly-In**

Attend the 2010 IEC National Legislative Fly-In, May 3-6, at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza in Washington, D.C., and join fellow members in protecting the merit shop. With the health care reform in the Senate, it is crucial that you take this opportunity to join your peers and speak with your Senators, Representatives, and their staffs on these important issues.

This year's Fly-In program will feature a "how to" educational session on lobbying your Member of Congress, as well as informational briefings on front burner legislative issues, from the Washington experts who deal with these subjects every day. And, most importantly, we will have a Day on Capitol Hill where IEC contractors and EDs join together to educate their

federal representatives about our industry and your business.

### **REGISTER BY APRIL 16 TO GET THE EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNT!**

Are you a 2010 IEC Gold Card member? If so, Gold Card members receive \$50 off of member registration fees and \$25 off of the spouse/guest registration fee for the IEC Legislative Fly-In (as well as other great benefits)! Want to become a Gold Card member? **Download the brochure** and submit to IEC National with appropriate payment today. Gold Card members will receive a special discount code that can be applied to your Legislative Fly-In registration fees.

Learn. Connect. Profit. at the 2010 Legislative Fly-In Conference. Register today.

### **IEC Links Page**

Have you visited IEC's helpful links pages lately? It's full of useful links, from finding work, to government regulations, on-line calculators and the newest technologies, including *BIM!*

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## IEC of Texas News

Click this link to - Keep up with the current news from IEC of Texas.

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## Tool Box Talks

The following tool box talks are attached:

- [Lifting Basics](#)
- [Proper Repair of Electrical Cords](#)