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Calendar of Events

*Horse Races
May 27*

*Graduation
June 10*

*Clay Shoot
August 20*

4th Annual Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament Provides Contributions to Cancer Foundations

208 golfers attended the Dallas and Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters' Fourth Annual Tom Jones Memorial Golf Tournament on April 20 at the beautiful Texas Star Golf Course. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Prostate Cancer Foundation and National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. in memory of Tom Jones. Thanks so much to these companies who generously sponsored the golf lunch:

Double Eagle Electric

Edward Jones

E-MC Electrical Contractors

Humphrey & Associates, Inc.

Ideal Industries

JMEG, LP

PCL Bonds

Shermco Industries

Sodd Electric Company

Summit Electric Supply

The Sweeney Company

Thomas Loss Control



Morning 1st place team: Randy Aldriedge, Tripp Horton, David Layton and Gary Sodd

*Trade Show
September*

*Fall Golf
Tournament
October 11*

*Holiday Party
December 3*

Education Calendar

2010 Continuing
Education
IEC Chapter Office

May 8

May 22

June 12

June 26

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

Contractor
Education

4 Hour NFPA 70E

Seminar

May 22

Journeyman &
Masters Exam
Preparation

Journeyman

April 10 – May 15

Masters

April 10 – May 29



Afternoon 1st place team: Jerry Slagle Clint Cooper, Wayne Tyler and Tony Dykstra

IEC Website Adds Safety Resources

The IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter Website has added Safety to its list of resources.

Toolbox Talks, Safety Manual Guidelines and links to OSHA are now only a click away.

Check it out. <http://www.iecfwtc.org/files/Safety.html>

NFPA 70E Four Hour Seminar Set for May 22

The class will include four hours of instruction, testing, a course critique and a certificate of completion. Pat Thomas, Thomas Loss Control Ent will be teaching the course. The course is set for May 22 from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Topics to be covered include:

- Explanation of what an Arc Flash is
- Statistics on Arc Flash Injuries
- Explanation of NFPA 70E and the OSHA Electrical Safety Standards
- Comparison of 70E and OSHA Standards
- Requirements of 70E Chapters
- Explanation of Approach Limits

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- Requirements for use of LOTO and grounding
- Requirements for working with Live Electrical Equipment
- Use of Personal Protective Equipment and specialty tools
- 2009 NFPA 70E Changes

The cost is \$60.00 per person. Payment must be received in advance to confirm attendance. Limited seating is available. Contact Tracy Dalrymple for more information (817) 496-8422.

IEC Dallas and Fort Worth Tarrant County Chapters Night at the Races at Lone Star Park Thursday, May 27th

Join IEC Dallas and Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapters for our annual **IEC Night at the Races**. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner while watching your favorites cross the finish line. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. Races start at 6:35 p.m.

\$60 registration fee includes admission to Lone Star Park, parking, programs, buffet dinner, taxes and gratuities.

For more information, contact Jo Britt IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County (817)496-8422 or jo@iecfwtc.org.

IRS Issues New Payroll Tax Exemption Form

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) April 7 released a new form that will help corporate and nonprofit employers claim the special payroll tax exemption for new hires created by the recently-enacted Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act.

The bill, signed by the president March 17, includes a \$13 billion payroll tax exemption for corporate and nonprofit employers that hire workers who have previously been unemployed for at least 60 days. Companies and nonprofits also get an additional general business tax credit of up to \$1,000 for every new worker retained on the payroll for at least a year.

The new Form W-11, the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act Employee Affidavit, is posted on the **IRS.gov** website, along with answers to frequently asked questions.

The new law requires that employers use this form to secure a statement from each eligible new hire, certifying that he or she was unemployed during the 60 days before beginning work. A qualified employee is a new hire who starts work after Feb. 3, 2010

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and before Jan. 1, 2011. Although the certification is required to claim both the payroll tax exemption and the new hire retention credit, employers do not file this form with the IRS. "Instead, they must retain them along with other payroll and income tax records," the IRS said.

Most eligible employers then use Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, to claim the payroll tax exemption for eligible new hires. This form, revised for use beginning with the second calendar quarter of 2010, is currently posted in draft form on IRS.gov and will be released in final form in May along with instructions.

Membership Anniversaries

Contractor Members

AB Electric Company- 05-06-77
Richmond Service, Inc.- 05-24-83
Texsun Electrical Contractors, Inc.-
05-16-89
TECS Electric, LTD -05-17-05
AL-L Electrical Contractors, Inc.-
05-16-06
Vaughan Electric Service Co.-
05-20-08

Associate Members

Texas Lighting Sales-05-19-98
Hilti, Inc.-05-15-07

IEC Inc. News

IEC Members Only Section of Website—Do you have access?

All IEC Members have access to the Members Only section of the IEC National Website. If you are in their database you are registered. There is a box on the right hand side of the website at www.ieci.org and if you do not know your password you can just click the button that says "Forgot? Click here" and your password will be automatically be emailed. Your user name is your email address.

If you are not in their system or wish to have additional people added, send an email with your name, company, and email address to info@ieci.org so they can add you to the system.

2010 Spark Safety Program Awareness and Retention Kit now available.

The Safety Program and Retention Kit (SPARK) help companies assess their safety standards and practices. Companies that meet the requirements will receive national recognition and a certification.

The Safety Committee of the IEC Fort Worth/Tarrant County Chapter has set a goal of having ten contractor members receive this award from national. It is a great way to give your check your existing safety program and see what areas need some work. See the link below for the SPARK kit.

<http://www.ieci.org/uploads/10AprilSPARKKit.pdf>

2010 IEC National Legislative Fly-In May 3-6

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, Representative, 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.

2010 Awards Brochure

The **2010 IEC National Awards Brochure** is now online. It details the diverse award categories that are available and the different criteria that are required for submission. This is your chance to set yourself apart from the competition!

By winning an IEC National award, you will receive national recognition within the electrical community. And even better, winning an award can increase your business by gaining more attention from prospective customers. Winners will receive:

- Recognition at the 2010 IEC National Convention.
- A professional quality award for display and bragging rights.
- A press release to share with local media.
- Electronic "Winner" icon to use on websites or other media.
- Recognition in Insights, Electrical Matters, and other applicable IEC publications.
- Recognition on the IEC National website.

Additionally, recipients of Excellence in Electrical Construction Awards will receive:

- A one-page review they can use in a portfolio (with IEC logo, photos, and press information).
- An article about the winning projects featured in Insights (recipient must work with IEC communications department to develop).
- Display of a full-size, framed poster of project in the IEC National office during 2011.

No project is too small - categories have been developed to recognize all scopes of work - so don't be intimidated by others.

It doesn't take long to submit your nomination. Apply today. The deadline for entries is **August 6, 2010**.

For more details on award categories and requirements, view the 2010 IEC National Awards Brochure.

Final Rule Issued to Implement Project Labor Agreements (PLAs)

The Obama Administration has published, in the Federal Register, the Final Rule implementing Executive Order 13502, which encourages and authorizes the use of union-only PLAs on federal construction projects.

Union-only PLAs restrict competition by requiring that a contract be awarded only to companies who agree to collective bargaining and union hiring. Union-only PLAs exclude a majority of the workforce from the opportunity to participate in federally-funded projects.

You can read the entire [Rule here](#).

While E.O. 13502 claims to limit PLAs to contracts (and related subcontracts) of \$25 million or more, the Final Rule clearly states that the E.O. "does not preclude use of a PLA in circumstances not covered by the order." This means that a PLA could be placed on any construction contract, as long as the contracting officer can justify it.

The Final Rule states that a PLA may be required for the following reasons:

1. The PLA will advance the government's interest in achieving economy and efficiency in federal procurement, producing labor-management stability, and ensuring compliance with laws and regulations governing safety and health, equal employment opportunity, labor and employment standards, and other matters;
2. The project will require multiple construction contractors and/or subcontractors employing workers in multiple crafts or trades;
3. The project will require multiple construction contractors and/or subcontractors employing workers in multiple crafts or trades;
4. There is a shortage of skilled labor in the region in which the construction project will be sited;
5. Completion of the project will require an extended period of time;
6. PLAs have been used on comparable projects undertaken by federal, state, municipal, or private entities in the geographic area of the project;
7. A PLA will promote the agency's long-term program interests, such as facilitating the training of a skilled workforce to meet the agency's future construction needs; and
8. Any other factors that the agency decides are appropriate.

The Wall Street Journal has an excellent editorial on this subject [here](#).

And, ABC's blog [The Truth About PLAs](#) has a good catalogue of press statements and news articles on this subject.

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!](#)

IEC of Texas News

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

Tool Box Talks

The following tool box talks are attached:

- [Jobsite Checklist](#)
- [Hazardous Communication](#)

TDLR INFO

The April 2010 edition of the TDLR FLASH (newsletter of the Texas Electrical Safety and Licensing Program) is now available online:

<http://www.license.state.tx.us/electricians/cities.htm#flash>