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APPRENTICESHIP POLICY STATEMENT

The following is the policy statement issued by the West Texas Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. This policy shall be administered by the JATC and the appropriate subcommittee in accordance with the Local Apprenticeship and Training Standards for the Electrical Contracting Industry, and as such becomes part of the apprenticeship agreement. No part of this policy shall conflict with the present Collective Bargaining Agreement, Standards, Selection Procedures, Affirmative Action Plan, or Guidelines for Apprenticeship maintained by the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. This Statement of Policy may be changed or revised at any time by the Committee without affecting the remaining parts.

The Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) is delegated, the full responsibility and authority for the selection, qualification, education, training, evaluation, certification and supervision of all apprentices as well as other matters regarding apprentices or apprenticeship.

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) have spent decades developing the finest electrical apprenticeship program in the world. This program is composed of on- the-job training and classroom instruction, both of equal importance in the development of competent journeymen Wiremen. Because of the quality of the program, and the relatively small number of apprentices brought in each year, those who have been selected have a special responsibility to make the utmost of the opportunity provided.

Consistent with this responsibility, all apprentices are expected to conform to the Rules and Regulations set forth in this policy. Violation of this Policy will be considered cause for disciplinary action or dismissal from the Program.

All Committee policies have been adopted to improve the quality of the Apprenticeship Program. Any apprentice, who earnestly applies themselves to living up to the terms of the apprenticeship agreement, will not be affected by the penalties imposed by Committee Policies.

Each apprentice is indentured to the JATC and is directly responsible to them for all matters pertaining to their apprentice training.

The Training Director shall act for and under the direction of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee in the Administration of the Apprentice Program.

1. DRUG TESTING, COLORBLINDESS TEST, and BACKGROUND CHECK

Each applicant who is selected for apprenticeship will be required to submit to a urinalysis test for drugs. Prior to the test, the applicant must sign a Consent and Release Form authorizing and agreeing to the test as a condition to be considered for admission. This test will be paid for by the Committee and the results will be confidential. Anyone who refuses to take the test or receives a positive result from the drug test will have their offer of an indenture rescinded.

At the time of the initial drug screen and prior to admission to the program, an applicant will be required to perform a test for colorblindness. A positive test for colorblindness will not necessarily prevent an applicant from being accepted into the program but depending on the type and severity of the condition, an applicant/apprentice may be required to purchase corrective lenses to mitigate the condition. The reason for this requirement is that in the electrical trade, the ability to distinguish colors when wiring equipment and devices is a necessity for safe installations.

After admission and during the apprenticeship, an apprentice may be required to submit to a drug screening at any time, for good cause. Refer to the West Texas Electrical JATC Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy for further information.

Drug test results will be reported to the Training Director.

2. NONDISCRIMINATION

The Program will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years old or older. The Program will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 30, as amended.

3. PROBLEMS/COMPLAINTS

Any apprentice who has a problem, either on the job or in school, shall contact the Training Director by phone, letter, email, or in person. If the Training Director cannot solve the problem, the problem will be referred to the local subcommittee for appropriate action. Any apprentice who wants to appear before the local subcommittee may do so by making a request through the Training Director; the Training Director will inform the apprentice of the time and location of the next meeting.

Any apprentice, Journeyman, employer, or other person having a complaint against any other person regarding violation of this Statement of Policy or the Local Apprenticeship Training Standards shall put their complaint in writing to the Training Director.

The Training Director will acknowledge the complaint in writing, stating that when the complaint will be brought to the attention of the local subcommittee. This may be at the next regular meeting of the Committee, or at a special meeting called by the Chairman of the subcommittee or the Training Director. The subcommittee will take appropriate action.

4. PAY PERIOD ADVANCEMENTS

Apprenticeship consists of a minimum of 8,000 hours of on-the-job training and a minimum of 720 hours of related classroom training before being advanced to Journeyman status. Hours missed due to sickness; accidents; hospital or bench time cannot be counted as on-the-job hours as no electrical training has been received.

Reclassification (advancement) in pay period is based on the following:

- a. Sufficient on-the-job training hours worked since last advancement.
- b. Satisfactory attendance and grades in related classroom training.
- c. Satisfactory progress in practical hands-on applications.
- d. Satisfactory Employer and Journeyman Report.
- e. Job reports turned in on time.
- f. All fees and/or fines paid.
- g. Acquiring and maintaining the required State license.
- h. Registration with Selective Service (In order to qualify for funding per apprentice, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) requires that all male apprentices must be registered with Selective Service as required by law. Although this requirement **WILL NOT** prevent an apprentice from receiving pay period advances, each male apprentice selected shall make every effort to provide proof of Selective Service registration.).

AS AN APPRENTICE IN THE TIME-BASED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, PERIODIC ADVANCES ARE PRESENTLY AWARDED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE.

Period	% of JW scale	Minimum OJT hours	+	Related Training
1	50	0	+	N/A
2	52.5	1000	+	Satisfactory Progress
3	55	2000	+	180 Hours Related Instruction
4	65	3500	+	360 Hours Related Instruction
5	75	5000	+	640 Hours Related Instruction
6	85	6500	+	Satisfactory Progress
Completion	100	8000	+	720 Hours Related Instruction

Advancements to each period are to be effective on the fifteenth day of the month. If an apprentice is within eighty (80) hours of the time required for promotion, the apprentice will be promoted on the fifteenth day of the current month. If an apprentice is NOT within eighty (80) hours, then the promotion would be made the next month.

(EXAMPLE: An apprentice has 920 hours on the 15th of June. The apprentice would be promoted from 1st period to 2nd period effective June 15th. An apprentice with 919 hours on the 15th of June would be promoted from 1st period to 2nd period on July 15th.)

5. PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Each apprentice, after registration with the Department of Labor, will serve a 2,000 probationary period. This is 2,000 hours of actual employment combined with successful completion of the related classroom training. During this period, the local subcommittee may terminate an apprentice for cause without a hearing. During the 2,000 probationary period, an apprentice terminated from an employer for cause, unable to show good cause to the committee, will be terminated from the program.

After the probationary period, the local subcommittee may still terminate an apprentice, but the apprentice is allowed a hearing before the local subcommittee.

6. COMPLETION OF PROGRAM

There are two requirements to complete the West Texas Electrical JATC apprenticeship program:

1. Obtain a minimum of 8000 hours of on-the-job training
2. Satisfactory completion of the Electrical Training Alliance's minimum course of study

When these requirements are met, the JATC will notify the Electrical Training Alliance, the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, the apprentice's current employer, the IBEW Local Union, and the NECA chapter.

Completion of the apprenticeship program DOES NOT mean automatic reclassification to journey worker status as per the IBEW 602 Inside Agreement. To be reclassified as a journey worker, an apprentice will be required to acquire the TDLR issued journey worker license. If an apprentice completes the program without the TDLR issued journey worker license, the apprentice will be reclassified as a Construction Electrician with a pay rate change to the corresponding Construction Electrician pay level based on the Construction Electrician Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). However, an apprentice can maintain their apprentice classification (with the corresponding pay rate and benefit package) by participating in TDLR License Preparation Classes as outlined in Appendix B.

7. JOB ASSIGNMENTS

The Apprentice Committee is charged with transfers and assignments of all apprentices. Apprentices do not fall under the "Referral Procedure," but are assigned by the Committee through the Local Union Dispatcher as determined by requirements of experience, training needs, etc. The Committee will instruct the Dispatcher on where apprentices are to be assigned. Priority is given to the individual who has been out of work for the longest period.

Apprentices are expected and required to accept job assignments as directed. Apprentices who refuse a job assignment will be subject to the same penalty as those terminated for absenteeism or any cause other than layoff (See Section 29.28). The penalty for job assignment refusal will only apply for refusals in the home jurisdiction of the apprentice (For example: An Amarillo apprentice who refuses a job assignment in the Lubbock jurisdiction will not be penalized).

Apprentices are not allowed to solicit their own jobs.

Job transfers of the apprentice to another jurisdictional area must be approved in advance by both the apprentice's home JATC and the JATC to which the apprentice will be traveling. All apprentices working out of the jurisdiction due to local unemployment, will do so only until employment is available locally. Out of jurisdiction assignments will be handled through the JATC so that the necessary classroom training may be arranged.

Apprentices shall not seek employment nor be employed in the Electrical Construction Industry other than being assigned by the JATC. Violation of this Policy shall be cause for Committee action and could result in termination from the Program.

8. REDUCTION OF FORCE (ROF)

Following severance, all apprentices will report to the appropriate Local Union office to fill out the Employment Register. Termination slips must be presented when registering for new work assignments. The Training Director may recognize vacation time. Out of work apprentices are required to provide a telephone number(s) in which they can be reached.

9. TERMINATION

Apprentices are not authorized to quit a job (a requested layoff is considered a quit). If an apprentice feels that he/she needs to be transferred to another employer, they must request a meeting with the local

subcommittee. If a termination is for reasons other than an ROF or rotation, then the apprentice will be required to appear before the local subcommittee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

10. ROTATION

To vary the experience gained; apprentices are rotated to another shop after they have worked for a contractor for a period of one year, or as close thereto as practical. When apprentices are reassigned to a contractor, the size of the shops worked in, the type of work and/or type of job is taken into consideration. Rotating apprentices close to home is nearly impossible and therefore not practiced. Those apprentices who have been at their current contractor for less than six (6) months will not be required to rotate. All fifth (5th) curriculum apprentices may choose to stay at their current contractor, at the contractor's discretion. However, if they choose to rotate and the rotation is acceptable to their current employer, the contractor they rotate to will be determined by the Committee. All rotation schedules will be at the discretion of the Committee.

11. WORK REPORTS

A Work Report must be COMPLETELY and ACCURATELY filled out by the 15th of each month. Proper processing of Work Reports is the responsibility of the apprentice.

An apprentice who is late, or fails to complete a report, will have future pay increases delayed one month for each late or delinquent Work Report. Work Reports will be submitted using the TradeSchool Web Services.

All hours will be verified. Falsifying Work Reports is a violation of this Policy and will result in disciplinary action. Failure to maintain a favorable Journeyman's Evaluation of Apprentice Report on performance, attitude, and appearance, could cause your pay period advance to be delayed.

12. APPRENTICE LICENSE/DRIVER'S LICENSE

Apprentices are required to obtain an apprentice license from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) before they will be allowed to work. Applicants will have forty-five (45) days from the date of the conditional offer of apprenticeship to acquire an apprentice license, otherwise the offer of apprenticeship may be rescinded. Also, an apprentice is required to maintain a current apprentice license for the duration of their apprenticeship to maintain employment and to advance through their apprenticeship.

A valid driver's license (minimum Class C) is required for acceptance into the program. After the offer of apprenticeship and prior to registration with the Department of Labor, an applicant will be required to provide official documentation that shows (a) their license is valid and (b) their record for the previous three (3) years. During their apprenticeship, an apprentice may be required to provide this same verification prior to each work assignment.

13. CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE

All apprentices are in the training program by their request and are expected to attend all classes of related training each school training session. The apprentice must understand that the related training hours are counted in the total requirements needed to obtain journeyman status; therefore, attendance is mandatory.

Apprenticeship classes will be scheduled by the Training Director and approved by the Committee. The start/end time and day of the week for classes will be given to each apprentice at orientation. It may be necessary throughout the training session to reschedule certain classes due to work situations encountered by the instructors. If an apprentice is uncertain about any scheduling, he/she needs to contact the Training Director or his/her instructor.

Absences or tardiness may result in a delay of advancement to the next pay period.

14. ABSENTEEISM

Each apprentice shall attend all class hours of related training each school training session. Absences and tardiness may result in delay of advancement to the next pay period.

An apprentice must contact the local Training Office as soon as he/she becomes aware that they will not be in class or as soon thereafter as possible. Notify the Training Office by email or leave a message on the answering machine if no one is available to take your call in person.

All apprentices will be required to turn in a completed absentee excuse form for all absences. All absentee excuses will be reviewed by the local subcommittee. Absences will either be "excused" or "unexcused."

If the absentee excuse form is not returned to the Training Office within two (2) weeks following an absence, the absence will be deemed "unexcused" by the Committee.

Apprentices who accumulate a total of three (3) absences during a school training session without contacting the Training Office or their instructor and fail to submit an absentee excuse form will be suspended from the apprenticeship program and transferred to the Construction Electrician Program. At the completion of the school training session in which this action was taken, the individual may request reinstatement from the committee.

Examples of excused absences include:

- a. Birth of a child**
- b. Illness (doctors' statement must be turned in)**
- c. Death of immediate family (father, mother, brothers, sisters, Etc.) (Proof must be furnished)**
- d. Pre-makeup Classes-If an apprentice knows in advance that he/she will miss a class, then they can pre-makeup the class with no penalty.**
- e. Out of town work – This applies when an apprentice is working out of town and will be required to miss an entire class. The apprentice should make every effort to attend each class even if the result is a tardy. Documentation from the apprentice's employer is required.**

A makeup class will be required for any class missed, whether excused or unexcused.

Three "tardies" or "left early" or any combination thereof, shall constitute an absence and a makeup class will be required. Habitual tardiness will require the apprentice to meet with the Committee and could result in disciplinary action.

When an apprentice has three (3) "unexcused" absences in one training session, including three (3) "tardies" or "left early" as being equal to one absence; or an "unexcused" absence from an assigned makeup class; the apprentice's **ADVANCEMENT TO THE NEXT PAY PERIOD WILL BE DELAYED ONE MONTH.** The individual will be required to attend the next Committee meeting and explain the reason for not being able to attend classes regularly.

All classes will be made up prior to completion of program. If necessary, an apprentice will be required to attend classes after his/her class has completed.

15. MAKE UP CLASSES and TUTORING

For apprentices with a passing grade, makeup classes shall be completed on Alternate School Nights either in person or remotely. Apprentices are required to check in and out with an instructor to be given credit for a makeup class.

For apprentices who do not have a passing grade, makeup classes will be completed on Fridays as scheduled by the Training Director. These classes will be in person only. Failure to attend a makeup class when scheduled and notified, will result in an assessment of a \$25.00 fine.

These classes may be classroom lecture style or hands on type classes. All apprentices will be required to bring the current National Electrical Code book, their regular class training materials, along with their hand tools.

An apprentice will be required to attend the makeup class for the total amount of time missed, if the makeup class is for an "excused" absence.

An apprentice will be required to attend the makeup class for the total amount of time missed, plus pay twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) fine if the makeup class is for an "unexcused" absence. Fines will be invoiced and added to the training fees owed. Anyone arriving late for a make-up class will not be admitted into class.

Make up classes should be completed within one (1) month of the absence. If an apprentice fails to make up an absence in a timely manner, the apprentice will be scheduled to attend makeup class(es) by the Training Director.

All classes should be made up by the end of the school training session; if not, the classes will carry over into the next school training session, and the apprentice will not receive the pay period advancement that usually accompanies successful completion of school.

All classes will be made up prior to completion of apprenticeship.

Apprentices will be notified by email if they are scheduled for a makeup class.

Tutoring Sessions-Any apprentice who feels that they need tutoring assistance will be notified of the tutoring sessions available by the Training Director.

16. CONDUCT

Apprentice Expectations

Apprentices participating in the apprenticeship program are required to uphold specific standards in both classroom and laboratory environments. These standards include:

- Bringing all necessary materials to class
- Refraining from disruptive behavior
- Maintaining focus and giving full attention to instruction
- Showing respect to fellow apprentices and instructors
- Actively participating in classroom and laboratory activities

Consequences for Non-Compliance

Failure to adhere to the established standards will result in a sequence of disciplinary actions. These actions will be applied in the following order as infractions continue:

1. Verbal warning issued by the instructor
2. Consultation with the Training Coordinator regarding the infraction
3. Hearing before the sub-committee, which may result in disciplinary measures, including a six-month hold on advancements

Infraction Record Management

Each instance of non-compliance will be documented by the instructor in their nightly report for the class. Infractions will remain on the apprentice's record for a period of three months. After this period, one infraction will be cleared from the apprentice's record.

All staff, instructors, and apprentices will conduct themselves and all related training activities in such a manner to not permit or allow for any kind of racial or sexual misconduct/harassment within the program.

The Sexual Harassment Policy should be consulted for further information.

17. GRADES

An overall grade average of **75%** shall be considered passing. Any apprentice who has an overall average of 50% or less at the midpoint of a school training session will be suspended from the program and transferred to the CE/CW program. The apprentice may request reinstatement to the program and be granted permission by the committee to repeat the failed school training session. Each request will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the committee.

The Training Director shall report all failures to the Committee. An average below **75%** at the end of the school training session will result in cancellation of indenture for first training session apprentices, and a repeat of the training session for apprentices, second training session and above.

The end of training session grade will be calculated using the following weighted average:
Module Tests-40%, LMS Quizzes-30%, Practical (Hands On)-15%, Employer Evaluations-15%

Each apprentice shall do their own work. Any assistance needed shall be obtained from the instructor. An apprentice shall not, under any condition, make their completed workbook, test papers, or assignment sheets available to any other apprentice or in any manner assist them in the evasion of performing their work.

All work assignments shall be completed on time. If absent, an apprentice is obligated to find out what assignments were missed and arrange to make it up. Any apprentice who reports to class with an incomplete assignment will be counted absent for the class.

Any missed test must be scheduled for makeup within one month or the grade will be an automatic and permanent zero. All makeup tests should be delivered during makeup classes. An apprentice may request to make up a test for a failed grade (below 75), with the following stipulations:

- The apprentice is only allowed one makeup request per module test.
- There will be no reference material allowed (other than a Code Book for code related tests).

- Makeup tests will be administered at the makeup classes scheduled each Friday. Apprentices will notify the JATC staff by email of which test they wish to makeup so a test can be prepared.
- If an apprentice requests a makeup test, they will be given an appointment for a specific Friday makeup class. The test may be a paper or online test delivered by the instructor on duty at that Friday makeup classes. If the apprentice misses the appointment, there will not be a makeup allowed for that module test.

Missing a total of three (3) tests during the training session, will require an apprentice to repeat the school training session, with no pay period advancements until the training session is satisfactorily completed.

Apprentices who have an overall grade average of 90% or better in each school training session and have not assessed any penalties for violations of this Policy, will have an 80-hour early advancement for their next promotion.

18. TRAINING FEES

Payment of training fees is due and payable by the first night of class. Any apprentice who does not remit the total training fee by the first night of class will be required to sign a Wage Reduction Authorization Agreement (Payroll Deduction) or will not be allowed to attend class. Any fines assessed during the apprenticeship will be paid utilizing payroll deduction. A sample Wage Reduction Authorization Agreement is shown in Appendix A.

19. TRAINING MATERIALS IN CLASS

All apprentices must bring all required training materials to class each night. Additionally, some instructors require apprentices to bring their tools to participate in hands on training. Failure to bring these items may cause an apprentice to be counted absent for the night.

20. PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The apprentice represents the Electrical Construction Industry to the public. An employer may require the apprentice to observe certain dress and hair grooming codes for reasons of their company policy or for safety. An apprentice will be in direct contact with the public on many jobs and especially on residential and service work.

The apprentice shall be neat about their personal appearance. Any apprentice that reports to either work or school, in dress or appearance that is considered unacceptable to an employer or an instructor shall be subject to Committee action.

Apprentices will be required to dress in appropriate clothing and footwear on nights designated as hands-on (i.e. no shorts or sandals). Appropriate PPE will be required.

21. DEFACING BUILDING, DESKS, OR EQUIPMENT

There shall be no deliberate defacing or other destruction of any building property including desks, chairs, walls, training equipment, vending machines, etc. Feet shall not be placed upon walls, desks, chairs, etc.

22. DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

No alcoholic beverages or drugs (except personal prescription) will be allowed anywhere on the premises. The use, distribution, or presence of a controlled substance, illegal drug; or alcohol will not be tolerated. Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs during class or on the job will result in the

procedures set forth in the JATC Alcohol and Drug Policy. Personal prescriptions must be cleared through the Training Director.

23. FOOD AND DRINK

Most instructors will allow apprentices to bring food and drink into the classroom; due to the fact some apprentices are required to work late, or out-of-town. However, apprentices are required to clean up their messes, and dispose of all cups, wrappers, bags, etc., into a dumpster outside the building. Apprentices will keep all classrooms, break areas, training labs, etc., neat, and clean.

If any food or drink is brought into the classroom, it must be brought in before classes start. Leaving the premises and then returning after class has started will not be allowed.

24. TOBACCO PRODUCTS

There will be no tobacco use (smoking, chewing, or dipping) inside the building.

25. CELLULAR TELEPHONES

There will be no cellular telephones allowed during class time unless for medical reasons and cleared through the Training Director.

26. WEAPONS

Weapons are not allowed on Committee premises or at Committee activities.

All persons shall be strictly prohibited from possessing or using any type of weapon, as defined in the Texas Penal Code, concealed or otherwise, on the property owned by the Committee, or other areas used by the Committee in the pursuit of Committee activities. Employees of the Committee shall notify law enforcement authorities immediately when it is made known that an individual is violating this Policy.

Any Apprentice found to be in violation of this Policy shall be terminated from the Program. All others found to be in violation of this Policy shall be barred from Committee property and activities.

27. INCLEMENT WEATHER

Should inclement weather (i.e., ice, snow, etc.) be apparent on the student's scheduled class nights, call the local Training Center office after 4:30 p.m., to verify that classes have been canceled.

Any class missed due to inclement weather will be rescheduled and made up. The instructor will establish the time and date of the rescheduled class and will coordinate with the Training Director in notifying the affected apprentices.

28. TERMINATION FROM EMPLOYER

Apprentices are expected to work a full 40-hour week if work is available. Each apprentice shall notify his/her employer before the start of the workday if he/she is unable to attend work or start on time. Regular attendance is required for satisfactory progression in the program. Excessive absenteeism or tardiness, and/or failure to inform your employer that you will miss work are violations of this policy and will not be tolerated. The apprentice will make every effort to notify the proper person(s) on the job when he or she will be late or absent from work.

During the probationary period, an apprentice terminated from an employer for cause (as listed below), unable to show good cause to the committee, will be terminated from the program.

A non-probationary apprentice who is terminated from his/her employer for reasons including, but not limited to the following:

- a. Excessive absenteeism or tardiness from work
- b. Insubordination
- c. Misconduct on the job
- d. Work not satisfactory
- e. Job assignment refusal (in home jurisdiction only) or failure to report for job assignment
- f. Quitting employer or requested layoff

Will be subject to the following disciplinary action(s):

- a. The First such termination: Suspension for one (1) month from job training assignments only. Apprentices will then be reassigned if work is available.
- b. The Second such termination: Suspension for two (2) months from job training assignments only and summoned to appear before the Committee. Apprentices will then be reassigned if work is available.
- c. The Third such termination (found to be valid): Cancellation of indenture and termination from the Program.

29. QUITTING OR TERMINATION FROM THE PROGRAM

An apprentice who quits or is terminated from the program will lose: his/her employment; the ability to work under the referral procedure; his/her apprentice classification (classification will be changed to NONE.)

Additionally, this person will not be assigned to any job or be allowed to continue to work in any classification or participate in any related training (unless they are reinstated in the apprenticeship program as per the Local Apprenticeship Standards) until two (2) years after their class has completed apprenticeship and they have gained related knowledge and job skills to warrant classification.

30. CANCELLATION OF APPRENTICE AGREEMENT

AMONG THE CAUSES FOR WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO CANCEL THE AGREEMENT OF AN APPRENTICE EITHER DURING OR AFTER THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- a. Evidence of fraud or misrepresentation on the apprentice's original application.
- b. Failure to progress satisfactorily in the classroom instruction given each apprentice.
- c. Unsatisfactory progress in on-the-job training.
- d. Failure to keep the required records of the on-the-job training and to promptly submit these records to the Committee as required.
- e. Absenteeism.
- f. Failure to appear before the committee when notified.
- g. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the Committee.
- h. Other sufficient causes as determined by the Committee.

Situations not covered in the Statement of Policies will be dealt with on an individual basis by the Committee.

31. CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Any apprentice who changes their address, email address, or telephone number must notify the Training Director, the Health and Welfare Office, and the Local Union immediately, in order that the records be current.

32. POLICY AMENDMENTS

The West Texas Electrical JATC reserves the right to amend, add or delete any part of this policy without effect on the parts remaining.

33. APPLICANT ONLY POLICIES

a. If an applicant fails to report for a scheduled, required event (e.g. the Aptitude Test) then the applicant will be required to wait one calendar year to reapply.

b. Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications will be subject to the policy outlined in Appendix C-Applicant Ranking Policy.

c. Applicants with previous experience or training may request advanced standing during the application process according to the policy outlined in Appendix D - Policy for Testing Out of Related Courses.

d. Applicants who require accommodations may request accommodations according to the policy outlined in Appendix E - Reasonable Accommodations Policy for Individuals with Disabilities During the Application Process.

34. PRE-APPRENTICE POLICIES

Pre-Apprentices who are voluntarily participating in grant funded training will be required to:

- a. Attend all scheduled training sessions (exception would be an excused absence). A pre-apprentice who fails to attend a scheduled training session without a valid reason three (3) times will be terminated from the pre-apprentice program.
- b. Maintain an overall grade average of 75% to complete the pre-apprenticeship. A pre-apprentice with an overall grade average below 50% at the midpoint of the training session may be terminated from the pre-apprentice program unless an acceptable reason is provided.
- c. Sign a Pre-Apprenticeship Participation Loan Agreement in which they will acknowledge that any material provided will be returned to the WTXJATC if they are terminated from the program. See Appendix F.

These revised policies shall supersede all previous Committee Policies.

APPENDIX A

Wage Reduction Authorization Agreement (SAMPLE)

I <<Name First MI Last>> (Apprentice) understand and agree that my employer, <<Current Contractor>>, may hereafter deduct money from my pay for the reason stated below:

For my participation in the apprenticeship program, I authorize <<Current Contractor>> to complete a payroll deduction on a weekly basis for fees and fines related to the apprenticeship program. <<Current Contractor>> is authorized to reduce my pay by \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars) per week in order to fulfill my obligations for the apprenticeship program.

I understand that this agreement concerning my compensation and benefits does not modify the at will employment relationship between myself and <<Current Contractor>>; does not constitute a commitment by <<Current Contractor>> to employ me for any particular length of time; and does not restrict either <<Current Contractor>> or myself from ending the employment relationship at any time for any reason, with or without notice (except as outlined in the West Texas Electrical JATC Statement of Policy).

I agree that <<Current Contractor>> may deduct money from my wages and forward these funds to the West Texas Electrical JATC Trust fund on a monthly basis. I further understand that <<Current Contractor>> has stated its intention to abide by all applicable Federal and Texas wage and hour laws and that if I believe that any such law has not been followed, I have the right to file a wage claim with appropriate Texas and Federal agencies.

Apprentice Name (Print) _____

Signature of Apprentice

Date

Signature of JATC Rep.

Date

APPENDIX B

Policy for TDLR License Preparation Classes

A. Individuals Included

- a. A currently registered apprentice who has completed the regular class schedule of the eTA curriculum but has not yet acquired their TDLR issued journey worker license.
- b. A formerly registered apprentice who is eligible for and has requested reinstatement into the apprenticeship program. Reinstatement eligibility will be determined by the JATC and will be on a case-by-case basis.
- c. Construction Electricians who do not wish to apply for or cannot meet the qualifications for the apprenticeship program.
- d. Journey level workers who are working to acquire their master's license. Please note that Journey level workers can attend classes as needed and will not be penalized the same as apprentices or construction electricians.

B. Schedule, Location, and Curriculum

- a. The schedule for these classes will generally be on a six (6) month cycle. The start date for each cycle will be determined by the Training Director.
 - i. Classes will be scheduled by the Training Director and will generally be held one evening per week from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Classes that fall on a recognized holiday will not be held.
- b. The classes will be held at the WTXJATC Training Center located at 102 S. Bowie St. Amarillo, TX 79106 and/or at the Lubbock Hall at 405 50th St. Lubbock, TX 79404. Apprentices will be allowed to attend classes remotely as needed.
- c. The curriculum for the classes will be specific to the current version of the National Electrical Code (NEC) that is being used by the TDLR for testing.
 - i. Classes will cover specific sections of the NEC that are likely to be on the TDLR exam and will generally have a lecture and discussion format followed by the taking of timed practice exams.

C. Requirements and Completion

- a. Regular attendance is mandatory for participation in the classes and to maintain registered apprentice classification. Absenteeism will be dealt with as follows:
 - i. Three (3) absences in a class cycle will require that the individual appear before the JATC to discuss the reasons for their absenteeism.
 - ii. Six (6) absences in a class cycle will result in termination of eligibility to attend classes. Registered apprentices will be reclassified as a Construction Electrician and be subject to the requirements of the Construction Electrician MOU.
- b. Individuals will be required to have a current copy of the National Electrical Code (NEC). Copies of the NEC can be acquired from the WTXJATC at cost.
- c. An individual will be deemed to have completed the classes if they attend all classes during a class cycle and/or have acquired the TDLR issued journey worker license.
- d. An individual who has completed a class cycle without acquiring the TDLR issued journey worker license, will need to make a written request to the JATC for permission to attend the next scheduled class cycle.
- e. The cost of the classes will be \$25 per class (\$500 for a class cycle). For individuals working for a signatory contractor, there will be no cost for the classes.

Appendix C of the Local Statement of Policy for the West Texas Electrical JATC

Applicant Ranking Policy

1. Application Submission:

- Applicants submit their application and qualifying documentation.
- Applicants must achieve a qualifying score on the Aptitude Test, unless they meet the qualifications for direct entry.

2. Qualified List Placement:

- Applicants who meet the criteria are placed on the qualified list based on the order of application completion.

3. Pre-Apprentice Curriculum:

- Applicants not qualifying for direct entry are enrolled in the JATC pre-apprentice curriculum.
- The curriculum must be completed within 30 days.

4. Extension and Removal:

- Failure to complete the curriculum in a timely manner results in removal from the qualified list unless a valid reason is provided.
- Extensions may be granted by the committee on a case-by-case basis.
- If an extension is granted beyond the initial 30 days, the applicant will have the option to purchase additional access time.
- If the curriculum is not finished during the extension period, the applicant will be required to wait six (6) months to re-apply.

5. Eligibility List:

- Upon successful completion of the pre-apprentice curriculum, applicants are placed on the eligibility list.
- Selection into the program is based on the order of pre-apprentice curriculum completion.

6. Direct Entry Applicants:

- Applicants qualifying for direct entry bypass the pre-apprentice curriculum.
- These applicants undergo a uniform evaluation to determine placement in classroom training and pay scale.

7. Final Requirements Before Placement:

- Pass the JATC drug screen.
- Take a color blindness test.
- Acquire the required state apprentice license.
- All applicants will be required to complete the West Texas Electrical JATC orientation.

This policy ensures a structured and fair process for ranking and selecting applicants for the program.

Appendix D of the Local Statement of Policy for the West Texas Electrical JATC

Policy for Testing Out of Related Courses

Objective:

To ensure that all individuals with previous relevant experience and training have a fair and equitable opportunity to test out of related courses, demonstrating their proficiency and knowledge in the subject matter.

Policy Statement:

The West Texas Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) is committed to providing an inclusive and equitable learning environment. We recognize that individuals may possess prior knowledge, skills, and training relevant to our courses. To honor and acknowledge this, we offer a testing-out option for individuals who can demonstrate mastery of course content through a standardized assessment.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Relevant Experience:

- Individuals must provide documentation of prior experience or training that directly relates to the course content. This may include previous coursework, professional certifications, work experience, or other formal training.

2. Documentation:

- Applicants must submit evidence of their relevant experience or training, such as transcripts, certificates, letters of recommendation, or detailed descriptions of work experience. This documentation will be reviewed by a designated committee to determine eligibility for testing out.

3. Assessment:

- Eligible individuals will be required to take a standardized assessment that covers the key learning objectives of the course. The assessment may include written exams, practical tests, or other forms of evaluation as deemed appropriate by the course instructor or department.

4. Passing Criteria:

- To successfully test out of the course, individuals must achieve a passing score as determined by the JATC. The passing criteria will be consistent and objective, ensuring fairness in the evaluation process.

5. Non-Discrimination:

- This policy applies equally to all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristic. All individuals meeting the eligibility criteria will have the same opportunity to test out of the course.

6. Appeal Process:

- Individuals who do not pass the assessment may appeal the decision. The appeal must be submitted in writing within 10 days of receiving the assessment results. Appeals will be reviewed by an independent committee, and a final decision will be communicated within 20 days.

Procedure:

1. Application Submission:

- Interested individuals must submit their and documentation for testing out during the application process. Documentation can be submitted to the Training Director and/or a member of his staff at admin@wtxjatc.org.

2. Assessment Scheduling:

- Once eligibility is confirmed, the individual will be notified and provided with information on the assessment format, content, and scheduling.

3. Assessment Administration:

- The assessment will be administered in a secure and standardized manner to ensure the integrity of the process. Accommodations will be provided as needed to ensure accessibility for all individuals.

4. Results Notification:

- Individuals will be informed of their assessment results within 10 days. Successful candidates will receive credit for the course, and it will be noted on their academic record.

5. Confidentiality:

- All information provided by individuals during this process will be kept confidential and used solely for the purpose of determining eligibility for testing out.

Contact Information:

For questions or further information about this policy, please contact us at admin@wtxjatc.org or at 806-372-1581.

This policy aims to provide a fair and transparent process for individuals with prior experience to demonstrate their knowledge and potentially bypass courses where they already possess the required skills.

Appendix E of the Local Statement of Policy for the West Texas Electrical JATC

Reasonable Accommodations Policy for Individuals with Disabilities During the Application Process

Purpose

This policy is established to ensure that individuals with disabilities are provided with equal opportunities during the application process. The West Texas Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to qualified applicants with disabilities, in compliance with applicable laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other relevant legislation.

Scope

This policy applies to all applicants for acceptance into the West Texas Electrical JATC apprenticeship program.

Policy Statement

The West Texas Electrical JATC is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities can participate in the application process on an equal basis with other applicants. Reasonable accommodations will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities when requested, to ensure full access to all aspects of the application process, including job postings, application submissions, interviews, and any pre-employment assessments.

Procedure for Requesting Accommodations

1. Notification of the Availability of Accommodations

- Information about the availability of reasonable accommodations will be included in all job postings and on the JATC webpage. This information will explain how applicants can request accommodations.

2. Requesting an Accommodation

- Applicants with disabilities who require accommodations during the application process may request them by contacting Paul Salazar at admin@wtxjatc.org. Requests should be made as soon as possible to allow sufficient time to arrange for the accommodation.
- Applicants may request accommodations at any stage of the application process.

3. Determining Reasonable Accommodations

- Upon receiving a request for accommodation, the West Texas Electrical JATC will engage in an interactive process with the applicant to understand the nature of the disability, the specific limitations, and the type of accommodation requested.
- The company may request documentation of the disability if the need for accommodation is not obvious.
- Reasonable accommodations may include, but are not limited to:
 - Modifications to the application forms or procedures
 - Providing application materials in alternative formats (e.g., large print, Braille, electronic formats)
 - Providing interpreters or other auxiliary aids
 - Adjustments to the interview location or format
 - Allowing assistive devices during the interview process

4. Implementation of Accommodations

- Once an accommodation is agreed upon, the West Texas Electrical JATC will make every effort to implement the accommodation in a timely manner.
- If multiple accommodation options are available, the West Texas Electrical JATC reserves the right to choose the accommodation that is most effective and least burdensome, provided it meets the needs of the applicant.

5. Confidentiality

- All information related to an applicant's disability and the accommodation request will be kept confidential and will only be shared with those who need to know to arrange and provide the accommodation.

6. Non-Retaliation

- The West Texas Electrical JATC strictly prohibits any form of retaliation against an applicant for requesting an accommodation.

Appeals Process

If an applicant believes that a requested accommodation has not been adequately addressed or has been denied without justification, they may appeal the decision by contacting Paul Salazar at admin@wtxjatc.org. Appeals will be reviewed promptly, and a final decision will be communicated to the applicant.

Review and Amendment

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains in compliance with applicable laws and continues to meet the needs of applicants with disabilities. Amendments may be made as necessary.

The West Texas Electrical JATC is committed to fostering an inclusive and accessible work environment. We encourage all applicants to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding this policy or the accommodations process.

Appendix F of the Local Statement of Policy for the West Texas Electrical JATC

Pre-Apprenticeship Participation Loan Agreement (SAMPLE)

Date: <<Current Date>>

Parties Involved:

Lender: West Texas Electrical JATC, PO Box 245 Amarillo, TX 79105

Borrower: <<Name First MI Last>>, <<Address One Line>>, <<Main Phone>>

Description of Item(s):

The Lender agrees to loan the following item(s) to the Borrower:

- ☐ Computer: \$XXX
- ☐ Textbook and LMS Kit: \$XXX
- ☐ Tool Kit (issued at first job assignment): \$XXX
- ☐ Work Boots (issued at first job assignment): \$XXX

Loan Terms:

1. Duration of Loan: The loan shall commence on the date of this agreement and shall continue until either completion of the Pre-Apprenticeship Program or termination from the program.
2. Condition of item(s): The Borrower acknowledges receipt of the item(s)/equipment in new and/or good working condition. The Borrower agrees to return the item(s)/equipment in the same condition, except for reasonable wear and tear.
3. Usage Restrictions: The Borrower agrees to use the item(s)/equipment solely for educational purposes (to include on the job training and classroom training). The Borrower shall not modify, disassemble, or tamper with the item(s)/equipment in any way.
4. Responsibility for Loss or Damage: The Borrower accepts full responsibility for any loss, theft, or damage to the item(s)/equipment during the loan period. The Borrower agrees to reimburse the Lender for the repair or replacement costs incurred due to such loss or damage.
5. Return of Equipment: Upon the expiration of the loan period or upon the request of the Lender, the Borrower shall return the item(s)/equipment to the Lender in the same condition as received, reasonable wear and tear excepted.
 - Exception for Work Boots: Since the Work Boots are an item that cannot be reissued, the Borrower agrees to repay the cost of the Work Boots if the Borrower quits or is terminated from the Pre-Apprenticeship Program.
6. Option for Transfer of Ownership: Upon successful completion of the pre-apprenticeship program or purchase of the item by the borrower (at cost) ownership of item(s)/equipment will be transferred to the Borrower.

Acknowledgment:

I, the undersigned Borrower, hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the terms and conditions outlined in this Pre-Apprenticeship Participation Acknowledgment Document. I agree to abide by these terms and to return the item(s)/equipment in accordance with the stipulated conditions.

Borrower's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Lender's Signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing, the parties acknowledge their acceptance and agreement to the terms of this loan arrangement.



Registered Apprenticeship Standards

National Program Standards

West Texas Electrical JATC

102 Bowie Street

Amarillo, TX 79106

Occupation(s): Electrician-0159

O*NET-SOC Code(s): 47-2111.00

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Date: September 11, 2024

Approved by the
U.S. Department of Labor
Office of Apprenticeship

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Signature: _____

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Title: _____

Office of Apprenticeship: _____

Date: _____

Certification Number: _____

☐ Check here if these are revised standards



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SECTION I – STANDARDS OF APPRENTICESHIP 29 CFR § 29.5

- A. Responsibilities of the sponsor: Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees** must conduct, operate, and administer this program in accordance with all applicable provisions of Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 29, subpart A and part 30, and all relevant guidance issued by the Office of Apprenticeship (OA). The sponsor must fully comply with the requirements and responsibilities listed below and with the requirements outlined in the document “Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors Reference Guide.”

Sponsors shall:

- Ensure adequate and safe equipment and facilities for training and supervision and provide safety training for apprentices on-the-job and in related instruction.
- Ensure there are qualified training personnel and adequate supervision on the job.
- Ensure that all apprentices are under written apprenticeship agreements incorporating, directly or by reference, these Standards and the document “Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors,” and that meets the requirements of 29 CFR § 29.7. Sponsors may utilize Form ETA 671 for this purpose and is available upon logging into RAPIDS.
- Register all apprenticeship Standards with the U.S. Department of Labor, including local variations, if applicable.
- Submit apprenticeship agreements within 45 days of enrollment of apprentices.
- Arrange for periodic evaluation of apprentices’ progress in skills and technical knowledge and maintain appropriate progress records.
- Notify the U.S. Department of Labor within 45 days of all suspensions for any reason, reinstatements, extensions, transfers, completions and cancellations with explanation of causes. Notification may be made in RAPIDS or using the contact information in Section K.
- Make a good faith effort to obtain approval for educational assistance for a veteran or other individual eligible under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code, and will not deny the application of a qualified candidate who is a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance described in the above for the purpose of avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain approval.
- Provide each apprentice with a copy of these Standards, Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors Reference Guide, Appendix A, and any applicable written rules and policies, and require apprentices to sign an acknowledgment of their receipt. If the sponsor alters these Standards or any Appendices to reflect changes it has made to the apprenticeship program, the sponsor will obtain



approval of all modifications from the Registration Agency, then provide apprentices a copy of the updated Standards and Appendices and obtain another acknowledgment of their receipt from each apprentice.

- Adhere to Federal, State, and Local Law Requirements -- The Office of Apprenticeship's registration of the apprenticeship program described in these Standards of Apprenticeship on either a nationwide basis (under the National Program Standards of Apprenticeship) or within a particular State, and the registration of individual apprentices under the same program, does not exempt the program sponsor, and/or any employer(s) participating in the program, and/or the individual apprentices registered under the program from abiding by any applicable Federal, State, and local laws or regulations relevant to the occupation covered by these Standards, including those pertaining to occupational licensing requirements and minimum wage and hour requirements.

The program's Standards of Apprenticeship must also conform in all respects with any such applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Any failure by the program to satisfy this requirement may result in the initiation of deregistration proceedings for reasonable cause by the Office of Apprenticeship under 29 CFR § 29.8.

B. Minimum Qualifications - 29 CFR §29.5(b)(10)

An apprentice must be at least 18 years of age, except where a higher age is required by law, and must be employed to learn an apprenticeable occupation. Please include any additional qualification requirements as appropriate (optional):

☒ There is an educational requirement of (i) a high school diploma, or (ii) a Certificate of High School Equivalency or GED, or (iii) a two-year Associate Degree (or its equivalent) or higher. (If equivalent education was obtained outside of the United States, the applicant will be required to provide appropriate documentation); and (i) completion of one full year of high school algebra (or its equivalent) with a passing grade, or (ii) completion of one semester of post high school algebra (e.g., Adult Education, Continuing Education, Community College, etc.) with a passing grade; or (iii) completion of the electrical training ALLIANCE online Tech Math Course.

☒ There is a physical requirement of climb and work from ladders, scaffolds, poles, and towers of various heights, push, pull, crawl, crouch, and work in confined spaces such as attics, manholes, and crawlspace, lift 25–50-pound objects on a fairly consistent schedule, and use various hand and power-assisted tools to install conduit, wiring, fixtures, devices, and electrical apparatus within commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.

☒ The following aptitude test will be administered the electrical training ALLIANCE's Aptitude Test validated by the American Institute for Research. Applicants who do not qualify for Direct Interview or Direct Entry must have a minimum score of 5 to qualify and be eligible for interview (Recommended passing score is "4"). Applicants who qualify for Direct Interview or Direct Entry, and who are subsequently registered in the program, will be required to take the Aptitude Test, either before or after registration, to assist in placement and identify areas where they may require additional support.

☒ A valid driver's license is required.

☒ Other Except as provided for those eligible for Direct Interview (if applicable) or Direct Entry, each applicant must meet the following minimum qualifications as well as those listed above and will be required to provide evidence satisfactory to the JATC at the time indicated in the Selection Procedures.

Each applicant must be able to work legally in the United States and provide a valid social



security number. The JATC will not seek to verify authorization to work in the U.S. since that is the responsibility of the Employers during on-the-job training, but if the JATC learns that an applicant is not eligible to work and will not be eligible at the time of registration, the JATC may terminate the application.

Each applicant must be capable of completing all requirements of the apprenticeship program and performing the work required of an electrical worker, with or without reasonable accommodations, including being able and willing to: Safely perform or learn to safely perform the essential functions of the job; Get to and from work at job sites anywhere within the geographical jurisdiction of this Apprenticeship Program. Attend and successfully pass all related instruction; Understand and follow all JATC Rules and Policies; Read, hear, speak, and understand instructions and warnings in English.

(List all other requirements)

C. Apprenticeship Approach and Term - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(2)

The apprenticeship program(s) will select an apprenticeship training approach. The approach is notated in Appendix A, APPRENTICESHIP APPROACH.

D. Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(4)

Every apprentice is required to participate in related instruction in technical subjects related to the occupation. Apprentices ☐ will ☒ **will not** *(choose one)* be paid for hours spent attending related instruction classes. The Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline are outlined in Appendix A.

E. Credit for Previous Experience - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(12)

Apprentice applicants seeking credit for previous experience gained outside the apprenticeship program must furnish such transcripts, records, affidavits, etc. that may be appropriate to substantiate the claim. **Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees** will evaluate the request for credit and make a determination during the apprentice's probationary period.

Additional requirements for an apprentice to receive credit for previous experience (optional): are in Appendix A., CREDIT FOR ON-THE-JOB SKILL ACQUISITION AND PREVIOUS RELATED TRAINING

F. Probationary Period – 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(8) and (20)

Every applicant selected for apprenticeship will serve a probationary period, which may not exceed 25 percent of the length of the program, or 1 year whichever is shorter. The probationary period is notated in Appendix A, PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

G. Ratio of Apprentices to Journeyworkers - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(7)

Every apprenticeship program is required to provide an apprenticeship ratio of apprentices to journeyworkers for adequate supervision. The ratio is notated in Appendix A, RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEYWORKERS.

H. Apprentice Wage Schedule - 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(5)

Apprentices must be paid a progressively increasing schedule of wages based on either a percentage or a dollar amount of the current hourly journeyworker wage rate. The progressive wage schedule is notated in Appendix A, APPRENTICE WAGE SCHEDULE.

I. Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action

1. Equal Opportunity Pledge - 29 CFR §§ 29.5(b)(21) and 30.3(c)(1)

Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees will not



discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40-years old or older.

Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.

[Optional] The equal opportunity pledge applies to the following additional protected bases (as applicable per the sponsor's state or locality):

2. Affirmative Action Program - 29 CFR §§ 29.5(b)(21), 30.4-30.9

Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees acknowledges that it will adopt an affirmative action plan in accordance with Title 29 CFR §§ 30.4-30.9 (required for sponsors with five or more registered apprentices by two years from the date of the sponsor's registration or by two years from the date of registration of the program's fifth (5th) apprentice). Information and technical assistance materials relating to the creation and maintenance of an affirmative action plan will be made available on the Office of Apprenticeship's website.

3. Selection Procedures - 29 CFR §30.10

Every sponsor will adopt selection procedures for their apprenticeship programs, consistent with the requirements set forth in 29 CFR § 30.10(b). The selection procedures for each occupation for which the sponsor intends to train apprentices are notated in Appendix A, SELECTION PROCEDURES.

J. Complaint Procedures - 29 CFR §§ 29.5(b)(22), 29.7(k), 29.12, and 29 CFR § 30.14

If an applicant or an apprentice believes an issue exists that adversely affects the apprentice's participation in the apprenticeship program or violates the provisions of the apprenticeship agreement or Standards, the applicant or apprentice may seek relief. Nothing in these complaint procedures precludes an apprentice from pursuing any other remedy authorized under another Federal, State, or local law. Below are the methods by which apprentices may send a complaint:

For all issues covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), apprentices must seek resolution through the applicable procedures contained in the CBA. (*if applicable, see Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors Reference Guide*)

- 1. Complaints regarding discrimination.** Complaints must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and signature, the identity of the respondent, and a short description of the actions believed to be discriminatory, including the time and place. Generally, a complaint must be filed within **300** days of the alleged discrimination. Complaints of discrimination should be directed to the following contact:

U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship

200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC, 20210

Telephone Number: (202) 693-2796

Email: Address: ApprenticeshipEEOcomplaints@dol.gov

Point of Contact: Director, Division of Standards and Quality

Attn: Apprenticeship EEO Complaints



You may also be able to file complaints directly with the EEOC, or State fair employment practices agency.

- 2. Other General Complaints.** The sponsor will hear and attempt to resolve the matter locally if written notification from the apprentice is received within 15 days of the alleged violation(s). The sponsor will make such rulings as it deems necessary in each individual case within 30 days of receiving the written notification: *(To be completed by Sponsor)*

Name: **Paul Salazar, West Texas Electrical JATC**
Address: **102 Bowie Street, Amarillo, TX 79106**
Telephone Number: **806-372-1581**
Email Address: **psalazarjadc@wtxjatc.org**

Any complaint described that cannot be resolved by the program sponsor to the satisfaction of all parties may be submitted to the Registration Agency provided below in Section K.

K. Registration Agency General Contact Information 29 CFR § 29.5(b)(17)

The Registration Agency is the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship. General inquiries, notifications and requests for technical assistance may be submitted to the Registration Agency using the contact information below: *(To be completed by the Registration Agency)*

Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

L. Reciprocity of Apprenticeship Programs 29 CFR § 29.13(b)(7)

States must accord reciprocal approval for Federal purposes to apprentices, apprenticeship programs and standards that are registered in other States by the Office of Apprenticeship or a Registration Agency if such reciprocity is requested by the apprenticeship program sponsor.

Program sponsors seeking reciprocal approval must meet the wage and hour provisions and apprentice ratio standards of the reciprocal State.

SECTION II - APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS

- ☒ **Appendix A** – *Work Process Schedule, Related Instruction Outline, Apprentice Wage Schedule, Ratio of Apprentices to Journeyworkers, Type of Occupation, Term of Apprenticeship, Selection Procedures, and Probationary Period*
- ☒ **Appendix B** – *ETA 671 - Apprenticeship Agreement and Application for Certification of Completion of Apprenticeship (To be completed after registration)*
- ☒ **Appendix C** – *Affirmative Action Plan (Required within two years of registration unless otherwise exempt per 29 CFR §30.4(d))*
- ☒ **Appendix D** – *Employer Acceptance Agreement (For programs with multiple-employers only)*
- ☒ **Appendix E** – *Administration of the Apprenticeship and Training Program*
- ☒ **Appendix F** – *EEO Policies and Procedures*
- ☒ **Appendix G** – *Supplemental Definitions*



SECTION III - VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS MANDATED BY PUBLIC LAW 116-134 (134 STAT. 276)

Pursuant to section 2(b)(1) of the Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116-134, 134 Stat. 276), by signing these program Standards the program sponsor official whose name is subscribed below assures and acknowledges to the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship the following regarding certain G.I. Bill and other VA-administered educational assistance referenced below (and described in greater detail at the VA's website at: <https://www.va.gov/education/eligibility>) for which current apprentices and/or apprenticeship program candidates may be eligible:

- (1) The program sponsor is aware of the availability of educational assistance for a veteran or other eligible individual under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code, for use in connection with a registered apprenticeship program;
- (2) The program sponsor will make a good faith effort to obtain approval for educational assistance described in paragraph (1) above for, at a minimum, each program location that employs or recruits an veteran or other eligible individual for educational assistance under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code; and
- (3) The program sponsor will not deny the application of a qualified candidate who is a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance described in paragraph (1) above for the purpose of avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain approval as described in paragraph (2) above.

NOTE: The aforementioned requirements of Public Law 116-134 shall apply to "any program applying to become a registered apprenticeship program on or after the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act" (i.e., September 22, 2020). Accordingly, apprenticeship programs that were registered by a Registration Agency before September 22, 2020, are not subject to these requirements.



SECTION IV PART 1 – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROVISIONS

The employer or employer association must furnish to any union that is a collective bargaining agent of the employees to be trained a copy its application for registration and of these Standards, including all attachments.

The **National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)** hereby adopt these Standards of apprenticeship on this _____ day of May 2024.

Signature of Management (designee)

David Long, CEO, NECA

Signature of Labor (designee)

Kenneth W. Cooper, President, IBEW

SECTION IV PART 2 – SIGNATURES

OFFICIAL ADOPTION OF APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS

The undersigned sponsor hereby subscribes to the provisions of the foregoing Apprenticeship Standards formulated and registered by **Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees**, on this 11th day of September, 2024.

The signatories acknowledge that they have read and understand the document titled "Requirements for Apprenticeship Sponsors Reference Guide" and that the provisions of that document are incorporated into this agreement by reference unless otherwise noted.

Signature of Sponsor (designee)

Jackie Veazey

Printed Name

Signature of Sponsor (designee)

Robert Melton

Printed Name



SECTION V - DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

OA routinely makes public general information relating to Registered Apprenticeship programs. General information includes the name and contact information of the sponsor, the location of the program, and the occupation(s) offered. **OA routinely publicly releases the contents of applications for National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards.**

In addition, sponsors submitting National Program Standards or Local Standards have the option of allowing OA to share publicly the contents of a sponsor's application for registration to assist in building a high-quality National Apprenticeship System. This may include a copy of the Standards, Appendix A, and Appendix D (as applicable), but not completed versions of ETA Form 671 or Appendix C "Affirmative Action Plan" because those documents are submitted after a sponsor's application is approved and the program is registered. **Please note that OA will consider a sponsor's application as releasable to the public unless the sponsor requests non-disclosure by signing below.**

I, *Paul Salazar*, acting on behalf of *West Texas Electrical, JATC* request that OA **not** publicly disclose this application, other than general information about the program, as described above as it is considered confidential commercial information and steps are taken to preserve it. Further, I understand that if OA receives a request for this application pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552, we may be contacted to support OA's withholding of the information, including in litigation, if necessary. I understand that my request that OA not publicly disclose this application will remain in effect, including with respect to subsequent amendments to this application, unless and until I notify OA otherwise.

Signature of Sponsor (designee)

PAUL R SALAZAR

Printed Name

12/16/2024

Date



Appendix A

WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE

AND

RELATED INSTRUCTION OUTLINE



Appendix A

WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE

ELECTRICIAN (Alternate Title : Interior Electrician)

O*NET-SOC CODE: 47-2111.00 RAPIDS CODE: 0159

This schedule is attached to and a part of these Standards for the above identified occupation.

1. APPRENTICESHIP APPROACH

☒ Time-based ☐ Competency-based ☐ Hybrid

2. TERM OF APPRENTICESHIP

The term of the apprenticeship is with an OJL attainment of 8000 *hours*, supplemented by the minimum required 720 hours of related instruction. The JATC shall require each apprentice to satisfactorily complete the *electrical training ALLIANCE* assigned Inside Wireman Apprenticeship Course Material.

3. RATIO OF APPRENTICES TO JOURNEYWORKERS

The numeric ratio of apprentices to Journeyworkers, consistent with proper supervision, training, safety, and continuity of employment, shall be as specified in CBAs applicable to these Standards and must be expressed numerically. The ratio for the West Texas Joint Electrical Apprenticeship and Training Committee as per the CBA is 1 Apprentice to 1 Journeyworker.

4. APPRENTICE WAGE SCHEDULE

Apprentices shall be paid a progressively increasing schedule of wages based on either a percentage or a dollar amount of the current hourly journeyworker wage rate, which is: \$31.63 Amarillo, \$27.79 Lubbock/Midland.

Period	Percent of JW Rate	Minimum Accumulative OJT Hours	+	Related Training
1	50	0	+	N/A
2	52.5	1000	+	Satisfactory Progress Instruction
3	55	2000	+	180 hours Related Instruction
4	65	3500	+	360 hours Related Instruction
5	75	5000	+	540 hours Related Instruction
6	85	6500	+	Satisfactory Progress
Completion	100	8000	+	720 hours Related Instruction Completed

5. PROBATIONARY PERIOD

Completion of these minimum hours and satisfactory performance in related classroom training during such time shall constitute the probationary period (25% of length of program or one year whichever is shorter). During the probationary period, the JATC shall make a thorough review of the apprentice's ability and development. Prior to the end of the probationary period, the JATC will decide whether to end the probation,



extend the probation or cancel the Apprenticeship Agreement. If the Registration Agency requires, the Registration Agency shall be notified of cancellations or extensions. During the probationary period, the JATC may extend the probation up to the maximum, or cancel the apprenticeship agreement, without the formality of a hearing and at the discretion of the JATC, so long as the JATC is acting in a non-discriminatory manner. Apprentices whose agreements are cancelled during the probationary period have no appeal rights other than those provided in the EEO/AA Plan.

6. SELECTION PROCEDURES

Please see page A-9.



Appendix A
WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE
ELECTRICIAN (Alternate Title : Interior Electrician)
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In order to provide for the development of the necessary occupational skills in the various work processes, the JATC shall attempt to provide the apprentice with OJT in the following categories, as job training assignments permit. These estimates are not minimum requirements for proficiency. Some job assignments may relate to more than one work process.

The below approximate hours are for illustration only and are not an industry recommendation.

Electrician (Alternate Title: Interior Electrician), Inside Wiremen	
Job Description: Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.	
RAPIDS Code: 0159	O*NET Code: 47-2111.00
Estimated Program Length: 8000 Hours	
Apprenticeship Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Competency-Based <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time-Based <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid	

Project Layout & Planning	Approximate Hours
Reading and Interpreting blueprints and specifications; Coordination between crafts, engineers, and architects; Layout feeders, risers, and branch circuits	200

Underground Installations	Approximate Hours
Trenching and ditch digging; Direct burial; Installing PVC/Rigid conduit; Installing grounding electrode systems	300

Thinwall Conduit Raceway Systems	Approximate Hours
Fastening and supporting devices; Conduit fabrication; Installation of conduit, fittings, and boxes	1450

Rigid Conduit Raceway Systems	Approximate Hours
A Fastening and supporting devices; Bender setup; Conduit fabrication; Installation of conduit, fittings, and boxes	900

Installing Services, Switchboards, and Panels	Approximate Hours
Mounting devices; Breaker installation; Terminations	500

Floor Duct Installation	Approximate Hours
Transit/grade establishment; Installing duct and fittings; Core drilling and outlet installation	100



Motor Control Center Installation	Approximate Hours
Rigging and mounting; Terminating feeders, branch circuits, and control wiring	100
Installing, Splicing, & Terminating Wires and Cables	Approximate Hours
Establishing temporary power; Feeders and branch circuits; Control wiring; Splices, taps, and terminations	1200
Cable Tray Installation	Approximate Hours
Fabrication; Installing support devices; Installing cable tray and covers	150
Lighting System Installation	Approximate Hours
Installing outlet boxes and conductors; Installing fixtures; Control devices	1000
Testing and Troubleshooting Feeders, Motors, and Branch Circuits	Approximate Hours
Checking circuit continuity; Identifying fault current to ground; Meggering and Hi Potting; Certifying system operations; Repair and maintenance; Ground verification	100
Fire Alarm Installation	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout and circuit installation; Control panel and device installation; Programming and testing	150
Motor Installation	Approximate Hours
Rigging and setting; Alignment; Circuiting and Terminations; Testing	300
Control System Installation	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout and circuit installation; Distributed control	200
Installing and Programming Programmable Logic Controllers	Approximate Hours
Module installation; Control wiring and devices; Programming	100
Installing Instrumentation and Process Control Systems	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout and installation; Calibration	100
Security System Installation	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout; Box and circuit installation; Termination; Testing	50
Installing Sound and Communication Systems	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout; Conduit and box installation; Installing panels and network; Circuit installation; Terminations and testing	50



Installing and Terminating Transformers	Approximate Hours
Rigging and mounting; Primary and secondary terminations; Testing and troubleshooting	100
Installing Fiber Optic Cable	Approximate Hours
Equipment layout; Installing cable; Polishing and terminating; Testing and verifying	400
Alternative Energy Sources (Solar, Wind, Fuel Cell, etc.)	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpreting; Layout and installation; Testing, verifying, and troubleshooting	100
Welding and Brazing	Approximate Hours
Machine setup; Fabrication; Welding, grinding and finishing.	50
Service and Troubleshooting	Approximate Hours
Testing and analysis and repair of motors, transformers, electrical devices, electronic devices, magnetic devices, lighting and power circuits, equipment and machinery, control circuits and devices	100
Material Handling and Pre-Fabrication	Approximate Hours
Material/equipment awareness; Fabrication for field installation	100
Safety Awareness and Other Specialized Areas	Approximate Hours
	200
APPROXIMATE HOURS	8000



Appendix A

RELATED INSTRUCTION OUTLINE ELECTRICIAN (Alternate Title : Interior Electrician) O*NET-SOC CODE: 47-2111.00 RAPIDS CODE: 0159

Each apprentice shall be required to participate in non-compensable related instruction away from the job as specified below.

Topics to be studied (completed) as part of the required electrical training ALLIANCE curriculum shall include, but not be limited to those listed below. The order of presentation may change from time to time:

Provider	
Name: West Texas Electrical JATC	
Address: 102 Bowie Street, Amarillo, TX 79106	
Email: psalazarjatc@wtxjatc.org	Phone Number: 806-372-1581
Related Instruction Hours: 720	

Course Title	Contact Hours
FIRST SESSION Codes and Standards Electrical Theory Industry Orientation Installation Applications Jobsite Skills and Practices Safety Awareness	180 Hours Core
SECOND SESSION Codes and Standards Construction Documentation Electrical Equipment Electrical Theory Industry Orientation Installation Applications Safety Awareness	180 Hours Core
THIRD SESSION Codes and Standards Construction Documentation Construction Leadership Electrical Systems	180 Hours Core



Electrical Theory Safe Material and Equipment Handling Safety Awareness	
FOURTH SESSION Codes and Standards Construction Documentation Electrical Control Systems Electrical Systems Electrical Equipment Safety Awareness	72 Hours Core
ADVANCED TOPICS Advanced Codes and Standards Advanced Construction Documentation Advanced Construction Leadership Advanced Distributed Generation Advanced Communications Systems Advanced Control Systems Advanced Electrical Equipment Advanced Electrical Systems Advanced Limited Energy Systems Advanced Safety Awareness Advanced Theory	108 Hours Advanced
Total Minimum Hours	720



SELECTION PROCEDURES

The JATC has adopted the following Selection Procedures for its Apprenticeship Program. These procedures shall be uniformly maintained and consistently applied to all individuals interested in the Apprenticeship Program.

A. Application Availability

The JATC accepts applications in the time and manner indicated below.

The JATC will make applications available online, year-round 24/7.

The JATC will notify the Registration Agency and other appropriate parties (including recognized outreach and affirmative action groups), as indicated in the JATC's EEO/AA Plan, informing them of its year-round application procedure – including the nature of apprenticeship, requirements for admission to apprenticeship, availability of apprenticeship opportunities, how to access apprenticeship applications, and the JATC's EEO/AA policies.

B. Interview Timing

The JATC does not conduct oral interview as part of its selection procedures.

C. General Rules Concerning Applications and Record Keeping

1. The JATC will use the Application and any related forms approved by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*.
2. Application forms will be issued and accepted electronically, or in accordance with the procedure adopted by the JATC indicated in Application Availability Section.
3. Everyone expressing an interest in making application with the JATC will be provided access to and/or issued an application form during the application period. The application must be designed so no one will be denied a right to apply, even if there is a question about their ability to meet minimum qualifications.
4. The JATC shall provide reasonable accommodations during the application process to individuals with disabilities who request them. The JATC's procedures for requests for accommodation are contained in its Rules and Policies.
5. An Application Record will be maintained by the JATC to show the status of each applicant.
6. No member of the JATC, or any employee of the JATC, shall reveal or discuss any information pertaining to any applicant except during the applicable meetings of the JATC or to members of the JATC staff involved in the application process.
7. All application forms and all related information and documents pertaining to applicants, including all correspondence sent to applicants by mail or electronically, are the property of the JATC and shall be considered confidential proprietary information. Records shall be maintained as required by the Registration Agency and by law.

D. Qualifications for Applicants

The various methods under which an applicant may qualify for entry into the ranked pool, Direct Interview (*if applicable*) or Direct Entry are detailed in the Standards. These must be summarized in the Notice of Apprenticeship Opportunity.

E. Application Process

1. Application.
 - a. A written description of the basic requirements shall be included in the Notice of Apprenticeship Opportunity, must be posted *electronically* and must be available at the JATC office.



- b. The JATC shall collect and maintain information on individuals requesting access to applications. The JATC may establish procedures to follow-up with those expressing interest as part of its recruitment efforts.
- c. The applicant will be provided electronic access or in paper format to an application and the voluntary self-identification forms. Applicants must submit the application; resumes or similar documents will not be accepted in lieu of the application.
- d. As each application is received, the JATC shall ensure that it receives a unique serial number for that applicant. The applicant's name, date of the application, and serial number of the application will then be included in the Application Record.

2. Information to be Provided to and Received from Applicants.

The following information must be provided to each applicant either online or within a reasonable time of not more than ten (10) days after the Application is received. If permitted by the Registration Agency, this information may be provided in paper or electronic formats, and transmitted to applicants in person, mail, by electronic means and/or by a link to the JATC's website or another online site.

- a. A list of the Basic Qualifications required to enter the pool of eligible applicants (see Standards).
- b. A copy of the Standards (including Appendix A), and the JATC's Rules and Policies.
- c. Specific information pertaining to the apprenticeship program, noting the geographical area of the jurisdiction, the periods of apprenticeship and the wages provided for each period. The applicant's attention will also be called to the work processes in the Standards and the apprentice's obligations and requirements to participate in, and complete, related instruction. The JATC may, but is not required to, highlight any other key requirements from the JATC's Rules and Policies.
- d. A list of things the applicant must do, and items they must provide, in order to qualify for an interview with the JATC [*if applicable*]. This document will inform the applicant if they are required to take the Aptitude Test to qualify for the interview, and that qualified applicants are interviewed in the order in which they complete their application by provide all required documents and transcripts.
- e. A list of information they may have to provide as part of the application process, and post-selection requirements that they will have to meet if they are selected from the list or through Direct Entry and are given a conditional offer, as provided in the Standards. This information will be available for review when getting access to an application, and again when invited to the interview [*if applicable*].
- f. Applicants will be informed that they have 60 days to provide all transcripts, and any other documentation required by the JATC for their application to be complete.
- g. Applicants will be informed of optional information that they are permitted to provide and information that the JATC will or may obtain and use. This list will be available for review when getting access to an application, and again when invited to the interview [*if applicable*].
- h. If the applicant indicates on the application a prior felony conviction, the JATC may choose to request that additional information be provided prior to the interview [*if applicable*] or may choose to wait until after a conditional offer is made.

F. **Processing Applications.**

As applicant information is received, the JATC will record dates and other pertinent information in the Application Record. When all information and documentation is complete, the date of receipt of the last required information will be recorded in the Application Record in the completion column.



If an applicant fails to provide all required documentation by the cut-off date, the column indicated “Application Not Completed” will be checked in the Application Record.

G. Testing and Interview Process

1. Aptitude Test

The JATC requires an aptitude test as one factor in its selection procedures. The applicant will be notified in writing as to the time, place, and date they are to complete the aptitude test.

2. Interviews

The JATC does not use interviews as part of its selection procedures.

H. Ranking and Selection

See Appendix C of the Statements of Policy for the West Texas Electrical JATC (attached).

I. Post-Selection Requirements.

All selected applicants (including those admitted through direct entry) must meet the following minimum requirements at the time indicated in these Selection Procedures, typically after a conditional offer is made and prior to registration.

- Provide any remaining documentation required to complete the selection process.
- Not be disqualified as a result of information obtained by the JATC during the selection process, including interviews, verification of information, reference checks or other information made available to the JATC prior to registration.
- Pass all required drug-screen tests. The cost of the tests is borne by the JATC. If the applicant fails any pre-registration drug test, refuses to take any pre-registration drug test, or has insufficient hair or urine for any pre-registered drug test, each of which constitutes a failed pre-registered drug test, the conditional offer will be revoked.
- Attend and successfully complete the JATC’s Boot Camp/Orientation. Applicants will not be paid for the time they attend this program. The JATC’s conditional offer may be rescinded if the applicant demonstrates in any way that he or she is unlikely to be successful in the apprenticeship program, (e.g., inability to learn or employ appropriate safety skills, poor attendance or tardiness, or failing to demonstrate the physical abilities required).

J. Disqualification

Prior to registration, the JATC may learn of information that may disqualify the applicant or render them unable to meet the requirements of the program. The JATC or its designee shall discuss those issues with the applicant, provide the applicant with an opportunity to explain and, where appropriate, obtain relevant documentation. If the applicant does not voluntarily withdraw his or her application, the applicant may be referred to the JATC for a decision on whether the applicant should be disqualified and not placed on the active list or should be removed from the list.

K. Re-Evaluation Process

There is no re-evaluation process. Applicants would need to reapply.

L. Applicant Appeals Procedure

Any applicant for apprenticeship who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination or other unfair treatment during the selection process on the basis of any protected category may file a complaint of discrimination using the JATC’s internal Complaint Procedure set out below or Appendix F.



Advancement Of Apprentices, Cancellation, Complaint Procedures

A. Advancement of Apprentices

1. Every two months during the first year of apprenticeship, and at least yearly thereafter, the JATC shall examine the progress of the apprentice on the job and in related instruction, based on apprenticeship evaluation completed by an Employer and other available information. The JATC will also receive a monthly OJT training report from each Employer showing the experience and training in the various work processes acquired by the apprentice and evaluating the apprentice.
2. The JATC shall evaluate the apprentice's overall performance and accomplishments at the end of each period. Action must be taken on each apprentice to approve advancement, extend present rating for a specified probationary period, or cancel the apprenticeship agreement, with due notice to the apprentice and a reasonable opportunity for corrective action. Proper documentation shall be maintained of all action taken by the JATC.

B. Cancellation or Resignation of Apprenticeship Agreement

1. An Apprenticeship Agreement may be canceled at the request of the apprentice at any time.
2. An Apprenticeship Agreement may be suspended for a specified period of time, canceled or terminated by the JATC for good cause, with due notice to the apprentice and, in appropriate circumstances, a reasonable opportunity for corrective action. Written notice shall be provided to the apprentice and to the Registration Agency (if required).
3. Individuals who have been suspended or terminated from apprenticeship shall not be assigned by the JATC in any capacity. Suspended or terminated apprentices are not eligible to participate in any related training activities and, as per the CBA, they are not eligible for any job assignments by the JATC under the CBA unless the JATC has determined that the individual is eligible for a change to another classification recognized in the CBA.
4. When an apprentice's Apprenticeship Agreement is terminated before satisfactory completion of their apprenticeship, the resulting vacancy may be filled by selecting and registering the next individual from the current eligibility list; provided all registered apprentices who are available for OJT assignments are so assigned. In the event that related instructional training classes are not available in the immediate future, the individual(s) registered shall begin informational/awareness classes just as soon as possible. These courses may include topics such as Industry Awareness, Communications, Productivity, Marketing, CPR, Tech Math, Safety Awareness and General Orientation

C. Complaint Procedures

1. The JATC shall have full authority and responsibility to review and shall seek to resolve all issues and/or disputes pertaining to all apprenticeship and training matters. The JATC shall hear and consider all complaints of violations concerning the Apprenticeship Agreement and the Standards, and shall make such rulings, as it deems necessary and appropriate in its discretion. Apprentices have the right to request an appearance before the JATC concerning specific issues or matters dealing with their apprenticeship agreement. Such requests must be in writing. The JATC shall adopt a formal Complaint Procedure as part of its Rules and Policies. Apprentices and applicants have no right to representation by an attorney or others during JATC investigations and meetings, unless otherwise provided in the Rules and Policies.
2. Any apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship who believes they have been subject to discrimination in violation of the EEO Policies and Procedures, or federal, state, or local law has the right to file an internal



complaint with the JATC and rights to file external complaints with the U.S. Department of Labor, EEOC and/or applicable state or local agencies. See EEO Policies and Procedures, Appendix F.

3. All applicants and apprentices have the right to file complaints regarding any issue with the Registration Agency. Applicants and apprentices will be provided with a copy of the Notice of Rights. See Appendix F.
4. All apprentices have the right to seek resolution through the applicable Grievance and Arbitration Articles of the CBA for issues arising on the job: wages, hours, working conditions, and other issues covered by the CBA. Apprentices should first provide notice to the JATC.
5. A Local Union receiving a grievance from or about an apprentice shall notify and involve the JATC, which has the primary responsibility for apprentices under Article V of the Standard Inside Agreement.

Certification of Completion

Upon satisfactory completion of the required number of hours of related instruction from the *electrical training ALLIANCE*'s course of study and accumulation of a minimum of 8,000 hours of OJT, the JATC will certify to the sponsoring parties, to the *electrical training ALLIANCE*, and to the Registration Agency that the apprentice has satisfied the requirements of his or her apprenticeship agreement.



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Work Process

The JATC shall require each apprentice to submit a work report on a monthly basis. Such reports shall be maintained by the JATC as part of its official file for each apprentice. The JATC shall use reports and other evaluations and records the JATC may use to provide an accumulative OJT record of experience in the various work processes for each apprentice.

All OJT work shall be performed under the supervision of an electrical industry Journeyworker. Supervision will not be of such nature as to prevent the development of responsibility and initiative. Work may be laid out by an Employer's designated supervisor based on the apprentice's skills and ability to perform the job tasks, after which the apprentice shall be permitted to perform job tasks in order to develop job skills and industry competencies.

Apprentices with a minimum of 6,500 hours of OJT who have successfully completed all related instruction, may be permitted to perform electrical construction work without the direct supervision of an electrical industry Journeyworker as follows: while the apprentice's supervising Journeyworker must be present on the job site, and the apprentice should not be the first worker assigned to the job, such apprentice may be assigned to independently perform job tasks at the job site consistent with the apprentice's skills, knowledge and ability to perform the work as determined by the Employer.

An apprentice shall not supervise the work of any other apprentice or workers of any other classification.

Temporary Training Opportunities

Apprentices may be permitted to receive OJT and related training on a temporary basis with another IBEW/NECA JATC, provided that the apprentice, both of the JATCs, and their respective Local Unions and Local Chapters agree on such assignment. Before apprentices are given a temporary OJT assignment, they must supply the host JATC with an official copy of their apprenticeship agreement, clearly indicating that it has been properly registered with the applicable Registration Agency. Apprentices shall remain subject to reassignment by the JATC with whom they are registered. Failure to immediately comply with such instruction to return to the JATC with whom they are registered may result in the cancellation of the apprentice's apprenticeship agreement; in which case, the apprentice would no longer be employable as an apprentice under the CBA in any jurisdiction.

Related Instruction

The time spent in related instruction, which may include blended learning and computer-mediated learning, shall be in addition to the required minimum hours of OJT. The computer-mediated learning model will allow the apprentice to learn at their own pace with experiential learning styles such as gaming, and knowledge checks before moving on to the next section to ensure competence. The minimum number of related instruction hours per year may change from time to time in order to meet training needs. Such changes must be properly approved by the Registration Agency.

The JATC shall secure competent Instructors whose knowledge, experience, and ability to teach shall be carefully examined and monitored. These instructors will also be competent with hands-on labs to allow the apprentices to become sufficient. The instructors shall take the teacher training courses made available from the *electrical training ALLIANCE* (or state-required equivalent) through attendance, participation, and working towards completion of the Industry's Four-Year National Training Institute Teacher-Training program.

The JATC shall secure the instructional aids and equipment it deems necessary to provide quality



instruction.

The instructors shall administer or oversee *electrical training ALLIANCE* standardized tests in a timely manner. Such tests shall be evaluated, scored, and reviewed with the class. If tests are not administered electronically, the instructor shall ensure that all tests and materials are collected and provided to the JATC.

The JATC shall monitor the apprentice's performance in related training and take appropriate action to encourage improvement where warranted. JATCs will require performance reports to be filed on a regular basis by each Instructor, evaluating the apprentice's related instructional training performance. Such reports shall be maintained by the JATC as part of its official file for each apprentice, providing an accumulative record of performance in related training.

The JATC shall inform each graduating apprentice of the availability of college credit through the *electrical training ALLIANCE's* College Credit Program with the American Council on Education ("ACE"), and any Continuing Education Units ("CEUs") that may be available.

Certain related instruction may be provided online, rather than in a traditional classroom or laboratory setting. If an apprentice is required to attend related instruction online, the apprentice must have access to the Internet via a computer and must complete all online assignments and the total required hours of each session in the allotted amount of time. The computer will not be provided by the apprenticeship program and the Internet access fees will not be paid by the apprenticeship program.

Safety and Health Training

The Employers are responsible for instructing apprentices in safe and healthful work practices and shall ensure that the apprentice is trained in facilities and other environments that are in compliance with either the Occupational Safety and Health Act standards promulgated by DOL or State or local standards that have been found to be at least as effective as the Federal standards.

- X The JATC shall see that all apprentices complete CPR/First Aid training during their probationary period. The JATC shall also attempt to see that graduates of its apprenticeship program possess a current CPR/First Aid card. NOTE: This training requires additional classroom hours.
- X The JATC shall see that each apprentice successfully completes the electrical training ALLIANCE, OSHA approved, Ten-Hour Construction Safety course, before beginning the Second Year of related instructional training. NOTE: This training requires additional classroom hours.
- The JATC shall see that each apprentice successfully completes the additional electrical training ALLIANCE/OSHA training course materials necessary to acquire the OSHA Thirty-Hour Card. NOTE: This training requires additional classroom hours.

Methods of Entry

Every individual selected for apprenticeship shall come from the pool of qualified applicants on the ranked list, unless otherwise qualifying for Direct Interview (if applicable) or Direct Entry. No applicant shall be excluded from consideration because they fail to meet qualifications for Direct Interview (if applicable) or Direct Entry; they must be considered under the standard method of entry.

Application. Every applicant must fill out an application form, either in paper format or electronically; accurately; and completely responding to all questions and items listed in the application.

Direct Interview Qualification.

Except as described below, the applicants described below will not be required to obtain a qualifying score on the Aptitude Test or meet the requirements of High School diploma or GED, or Algebra. If



they meet all other minimum qualifications listed in the Registered Apprenticeship Standards, and the requirements below, they will be invited to an interview. These individuals must still meet all post-selection requirements. Applicants are not required to apply through these methods and may choose to apply through the standard method of entry.

□ 1) Military Experience.

- a. Applicants who have completed at least three years of active-duty military service with the U.S. Armed Forces, with a discharge under honorable conditions within five years of the application date.
- b. Applicants who have completed at least six years of U.S. military reserve service, who are still serving as a military reservist or have an honorable discharge within two years of the application date.
- c. Applicants who have been honorably discharged from the military and have completed military technical training school in a Military Occupational Specialty (“MOS”) applicable to the commercial and/or industrial electrical construction industry and can document a minimum of two years of military experience in that MOS within five years of the date of application. *These individuals may also qualify for direct entry.*
- d. To qualify under Military Experience, applicants must provide a DD Form 214 or equivalent documentation acceptable to the JATC to establish their experience.
- e. Applicants who have served overseas and/or lived on a military installation for a minimum of two (2) years prior to application will have any existing residency restriction waived.

□ 2) Industry Experience.

- a. 2,000 Hours. Applicants who can verify that they have worked a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours specifically in the electrical construction industry.
- b. 4,000 Hours. Applicants who can verify that they have worked a minimum of 4,000 hours specifically in the commercial construction industry. These individuals may also qualify for direct entry. An absolute minimum of 4,000 hours of electrical work experience must be proven to meet this qualification. No other form of electronic or electrical experience/training or construction experience will be given credit under this provision.
- c. Individuals applying under these two Industry Experience methods must provide to the JATC sufficient documentation, satisfactory to the JATC, to demonstrate their experience in the electrical construction industry. This documentation may be comprised of official documents such as tax/payroll records, or notarized letters of experience from prior employers.

□ 3) electrical training ALLIANCE Interim Credential.

- a. Individuals who have received an Interim Credential through the program developed by the electrical training ALLIANCE, which represents that they have successfully completed the assigned curriculum. *These individuals may also be eligible for direct entry.*

□ 4) School to Apprenticeship.

- a. Individuals who have completed a School to Apprenticeship (STA) Program in the electrical industry, including School to Registered Apprenticeship (STRA) program involving the JATC. To be eligible, the STA or STRA program must meet the following requirements:
 - i. shall be available to all schools within the jurisdiction of the CBA that agree to participate in the



STRA program.

- ii. shall require participants to be at least 16 years of age.
- iii. shall require participants to complete their Junior Year (11th Grade) of High School prior to being employed as an apprentice in this program.
- iv. shall allow the JATC to work with the school to encourage participating school systems to include in their academic curriculum: A basic Computer Course and Mechanical Drawing, or Computer-Aided Design. The JATC may determine that participants must complete the First Year of industry-related classroom training (*electrical training ALLIANCE* Curriculum), specific *electrical training ALLIANCE* courses or industry orientation-related seminars, or classes. These classes and seminars shall be taught by the JATC. The *electrical training ALLIANCE* course materials may be presented during the evening hours.
- v. may permit the scheduling of alternating weeks of academic study and OJT experience, as determined by the JATC, and agreed to by the participating school(s).
- vi. shall mandate that failure to successfully complete academic studies (high school and JATC) shall be just cause for termination from the program.
- vii. shall mandate that failure to demonstrate progress in safely and proficiently accomplishing work practices shall be just cause for termination.

□ 5) Job Corps.

- a. Applicants who completed a Job Corps training program in electrical construction within two (2) years prior to application, and who obtain a qualifying score on the Aptitude Test.

□ 6) Pre-Apprenticeship Programs.

- a. Individuals who can verify that they have completed a structured pre-apprenticeship training program meeting minimum requirements recognized by the JATC, and sponsored by community outreach groups, the IBEW or NECA, the Local, State, Regional or National Building Trades programs, or by the JATC. *These individuals may also qualify for direct entry.*
- b. Applicants under this method must provide the JATC with appropriate documentation, satisfactory to the JATC, confirming that they meet the specific requirements of the pre-apprenticeship program. This documentation must be comprised of official documents such as completion/graduation certificates, transcripts, notarized letters of confirmation, and sworn statements.

□ 7) Industry Needs.

Applicants who meet unique industry needs or requirements, and who obtain a qualifying score on the Aptitude Test, will qualify for direct interview by the JATC as soon as possible after application submission and may qualify for direct entry. To qualify under this method, applicants must either:

- i. Be in categories for which signatory contractors are required to recruit and hire under project labor agreements (“PLAs”), project stabilization agreements (“PSAs”), and/or other federal, state, or local government contracts or agreements, provided that those categories are not defined by Protected Characteristics as defined in the JATC’s EEO/AA Plan (e.g., requirements for veterans, local residents, or disadvantaged workers as defined by income or other factors than the Protected Characteristics); or



- ii. Be located in a geographic area for which there is a high demand that cannot be reasonably served with a sufficient number of apprentices because of the excessive travel distances.

Direct Entry Qualification.

Applicants who meet the following qualifications will be offered direct entry into the Apprenticeship Program, with certain requirements waived and without being placed on or selected from the ranked list of qualified applicants. These individuals must still meet all post-selection requirements, unless expressly exempted.

- 1) New Signatory Employer. An electrical construction employee of a non-signatory employer not qualifying as a Journeyworker when the employer becomes a signatory shall be evaluated by the JATC, using consistent, standard, non-discriminatory means and registered at the appropriate period of apprenticeship based on previous work experience and related training.
 - a. Such applicants must:
 - i. Provide official, undisputable documentation to show that they were an employee performing electrical construction work prior to and at the time the employer becomes signatory.
 - ii. Supply the JATC with required reliable documentation and adequate verification to substantiate previous employment and experience to warrant their registration.
 - iii. Meet the physical requirement to climb and work from ladders, scaffolds, poles, and towers of various heights, push, pull, crawl, crouch, and work in confined spaces such as attics, manholes, and crawlspaces, lift 25–50-pound objects on a fairly consistent schedule, and use various hand and power-assisted tools to install conduit, wiring, fixtures, devices, and electrical apparatus within commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.
 - iv. Be capable of completing all requirements of the apprenticeship program and performing the work required of an electrical worker, with or without reasonable accommodations, including being able and willing to: Safely perform or learn to safely perform the essential functions of the job; Get to and from work at job sites anywhere within the geographical jurisdiction of this Apprenticeship Program. Attend and successfully pass all related instruction; Understand and follow all JATC Rules and Policies; Read, hear, speak, and understand instructions and warnings in English.
- 2) 30% Cards. An individual who signs an authorization card during an organizing effort, where 30% or more of the employees have signed authorization cards, whether or not the employer becomes signatory, and is an employee of the non-signatory electrical contractor and does not qualify as a Journeyworker, shall be evaluated by the JATC, using consistent, standard, non-discriminatory means and registered at the appropriate period of apprenticeship based on previous work experience and related training.
 - a. All employees of the non-signatory electrical contractor must have been offered the opportunity to sign authorization cards.
 - b. For such applicants to be considered, they must:
 - i. Have previous work experience (with non-participating employer(s)) that warrants some OJT credit, based on the provisions of these Standards, provide reliable documentation and adequate verification (which shall be recorded and securely filed in the applicant's file) to substantiate previous employment and experience, in order to qualify for direct entry under this provision.



- ii. Provide official documentation to show length of employment with present electrical employer and all other previous electrical employers.
 - iii. Meet the physical requirement to climb and work from ladders, scaffolds, poles, and towers of various heights, push, pull, crawl, crouch, and work in confined spaces such as attics, manholes, and crawlspaces, lift 25–50-pound objects on a fairly consistent schedule, and use various hand and power-assisted tools to install conduit, wiring, fixtures, devices, and electrical apparatus within commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.
 - iv. Be capable of completing all requirements of the apprenticeship program and performing the work required of an electrical worker, with or without reasonable accommodations, including being able and willing to: Safely perform or learn to safely perform the essential functions of the job; Get to and from work at job sites anywhere within the geographical jurisdiction of this Apprenticeship Program. Attend and successfully pass all related instruction; Understand and follow all JATC Rules and Policies; Read, hear, speak, and understand instructions and warnings in English.
- 3) *Transfer of Apprenticeship.* A registered apprentice who wishes to transfer an Apprenticeship Agreement between two local IBEW/NECA JATCs having registered inside apprenticeship programs must meet the following requirements.
- a. The apprentice must submit a written request for transfer, describing in detail the needs and reasons upon which the request is based.
 - b. The apprentice's sponsoring JATC must agree to the transfer, acting on behalf of the official program sponsors for the IBEW and NECA. The sponsoring JATC must not unreasonably withhold such agreement.
 - c. The receiving JATC must agree to accept the transfer, acting on behalf of the official program sponsors for the IBEW and NECA. The receiving JATC must not unreasonably withhold such acceptance.
 - d. The receiving JATC shall have complete access to all apprenticeship records pertaining to the transferring apprentice.
 - e. The transferring apprentice must:
 - i. Complete an Application.
 - ii. Provide to the JATC official documentation pertaining to their participation in the apprenticeship program they are transferring from. An official copy of all records established with the sponsoring JATC (including a copy of the application form and the apprenticeship agreement – properly registered with the Registration Agency) and other information submitted shall be provided to the receiving JATC.
 - iii. The receiving JATC will examine all documentation submitted before granting permission to transfer. All such records shall become part of the receiving JATC's permanent files.
 - g. Upon being accepted by the receiving JATC, have their existing apprenticeship agreement terminated and have registration proceedings initiated immediately by the receiving JATC and the appropriate Registration Agency. The Registration Agency will be provided with all documentation necessary and/or required to verify that the transfer is justifiable.
 - h. The apprentice will receive full credit for probationary time previously served. No plan assets will be transferred between the plans to cover the cost of the apprentice's education.



Credit for On-the-Job Skill Acquisition and Previous Related Training

Every applicant who qualifies for [Direct Interview] [*Note: Where offered*] or Direct Entry, and who is subsequently registered, will be evaluated by the JATC to determine, using standard means of evaluation, if OJT and/or related instruction credit will be awarded for previous training and experience.

Qualified applicants interviewed and selected for apprenticeship under these Standards who have previously completed another IBEW/NECA apprenticeship will be awarded a minimum of three thousand, five hundred (3,500) hours of OJT credit. Such individuals will be properly evaluated by the JATC and placed in the appropriate year of related training.

Qualified applicants selected for registration who have the electrical training ALLIANCE Interim Credential shall be provided credit for the courses completed within the Interim Credentials, if the Interim Credential was received within three (3) years of the date of registration.

Other applicants selected for registration who have previous knowledge and skill acquisition in the electrical construction industry can ask for and have such work and job experience evaluated by the JATC prior to signing an Apprenticeship Agreement. The apprentice cannot request an evaluation of past experience after signing.

Where such experience warrants, the JATC will place the apprentice in the appropriate period with the commensurate wages as determined by the JATC. The JATC will use consistent and equal ways and means for measuring and evaluating individuals to determine how much credit to award, for both OJT and related training. Hours of OJT credit awarded and related instruction placement level are independent of one another. Those awarded OJT credit and assigned to the appropriate pay period classification may be given additional time to successfully complete related instructional requirements.

Advance standing is subject to review throughout the probationary period. During this time, OJT and classroom performance will be evaluated to determine if any readjustment concerning OJT or related training status is warranted, including reevaluation and reassignment of apprenticeship period and level of related instruction, as the JATC determines.

The JATC permits individuals with previous education and training to test out of related courses. It has developed a nondiscriminatory policy adopting uniform written and proficiency-type examinations to be used in determining whether or not to award credit and waive specific course(s), or areas(s) of training.

The Apprenticeship Agreement

Before being employed as an apprentice or enrolled in related instruction classes, the selected applicant must sign an Apprenticeship Agreement with the JATC. The Apprenticeship Agreement will be submitted to the Registration Agency for approval if required. The Standards and the JATC's Rules and Policies (as they may be amended) shall be considered a part of the Apprenticeship Agreement.

Prior to signing the Apprenticeship Agreement, each selected applicant shall be given an opportunity to read and review the Standards, the JATC's Rules and Policies, the Apprenticeship Agreement and the sections of the CBA that pertains to apprenticeship. Selected applicants shall sign an acknowledgement that they have reviewed the documents and are willing to abide by them.

The JATC and the Apprentice shall sign the Apprenticeship Agreement, and each receive a signed copy. The JATC shall follow the procedures of the Registration Agency regarding the submission of the Apprenticeship Agreement (e.g. through RAPIDS for DOL states, number of signed originals).



Selection and Placement

Selection and placement of all Applicants not eligible for Direct Entry will be done under the Selection Procedures as stated below.

Apprentices who enter the traditional time-based program may be offered the opportunity to transition into the Hybrid apprenticeship program provided the transition is authorized and approved by the JATC. Apprentices who enter the Hybrid apprenticeship program may be offered the opportunity by the JATC to transition to the traditional time-based program provided the transition is authorized and approved by the JATC. Apprentices who transition must complete all of the related instruction and hour requirements for the program.

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OMB No. 1205-0223 Expiration Date: 07/31/2027

NOTE: THIS FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE PROGRAM SPONSOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REGISTRATION AGENCY.

A. PROGRAM SPONSOR'S IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

1. Employer Identification Number (Optional) 75-1089308		2. Program Number (When Assigned) TX012460003	
3. Sponsor Name West Texas Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust		4. Doing Business As (DBA) (If Applicable) West Texas Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC)	
5. Address 102 Bowie St.			
6. City Amarillo	7. State TX	8. Zip Code 79106	9. County Potter
10. Is the program sponsor's address provided immediately above different from the program sponsor's principal place of business in the United States (i.e., the location of the program sponsor's headquarters)? (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide the address and point of contact information (first name, middle initial, last name, title, telephone number, and e-mail address) at the program sponsor's principal place of business in the United States: 			
11. Sponsor Type (Select All That Apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Union/Labor <input type="checkbox"/> Business Association <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediary <input type="checkbox"/> Community College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Community-Based Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Development Board <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agency <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> City/County Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			
12. Parent Organization / National Affiliation International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 602 and West Texas Chapter of National Electrical Contractors Association			

B. PROGRAM SPONSOR'S POINT OF CONTACT AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

1. Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial Salazar, Paul R			
2. Title Training Director			
3. Is this person the primary point of contact for information about the program? (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No NOTE: If there are additional program sponsor points of contact, please provide their name and contact information in a separate attachment.			
4. Point of Contact's Address (If different from Sponsor's Address in Section A) 102 Bowie St			
5. City Amarillo	6. State TX	7. Zip Code 79106	8. County Potter

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9. Telephone Number 806-372-1581	10. Extension (Optional)	11. Cell Phone Number (Optional)	12. E-Mail Address psalazarjate@wtxjatc.org
13. Is the program sponsor different from the employer that employs apprentices? (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide the employer name and the employer's primary point of contact information (first name, middle initial, last name, title, address, telephone number, cell phone number (optional), and e-mail address) below. (Note: If there are multiple employers, please provide their names and their primary point of contact information in a separate attachment.) 			
14. Does this program employ apprentices in more than one U.S. state and/or territory? (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please list below each U.S. state and/or territory where the sponsor's apprenticeship program employs apprentices: 			
15. Is the program sponsor willing to be placed on the statewide Eligible Training Provider (ETP) List? (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

C. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION (INCLUDING SPONSOR'S POINT OF CONTACT FOR COMPLAINTS)

1. Program Type (Select All That Apply)

☐ Single Employer

☒ Multi-Employer

☐ National Program Standards

☒ Local Apprenticeship Standards

If you selected local apprenticeship standards, are these standards based on National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards program name and certification number:

Electrical Training Alliance
C-2024-16

2. Does this program have a Collective Bargaining Agreement? (Select One)

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide Bargaining Agency Name and then proceed to question #3 immediately below:

IBEW Local 602

If no, please skip question #3 immediately below and proceed to question #4.

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3. Does the union waive any privileges under this program (specifically, in instances where: (1) a program is registered by an employer or employers' association, (2) a collective bargaining agreement exists, <u>and</u> (3) the union elects not to participate in the operation of substantive matters of the apprenticeship program)? (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
4. Size of Workforce (includes all employees) 553	5. Employer NAICS Code 238210
6. Does this program have an Inmate Program? (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
7. Does this program require specialized documentation to verify credit for previous experience? (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please specify below: TDLR Hour Verification Form Letter from former employer(s)	
8. Name and Contact Information (first name, middle initial, last name, title, address, telephone number, cell phone number (optional), and e-mail address) of the Individual Designated by the Program Sponsor to Receive Complaints Paul R Salazar Training Director 102 Bowie St Amarillo, TX 79106 806-372-1581 psalazarjadc@wtxjatc.org	
9. Program Registration Date (MO/DD/YYYY) (Provided Upon Completion of Registration) 6/4/1946	

D. OCCUPATION INFORMATION, RELEVANT WAGE INFORMATION, AND MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
1. Occupation Type (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time-based <input type="checkbox"/> Competency-based <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid	2. Occupation Title (Note: If there are additional occupation titles, please provide the information associated with each occupation (see fields D1 - D21) in a separate attachment) Electrician
3. RAPIDS Code 0159	4. O*NET Code 47-2111-00
5. Sponsor Occupation Title (If different from the Occupation Title)	
6. Does this occupation have interim credentials (career lattice occupation)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7. Term Length (Duration of Apprenticeship) 8000 Hours	8. Probationary Period 2000 Hours
9. Minimum Requirements for Entry into the Program (If Applicable) a. Minimum Age: 17 to apply. 18 to be accepted.	

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b. Education: See attachment at end c. Physical: See attachment at end d. Aptitude Tests: See attachment at end e. Other:				
10. Is there a Written School-To-Apprenticeship Agreement (STA)? (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
11. Is there an established on-the-job learning/training plan (e.g., work process schedule)? (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide the plan in a separate attachment. Attached If no, please work with the Registration Agency to develop a plan.				
12. What is the Apprentice to Journeyworker (i.e., Experienced Worker) ratio? ___ 1 ___ Apprentice(s) to ___ 1 ___ Journeyworker(s)				
13. Are Wages Paid During Related Instruction (RI)? (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			14. Hours When RI Is Provided (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> During Work Hours <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not During Work Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Both During and Not During Work Hours	
15. Number of Journeyworkers Employed				
16. Journeyworker Wage ATTACHED			19. Wage Units for Journeyworker and Apprentice (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hourly <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Competencies	
17. Apprentice Start Wage				
18. Apprentice End Wage				
20. Wage Rate (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> % of Journeyworker wage <input type="checkbox"/> \$ amount of wage <input type="checkbox"/> Both % and \$ amount of wage				
21. Wage Schedule Information				
a. Period	b. Duration (If Applicable)	c. Number of Competencies (If Applicable)	d. % of Journeyworker Wage	e. \$ Amount of Wage
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E. RELATED INSTRUCTION (RI) PROVIDER(S) INFORMATION					
1. Name of Primary RI Provider West Texas Electrical JATC			13. Name of Secondary RI Provider (If Applicable) (Note: If there are more than two RI providers, please provide their information in a separate attachment)		
2. Address 102 Bowie St			14. Address		
3. City Amarillo	4. State TX	5. Zip Code 79106	15. City	16. State	17. Zip Code
6. Website (Optional) Wtxjatc.org			18. Website (Optional)		
7. Instruction Method (Select All That apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correspondence/Shop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web-Based Learning			19. Instruction Method (Select All That Apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence/Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Web-Based Learning		
8. Provider Type (Select All That Apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Community College/Technical School <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational School <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			20. Provider Type (Select All That Apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Community College/Technical School <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational School <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
9. Total Length of RI 720			21. Total Length of RI		
10. Is there an established RI outline/plan? (Select One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide the outline/plan in a separate attachment. If no, please work with the Registration Agency to develop an outline/plan.			22. Is there an established RI outline/plan? (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide the outline/plan in a separate attachment. If no, please work with the Registration Agency to develop an outline/plan.		
11. Contact Person (First Name and Last Name Required) Paul Salazar			23. Contact Person (First Name and Last Name Required)		
12. Telephone Number and Email Address 806-372-1581 psalazarjatc@wtjatc.org			24. Telephone Number and Email Address		

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F. SELECTION PROCEDURES

Does this program have an established Selection Procedure? (Select One)

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide the procedures in a separate attachment.

If no, please work with the Registration Agency to develop procedures.

**G. PROGRAM SPONSOR'S WRITTEN ASSURANCES WITH RESPECT TO VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS
MANDATED BY PUBLIC LAW 116-134 (134 STAT. 276)**

Pursuant to section 2(b)(1) of the Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116-134, 134 Stat. 276), by signing below the program sponsor official whose name and initials are subscribed below assures and acknowledges to the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship the following regarding certain G.I. Bill and other VA-administered educational assistance referenced below (and described in greater detail at the VA's website at: [https:// www.va.gov/education/eligibility](https://www.va.gov/education/eligibility)) for which current apprentices and/or apprenticeship program candidates may be eligible:

- (1) The program sponsor is aware of the availability of educational assistance for a veteran or other eligible individual under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code, for use in connection with a registered apprenticeship program (**Initials of program sponsor official:** PRS);
- (2) The program sponsor will make a good faith effort to obtain approval for educational assistance described in paragraph (1) above for, at a minimum, each program location that employs or recruits an veteran or other eligible individual for educational assistance under chapters 30 through 36 of title 38, United States Code (**Initials of program sponsor official:** PRS); and
- (3) The program sponsor will not deny the application of a qualified candidate who is a veteran or other individual eligible for educational assistance described in paragraph (1) above for the purpose of avoiding making a good faith effort to obtain approval as described in paragraph (2) above (**Initials of program sponsor official:** PRS).

Attestation: I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read and reviewed the contents of this apprenticeship program registration document, including the foregoing assurances required of program sponsors under Pub. L. 116-134, and that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained therein is true and accurate.

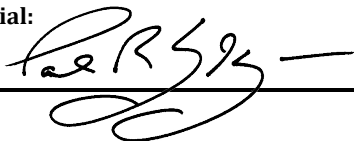
Name of Program Sponsor Official (Last, First, Middle Initial):

Salazar, Paul, R

Title of Official:

Training Director

Signature of Official:



Date of Signature:

9/10/2024

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Section A: Program Sponsor's Identifying Information

- A1. An **Employer Identification Number (EIN)** is an Internal Revenue Service Federal Tax Identification Number that is used to identify a business entity. The submission of the EIN is voluntary. The employer who enters this number is verifying that the business is legitimate with intentions of maintaining a registered apprenticeship program and training apprentices. This quality assurance check protects the welfare of the apprentice.
- A2. A **Program Number** is a generated number assigned to a program sponsor when a program is registered in the Office of Apprenticeship's Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Data System (RAPIDS).
- A3. A **Sponsor Name** is any person, association, committee, or organization operating an apprenticeship program and in whose name the program is (or is to be) registered or approved.
- A12. A **Parent Organization / National Affiliation** refers to the employer, labor union, or association which may be a party to the program sponsor's standards of apprenticeship.

Section B: Program Sponsor's Point of Contact and Other Relevant Information

- B13. An **Employer** is any person or organization employing an apprentice whether or not such person or organization is a party to an Apprenticeship Agreement with the apprentice.
- B15. Each state has an **Eligible Training Provider (ETP) List** that is comprised of entities with a demonstrated capability of training individuals to enter quality employment. In accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, participants in need of training services to enhance their job readiness or career pathway may access career training through this list of state-approved training providers and their state-approved training programs.

Section C: Additional Program Classification Information (Including Sponsor's Point of Contact for Complaints)

- C1. A **Program Type** includes the following:
- **National Program Standards (NPS)** are apprenticeship programs that are generally appropriate for large national employers that wish to implement the same apprenticeship program across the country in multiple jurisdictions. NPS is a registered apprenticeship business model which affords a program sponsor a uniformed approach for training nationally with a single point of registration.
 - **Local Apprenticeship Standards** are apprenticeship programs that are appropriate for registration in a specific jurisdiction.
 - **National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards (NGS)** are suitable for organizations that seek to provide some level of consistency in standards across their affiliates, but wish to allow for some ability to customize programs at the local level. While NGS are approved and certified by the Office of Apprenticeship at a national level, programs are registered by local jurisdictions.
- C4. The **Size of Workforce** equates to the number of employees (e.g., support staff, professional staff, management, etc.) associated with the program's employer(s).
- C5. An **Employer North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Code** is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy. For more information on NAICS, please go to the following website: <https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>.
- C6. An **Inmate Program** refers to a program established under an agreement between a sponsor and a prison system for training inmates. Please note that these programs are not subject to Federal or state minimum wage requirements.
- C8. **Complaints:** Identifies the individual or entity responsible for receiving complaints (29 CFR 29.7(k)).
- C9. A **Program Registration Date** is the date the program was officially registered.

Section D: Occupation Information, Relevant Wage Information, and Minimum Qualification Requirements

- D1. **Occupation Type** refers to the following three training approaches listed below.
- A **Time-based Approach** measures skill acquisition through the individual apprentice's completion of at least 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning as described in a work process schedule.
 - A **Competency-based Approach** measures skill acquisition through the individual apprentice's successful demonstration of acquired skills and knowledge, as verified by the program sponsor. Programs utilizing this approach must still require apprentices to complete an on-the-job learning component of Registered Apprenticeship. The program standards must address how on-the-job learning will be integrated into the program, describe competencies, and identify an appropriate means of testing and evaluation for such competencies. An apprentice must be registered in an approved competency-based occupation for 12 calendar months of on-the-job-learning.
 - A **Hybrid Approach** measures the individual apprentice's skill acquisition through a combination of specified minimum number of hours of on-the-job learning and the successful demonstration of competency as described in a work process schedule.
- D2. An **Occupation Title** is the specific title of an occupation that a sponsor designates using the apprenticeable occupation list.

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- D3. A **RAPIDS Code** is the numeric code of the occupation in the apprenticeable occupation list.
- D4. An **Occupational Information Network (O*NET) Code** is an 8-digit code in the O*NET data system (<https://www.onetonline.org/>).
- D5. A **Sponsor Occupation Title** is a specific title of an occupation that may or may not be the same as the O*NET occupational title.
- D6. **Interim Credentials** (Certificate of Training) applies to career lattice occupations. These credentials are issued by the Registration Agency upon request by the program sponsor. Interim credentials provide certification of competency attainment by an apprentice, but does not necessarily indicate completion of the program.
- D7. A **Term Length** of the occupation is based on the program sponsor's training approach as approved by the Registration Agency.
- D8. A **Probationary Period** is the number of hours or weeks of on-the-job learning during the apprentice's probationary period. A probationary period cannot exceed 25 percent of the term length of the occupation or one year, whichever is shorter.
- D10. A **Written School-to-Apprenticeship (STA) Agreement** is based on when a sponsor has an agreement that would be signed by the high-school student, employer, and parent or guardian, if applicable. The agreement may include a supplemental articulation agreement outlining the duties and responsibilities of all parties.
- D15. The **Number of Journeyworkers Employed** represents the total number of journeyworkers in an occupation.
- D21. The **Wage Schedule Information** requires a progressively increasing schedule of wages during the apprentice's apprenticeship based on the acquisition of increased skill and competence on the job and in related instruction. Multiple wage schedules may apply to a program that has the same occupation in different geographic localities.

Section E: Related Instruction (RI) Provider(s) Information

- E1-24. The **Related Instruction (RI) Provider(s) Information** section requires the sponsor to enter information on the RI provider in E1-12 and in E13-24, if there is an additional RI provider.
- E9 & E21. The **Total Length of RI** is the duration spent in related instruction in technical subjects related to the occupation, which is recommended to be not less than 144 hours per year.

Section F: Selection Procedures

A **Selection Procedure** is any measure, combination of measures, or procedure used as a basis for any decision in apprenticeship. Selection procedures include the full range of assessment techniques from traditional paper and pencil tests, performance tests, training programs, or probationary periods and physical, educational, and work experience requirements through informal or casual interviews and unscored application forms.

Public Burden Statement – Persons are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average forty-five minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits under 29 U.S.C. 50. Send comments regarding this burden or any other aspect of this collection of information including suggestions for reducing this burden to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-5321, Washington, D.C. 20210 (OMB Control Number 1205-0223).

9. Minimum Requirements for Entry into the Program

b. Education: (i) a high school diploma, or (ii) a Certificate of High School Equivalency or GED, or (iii) a two-year Associate Degree (or its equivalent) or higher. (If equivalent education was obtained outside of the United States, the applicant will be required to provide appropriate documentation); and (i) completion of one full year of high school algebra (or its equivalent) with a passing grade, or (ii) completion of one semester of post high school algebra (e.g., Adult Education, Continuing Education, Community College, etc.) with a passing grade: or (iii) completion of the electrical training ALLIANCE online Tech Math Course.

c. Physical: There is a physical requirement of climb and work from ladders, scaffolds, poles, and towers of various heights, push, pull, crawl, crouch, and work in confined spaces such as attics, manholes, and crawlspaces, lift 25–50-pound objects on a fairly consistent schedule, and use various hand and power-assisted tools to install conduit, wiring, fixtures, devices, and electrical apparatus within commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.

d. Aptitude Tests: The following aptitude test will be administered: the electrical training ALLIANCE's Aptitude Test validated by the American Institute for Research. Applicants who do not qualify for Direct Interview or Direct Entry must have a minimum score of 5 to qualify and be eligible for interview (Recommended passing score is "4"). Applicants who qualify for Direct Interview or Direct Entry, and who are subsequently registered in the program, will be required to take the Aptitude Test, either before or after registration, to assist in placement and identify areas where they may require additional support.



Appendix A
WORK PROCESS SCHEDULE
ELECTRICIAN (Alternate Title : Interior Electrician)
O*NET-SOC CODE: 47-2111.00 RAPIDS CODE: 0159

In order to provide for the development of the necessary occupational skills in the various work processes, the JATC shall attempt to provide the apprentice with OJT in the following categories, as job training assignments permit. These estimates are not minimum requirements for proficiency. Some job assignments may relate to more than one work process.

The below approximate hours are for illustration only and are not an industry recommendation.

Electrician (Alternate Title: Interior Electrician), Inside Wiremen	
Job Description: Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems.	
RAPIDS Code: 0159	O*NET Code: 47-2111.00
Estimated Program Length: 8000 Hours	
Apprenticeship Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Competency-Based <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Time-Based <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid	

Project Layout & Planning	Approximate Hours
Reading and Interpreting blueprints and specifications; Coordination between crafts, engineers, and architects; Layout feeders, risers, and branch circuits	200

Underground Installations	Approximate Hours
Trenching and ditch digging; Direct burial; Installing PVC/Rigid conduit; Installing grounding electrode systems	300

Thinwall Conduit Raceway Systems	Approximate Hours
Fastening and supporting devices; Conduit fabrication; Installation of conduit, fittings, and boxes	1450



Rigid Conduit Raceway Systems	Approximate Hours
A Fastening and supporting devices; Bender setup; Conduit fabrication; Installation of conduit, fittings, and boxes	900

Installing Services, Switchboards, and Panels	Approximate Hours
Mounting devices; Breaker installation; Terminations	500

Floor Duct Installation	Approximate Hours
Transit/grade establishment; Installing duct and fittings; Core drilling and outlet installation	100

Motor Control Center Installation	Approximate Hours
Rigging and mounting; Terminating feeders, branch circuits, and control wiring	100

Installing, Splicing, & Terminating Wires and Cables	Approximate Hours
Establishing temporary power; Feeders and branch circuits; Control wiring; Splices, taps, and terminations	1200

Cable Tray Installation	Approximate Hours
Fabrication; Installing support devices; Installing cable tray and covers	150

Lighting System Installation	Approximate Hours
Installing outlet boxes and conductors; Installing fixtures; Control devices	1000

Testing and Troubleshooting Feeders, Motors, and Branch Circuits	Approximate Hours
Checking circuit continuity; Identifying fault current to ground; Meggering and Hi Potting; Certifying system operations; Repair and maintenance; Ground verification	100

Fire Alarm Installation	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout and circuit installation; Control panel and device installation; Programming and testing	150

Motor Installation	Approximate Hours
Rigging and setting; Alignment; Circuiting and Terminations; Testing	300



Control System Installation	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout and circuit installation; Distributed control	200

Installing and Programming Programmable Logic Controllers	Approximate Hours
Module installation; Control wiring and devices; Programming	100

Installing Instrumentation and Process Control Systems	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout and installation; Calibration	100

Security System Installation	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout; Box and circuit installation; Termination; Testing	50

Installing Sound and Communication Systems	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpretation; Layout; Conduit and box installation; Installing panels and network; Circuit installation; Terminations and testing	50

Installing and Terminating Transformers	Approximate Hours
Rigging and mounting; Primary and secondary terminations; Testing and troubleshooting	100

Installing Fiber Optic Cable	Approximate Hours
Equipment layout; Installing cable; Polishing and terminating; Testing and verifying	400

Alternative Energy Sources (Solar, Wind, Fuel Cell, etc.)	Approximate Hours
Blueprint and specification interpreting; Layout and installation; Testing, verifying, and troubleshooting	100

Welding and Brazing	Approximate Hours
Machine setup; Fabrication; Welding, grinding and finishing.	50



Service and Troubleshooting	Approximate Hours
Testing and analysis and repair of motors, transformers, electrical devices, electronic devices, magnetic devices, lighting and power circuits, equipment and machinery, control circuits and devices	100

Material Handling and Pre-Fabrication	Approximate Hours
Material/equipment awareness; Fabrication for field installation	100

Safety Awareness and Other Specialized Areas	Approximate Hours
	200

APPROXIMATE HOURS	8000
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Appendix A

RELATED INSTRUCTION OUTLINE

ELECTRICIAN (Alternate Title : Interior Electrician)

O*NET-SOC CODE: 47-2111.00 RAPIDS CODE: 0159

Each apprentice shall be required to participate in non-compensable related instruction away from the job as specified below.

Topics to be studied (completed) as part of the required electrical training ALLIANCE curriculum shall include, but not be limited to those listed below. The order of presentation may change from time to time:

Provider	
Name: JATC	
Address: 102 Bowie St Amarillo, TX 79106	
Email: psalazarjatc@wtxjatc.org	Phone Number: 806-372-1581
Related Instruction Hours:	

☒ **Option: 180 hours per year**

Course Title	Contact Hours
FIRST SESSION Codes and Standards Electrical Theory Industry Orientation Installation Applications Jobsite Skills and Practices Safety Awareness	180 Hours Core
SECOND SESSION Codes and Standards Construction Documentation Electrical Equipment Electrical Theory Industry Orientation Installation Applications Safety Awareness	180 Hours Core
THIRD SESSION Codes and Standards Construction Documentation Construction Leadership Electrical Systems	180 Hours Core



Electrical Theory Safe Material and Equipment Handling Safety Awareness	
FOURTH SESSION Codes and Standards Construction Documentation Electrical Control Systems Electrical Systems Electrical Equipment Safety Awareness	72 Hours Core
ADVANCED TOPICS Advanced Codes and Standards Advanced Construction Documentation Advanced Construction Leadership Advanced Distributed Generation Advanced Communications Systems Advanced Control Systems Advanced Electrical Equipment Advanced Electrical Systems Advanced Limited Energy Systems Advanced Safety Awareness Advanced Theory	108 Hours Advanced
Total Minimum Hours	720

Provider	
Name: JATC	
Address:	
Email:	Phone Number:
Related Instruction Hours:	

☐ **Option: 144 hours per year**

Course Title	Contact Hours
FIRST SESSION Codes and Standards Electrical Theory Industry Orientation	144 Hours Core

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6 Period	% JW	Base	H&W	Annuity	NEBF	JATC	LMCC	Total Package
1	50%	\$15.82	\$8.50	\$0.00	\$0.47	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$24.79
2	53%	\$16.76	\$8.50	\$0.00	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$25.77
3	55%	\$17.40	\$8.50	\$1.82	\$0.52	\$0.33	\$0.02	\$28.56
4	65%	\$20.56	\$8.50	\$2.15	\$0.62	\$0.39	\$0.02	\$32.21
5	75%	\$23.72	\$8.50	\$2.48	\$0.71	\$0.45	\$0.02	\$35.86
6	85%	\$26.89	\$8.50	\$2.81	\$0.81	\$0.51	\$0.02	\$39.51
JW	100%	\$31.63	\$8.50	\$3.30	\$0.95	\$0.60	\$0.02	\$44.98
.80 Foreman		\$32.43	\$8.50	\$3.30	\$0.97	\$0.60	\$0.02	\$45.80
10% Foreman	110%	\$34.79	\$8.50	\$3.30	\$1.04	\$0.60	\$0.02	\$48.24
20% Foreman	120%	\$41.76	\$8.50	\$3.30	\$1.25	\$0.60	\$0.02	\$55.41

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6 Period	% JW	Base	H&W	Annuity	NEBF	JATC	LMCC	Total Package
1	50%	\$13.90	\$8.50	\$0.00	\$0.42	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$22.81
2	53%	\$14.73	\$8.50	\$0.00	\$0.44	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$23.67
3	55%	\$15.28	\$8.50	\$1.87	\$0.46	\$0.33	\$0.02	\$26.44
4	65%	\$18.06	\$8.50	\$2.21	\$0.54	\$0.39	\$0.02	\$29.71
5	75%	\$20.84	\$8.50	\$2.55	\$0.63	\$0.45	\$0.02	\$32.97
6	85%	\$23.62	\$8.50	\$2.89	\$0.71	\$0.51	\$0.02	\$36.23
JW	100%	\$27.79	\$8.50	\$3.40	\$0.83	\$0.60	\$0.02	\$41.12
.80 Foreman		\$28.59	\$8.50	\$3.40	\$0.86	\$0.60	\$0.02	\$41.95
10% Foreman	110%	\$30.57	\$8.50	\$3.40	\$0.92	\$0.60	\$0.02	\$43.99
20% Foreman	120%	\$36.68	\$8.50	\$3.40	\$1.10	\$0.60	\$0.02	\$50.28



Voluntary Disability Disclosure

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Please check one of the boxes below:

- ☐ YES, I HAVE A DISABILITY (or previously had a disability)
- ☐ NO, I DON'T HAVE A DISABILITY
- ☐ I DON'T WISH TO ANSWER

Your name: _____

Date: _____

Why are you being asked to complete this form?

Because we are a sponsor of a registered apprenticeship program and participate in the National Registered Apprenticeship System that is regulated by the U.S. Department of Labor, we must reach out to, enroll, and provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship to qualified people with disabilities.^[1] To help us learn how well we are doing, we are asking you to tell us if you have a disability or if you ever had a disability. Completing this form is voluntary, but we hope that you will choose to fill it out. If you are applying for apprenticeship, any answer you give will be kept private and will not be used against you in any way.

If you already are an apprentice within our registered apprenticeship program, your answer will not be used against you in any way. Because a person may become disabled at any time, we are required to ask all of our apprentices at the time of enrollment, and then remind them yearly, that they may update their information. You may voluntarily self-identify as having a disability on this form without fear of any punishment because you did not identify as having a disability earlier.

How do I know if I have a disability?

You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history or record of such an impairment or medical condition. Disabilities include, but are not limited to: blindness, deafness, cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, autism, cerebral palsy, HIV/AIDS, schizophrenia, muscular dystrophy, bipolar disorder, major depression, multiple sclerosis (MS), missing limbs or partially missing limbs, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), obsessive compulsive disorder, impairments requiring the use of a wheelchair, and intellectual disability (previously called mental retardation).

^[1] Part 30 – Equal Employment Opportunity in Apprenticeship. For more information about this form or the equal employment obligations of Federal contractors, visit the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship website at <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/eo>.



PART A: APPRENTICE'S INFORMATION

1. First Name		Last Name		Answer Both 4a. and 4b. below 4. a. Ethnicity (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Participant Did Not Self-Identify b. Race (Select One or More) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Participant Did Not Self-Identify	5. Veteran Status (Select All That Apply)
Middle Name (Optional)		Suffix (Optional)			<input type="checkbox"/> Non Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Non Veteran, Other Eligible Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran, Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Participant Did Not Self-Identify
Address (No., Street, City, State, Zip Code)					
Telephone Number (Optional)		E-mail Address (Optional)			
*Social Security Number				6. Education Level (Select One)	
-				<input type="checkbox"/> Not High School graduate <input type="checkbox"/> High School graduate (including equivalency) <input type="checkbox"/> Some College or Associate's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate or professional degree	
2. Date of Birth (Mo., Day, Yr.)		3. Sex (Select One)			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Participant Did Not Self-Identify			
7. Employment Status of Apprentice (Select One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> New Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Current Employee					
8. Did the apprentice complete a pre-apprenticeship program prior to their registration in this apprenticeship program?					
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					

If yes, please provide the Pre-Apprenticeship Program Name and Address:

PART B: PROGRAM SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

1. Program Number		2. Occupation (The work processes listed in the standards are part of this agreement.)	
Sponsor's Name and Address (No., Street, City, State, Zip Code, County)		a. RAPIDS Code:	
Telephone Number		b. O*NET Code:	
Cell Phone Number (Optional)		c. Interim Credentials Offered (i.e., Career Lattice Occupation)?	
E-mail Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

a. Sponsor's Principal Place of Business Address (If different from Sponsor's address above) b. Employer's Name and Address (If different from Sponsor's address above)	3. Occupation Type (Select One) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Time-based b. <input type="checkbox"/> Competency-based c. <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid	4. Term Length (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)	5. Probationary Period (Hrs. or Wks.)
	6. Credit for Previous On-the-Job Learning Experience (Hrs. Mos., Yrs.): a. Term Remaining (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)	7. Credit for Previous Related Instruction Experience (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)	8. Date Apprenticeship Begins a. Expected Completion Date

9. Related Instruction Provider(s) Name and Address	a. Total Length of Related Instruction
b. Are Wages Paid During Related Instruction? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	c. Hours When Related Instruction Is Provided <input type="checkbox"/> During Work Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Not During Work Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Both During and Not During Work Hours

10. Progressive Wage Schedule:

a. Apprentice's Entry Wage \$_____ b. Journeyworker's (i.e., Experienced Worker's) Wage \$_____

c. Wage Rate Units	Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Duration (If Applicable)										
	Competencies (If Applicable)										
d. Wage Rate (Select One) <input type="checkbox"/> % of Journeyworker (i.e., Experienced Worker) wage <input type="checkbox"/> \$ amount of wage <input type="checkbox"/> Both % and \$ amount of wage	Wage Rate										

11. Name and Contact Information of the Individual Designated by the Program Sponsor to Receive Complaints

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PART C: AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURES

The program sponsor's Apprenticeship Standards, which the sponsor certifies are in conformity with the requirements for program registration contained in 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 29, subpart A and 29 CFR part 30, are attached and are hereby incorporated into this agreement. The program sponsor and apprentice hereby agree to the terms of the Apprenticeship Standards that are incorporated as part of this agreement, as those Standards existed on the date of the agreement.

These Apprenticeship Standards may be amended during the period of this agreement with the consent of the parties to the agreement, provided that such amendments are also in conformity with the requirements for program registration contained in 29 CFR part 29, subpart A and 29 CFR part 30.

The apprentice will be accorded equal opportunity in all phases of apprenticeship employment and training by the program sponsor, without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability.

This agreement may be canceled by either of the parties, citing cause(s), with written notice to the registration agency, in compliance with 29 CFR part 29, subpart A.

During the probationary period described in Part B above, this apprenticeship agreement may be cancelled by either party upon written notice to the registration agency. After the probationary period, this agreement may be cancelled at the request of the apprentice, or suspended or cancelled by the sponsor, for good cause, with due notice to the apprentice and a reasonable opportunity for corrective action, and with written notice to the apprentice and to the Registration Agency of the final action taken.

This apprenticeship agreement does not constitute a certification under 29 CFR part 5 for the employment of the apprentice on Federally financed or assisted construction projects. Current certifications must be obtained from the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) or the recognized State Apprenticeship Agency.

1. Signature of Apprentice	Date	2. Signature of Parent/Guardian (If minor)	Date
3. Signature of Sponsor's Representative(s)	Date	4. Signature of Sponsor's Representative(s)	Date
5. Signature of Employer's Representative(s) (If Applicable)	Date	6. Signature of Employer's Representative(s) (If Applicable)	Date

PART D: TO BE COMPLETED BY REGISTRATION AGENCY

1. Registration Agency and Address	2. Signature (Registration Agency)	3. Date Registered
4. Apprentice Identification Number:		

NOTE: The collection and maintenance of the data on ETA-671, Apprentice Agreement and Registration – Section II Form, is authorized under the National Apprenticeship Act, 29 U.S.C. 50, and 29 CFR part 29, subpart A. The data is used for apprenticeship program statistical purposes and is maintained, pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), in a systems of records entitled, DOL/ETA-31, The Enterprise Business Support System (EBSS) (encompassing RAPIDS), at the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship. Data may be disclosed to Federal, state, and local agencies and community-based organizations, including State Apprenticeship Agencies, to facilitate statistical research, audit, and evaluation activities necessary to ensure the success, integrity, and improvement of employment and training programs. Data may also be disclosed to these organizations to determine an assessment of skill needs and program information, and in connection with federal litigation or when required by law.

Definitions / Instructions

Part A: Apprentice's Information

Item 4a. Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term, "Spanish origin," can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

Item 4b. Race

American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment. This category includes people who indicate their race as "American Indian or Alaska Native" or report entries such as Navajo, Blackfeet, Inupiat, Yup'ik, or Central American Indian groups or South American Indian groups.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. This includes people who reported detailed Asian responses such as: "Asian Indian," "Chinese," "Filipino," "Korean," "Japanese," "Vietnamese," and "Other Asian" or provide other detailed Asian responses.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as "Black or African American," or report entries such as African American, Kenyan, Nigerian, or Haitian.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who reported their race as "Fijian," "Guamanian or Chamorro," "Marshallese," "Native Hawaiian," "Samoan," "Tongan," and "Other Pacific Islander" or provide other detailed Pacific Islander responses.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. It includes people who indicate their race as "White" or report entries such as Irish, German, Italian, Lebanese, Arab, Moroccan, or Caucasian.

Item 5. Veteran Status

A **Veteran** is a person who has served in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

A **Non Veteran, Other Eligible Individual** is a person who is a dependent spouse or child—or the surviving spouse or child—of a Veteran, and who is eligible for certain G.I. Bill and other VA-administered educational assistance benefits provided under Title 38 of the U.S. Code.

A **Veteran, Eligible** is a Veteran who is eligible for certain G.I. Bill and other VA-administered educational assistance benefits provided under Title 38 of the U.S. Code.

Item 8.

Pre-Apprenticeship: A program or set of strategies designed to prepare individuals to enter and succeed in a Registered Apprenticeship program and has a documented partnership with at least one, if not more, Registered Apprenticeship program(s).

Part B: Program Sponsor's Information

Item 1. A **Program Number** is a generated number assigned to a program sponsor when a program is registered in the Office of Apprenticeship's Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Data System (RAPIDS).

Item 1. A **Sponsor Name** is any person, association, committee, or organization operating an apprenticeship program and in whose name the program is (or is to be) registered or approved.

Item 1b. An **Employer** is any person or organization employing an apprentice whether or not such person or organization is a party to an Apprenticeship Agreement with the apprentice.

Item 2. An **Occupation** refers to the occupation an apprentice will be trained in, and the occupation will be listed in the sponsor's program standards.

Item 2a. A **RAPIDS Code** is the numeric code of the occupation in the apprenticeable occupation list.

Item 2b. An **Occupational Information Network (O*NET) Code** is an 8-digit code in the O*NET data system (<https://www.onetonline.org/>).

Item 2c. **Interim Credentials** (Certificate of Training) applies to career lattice occupations. These credentials are issued by the Registration Agency upon request by the program sponsor. Interim credentials provide certification of competency attainment by an apprentice, but does not necessarily indicate completion of the program.

Item 3. **Occupation Type** refers to the following three training approaches listed below.

Item 3a. A **Time-based Approach** measures skill acquisition through the individual apprentice's completion of at least 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning as described in a work process schedule.

Item 3b. A **Competency-based Approach** measures skill acquisition through the individual apprentice's successful demonstration of acquired skills and knowledge, as verified by the program sponsor. Programs utilizing this approach must still require apprentices to complete an on-the-job learning component of Registered Apprenticeship. The program standards must address how on-the-job learning will be integrated into the program, describe competencies, and identify an appropriate means of testing and evaluation for such competencies. An apprentice must be registered in an approved competency-based occupation for 12 calendar months of on-the-job-learning.

Item 3c. A **Hybrid Approach** measures the individual apprentice's skill acquisition through a combination of specified minimum number of hours of on-the-job learning and the successful demonstration of competency as described in a work process schedule.

Item 4. A **Term Length (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)** of the occupation is based on the program sponsor's training approach as approved by the Registration Agency.

Item 5. A **Probationary Period (Hrs. or Wks.)** is the number of hours or weeks of on-the-job learning during the apprentice's probationary period. A probationary period cannot exceed 25 percent of the term length of the occupation or one year, whichever is shorter.

Item 6. **Credit for Previous On-the-Job Learning Experience (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)** is granted by the program sponsor based upon documented evidence provided by the apprentice. An apprentice must complete a minimum of six months on-the-job learning regardless of credits for previous experience awarded.

Item 6a. The **Term Remaining (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.)** is the difference between the term length of the on-the-job learning and the credits for previous experience awarded.

- Item 7. Credit for Previous Related Instruction Experience** (Hrs., Mos., Yrs.) is granted by the program sponsor based upon documented evidence provided by the apprentice.
- Item 9a. Total Length of Related Instruction** is the duration spent in related instruction in technical subjects related to the occupation, which is recommended to be not less than 144 hours per year.
- Item 10. Progressive Wage Schedule:**
- Item 10a. Apprentice's Entry Wage** (dollar amount paid): A sponsor enters this apprentice's entry wage.
- Item 10b. Journeyworker's (i.e., Experienced Worker's) Wage:** A sponsor enters the wage per unit (i.e., hourly, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually).
- Item 10c. Wage Rate Units:** A sponsor enters the apprentice schedule of pay for each advancement period based on the program sponsor's training approach (i.e., hourly, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually, or competencies).
- Item 10d. Wage Rate:** Sponsor selects either percent of journeyworker (i.e., experienced worker) wage, dollar amount of wage, or both the percent of journeyworker wage and dollar amount of wage. If the sponsor selects "Both the percent of journeyworker wage and \$ amount of wage," the sponsor can enter a percentage or dollar amount for the wage in each period.
- Item 11. Complaints:** Identifies the individual or entity responsible for receiving complaints (29 CFR 29.7(k)).

Part D: To Be Completed By Registration Agency

- Item 4. Apprentice Identification Number:** RAPIDS encrypts the apprentice's social security number and generates a unique identification number to identify the apprentice. It replaces the social security number to protect the apprentice's privacy.

*The submission of the apprentice's social security number is requested. The apprentice's social security number will be used for program management purposes, such as verification of the apprentice's period of employment and earnings to align with Department of Labor's job training and employment program performance indicators for measuring performance outcomes. The Office of Apprenticeship will use wage records through the State Wage Interchange System needs the apprentice's social security number to match this number against the employers' wage records. Also, the apprentice's social security number will be used, if appropriate, for purposes of the Davis Bacon Act of 1931, as amended, U.S. Code Title 40, Sections 276a to 276a-7, and Title 29 CFR part 5, to verify and certify to the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, that the apprentice is a registered apprentice to ensure that the employer is complying with the geographic prevailing wage of the occupational classification. Failure to disclose an apprentice's social security number on this form will not affect the right to be registered as an apprentice. Civil and criminal provisions of the Privacy Act apply to any unlawful disclosure of social security numbers, which is prohibited.

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Appendix C

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

ADOPTED BY

TX012460003-WEST TEXAS ELECTRICAL JATC

AS REQUIRED UNDER 29 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 30

**DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP**

(Registration Agency Representative Signature)

(Registration Agency Representative Typed/Printed Name)

(Title)

(Date)

This Affirmative Action Plan template is provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, for the convenience of apprenticeship program sponsors. Its use is recommended to promote understanding of, and compliance with, the Department's EEO in Apprenticeship rules at 29 CFR Part 30.

Please supply all requested information, unless otherwise directed by the form. If needed, use additional pages to complete responses.



AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

We, TX012460003-West Texas Electrical JATC, adopt this written Affirmative Action Plan (“written AAP” or “Plan”) in good faith to promote equality of opportunity in our registered apprenticeship program. This written AAP is a part our apprenticeship Standards. We also incorporate by reference the Equal Opportunity Pledge contained in the Standards for this program.

This written AAP, which is based upon the minimum requirements for AAP contained in the equal opportunity in apprenticeship final regulation located at 29 CFR Part 30, is composed of nine key components. Each of these components requires us to examine different aspects of our apprentice workforce and document our review. At various stages of our review, we will analyze our utilization, recruitment activities, and selection, training, and assignment practices in order to ensure that all elements of our apprenticeship program are in accordance with equal employment opportunity requirements.

The key components of this AAP are as follows:

- Section I: Workforce Analysis for race, sex, and ethnicity (by occupation title and by major occupation group);
- Section II: Availability Analysis for race, sex, and ethnicity (by major occupation group);
- Section III: Utilization Analysis (comparing the workforce and availability analyses);
- Section IV: Utilization goals for race, sex, and ethnicity (if necessary);
- Section V: Utilization goals for individuals with disabilities;
- Section VI: Targeted outreach, recruitment, and retention activities (if necessary);
- Section VII: Annual review of personnel processes;
- Section VIII: Invitation to self-identify as an individual with a disability;
- Section IX: Official adoption of the written AAP.

Abbreviations Key:

Please note that the following abbreviations denoting relevant racial and ethnic groups appear in the demographic charts contained in this written AAP (Appendix C):

HISP = Hispanic;
AA = African American/Black;
AS = Asian;
AIAN = American Indian or Alaska Native;
NHPI = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

NOTE: For detailed definitions of the above racial and ethnic groups, please see Attachment 1 of the Reference Guide.

PLEASE NOTE: To collect the demographic information on your apprentice workforce requested in Sections I through VIII below, you should consult the data supplied by your program’s apprentices in ETA Form 671. In addition, to ensure timely compliance with the AAP requirements contained in 29 CFR Part 30, you should keep a record of the date(s) on which you completed the analyses and activities described in Sections I through VIII below.



SECTION I – WORKFORCE ANALYSIS FOR RACE, SEX, AND ETHNICITY (BY OCCUPATION TITLE AND BY MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP)

The apprentice information needed to complete this workforce analysis section is available in the Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Data System (RAPIDS) for all federally registered programs in the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) States, and for many state programs managed by State Apprenticeship Agencies (SAAs). Access to RAPIDS is available at: <https://dol.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/oa>. Sponsors that are not required to use RAPIDS to manage their apprentices are encouraged to work with the appropriate SAA to complete their workforce analysis.

The following terms are used in this section:

- An **Occupation Title** is a specific occupation that has been assigned a 6-digit “detailed occupation” code in the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Standard Occupational Classification and Coding Structure (SOC), <https://www.bls.gov/soc/>, and a corresponding 8-digit code in the Occupational Information Network (O*NET), <https://www.onetonline.org/>. Detailed occupations are defined so that each includes workers who perform similar job tasks based on work performed and, in some cases, on the skills, education and/or training needed to perform the work. For the purposes of completing the workforce analysis, occupation titles are defined by the 8-digit O*NET code. Sponsors can locate the O*NET code associated with their registered occupations from the program occupation tab in RAPIDS.
- A **Major Occupation Group** is the highest-level classification in the SOC, which combines related occupations into major occupation groups. These Major Occupation Groups are designated by the two-digit SOC code and the two-digit prefix of the O*NET code. (*See Attachment 2, “Standard Occupational Classification and Coding Structure” in the accompanying Reference Guide for a complete list of the 23 major occupation groups and their two-digit SOC/O*NET code designations*).

Example: A sponsor has an apprenticeship program that offers training in four different occupation titles: Roofer (SOC/O*NET code: 47-2181.00), Electrician (SOC/O*NET code: 47-2111.00), Tool and Die Maker (SOC/O*NET Code: 51-4111.00), and Machinist (SOC/O*NET code: 51-4041.00). In completing Tables 1, 2, and 3 of the workforce analysis below, the sponsor will enter identifying characteristics for their apprenticeship workforce by utilizing the Occupation Titles and the corresponding SOC/O*NET codes for each of those titles.

In completing Tables 4, 5, and 6 of the analysis, however, the sponsor will classify their apprentice workforce by the two Major Occupation Groups that encompass these titles: Construction (2-digit SOC/O*NET code: 47) and Manufacturing (2-digit SOC/O*NET code: 51).



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE WORKFORCE ANALYSIS

In completing the tables (1 through 6) contained in this Section I, sponsors should utilize the demographic identification provided by apprentices in their Program Registration and Apprenticeship Agreements (see Form 671, Section II).¹ If you are a RAPIDS user, the workforce analysis is available as a report in the system. As noted above, sponsors that are not required to use RAPIDS to manage their apprentices are encouraged to work with the appropriate SAA to complete their workforce analysis.

A. Workforce Analysis by Occupation Title for Sex, Ethnicity, and Race

NOTE: The workforce analyses by occupation title for sex, ethnicity, and race contained in Tables 1, 2, and 3 in this Section should initially be completed by the second anniversary of the apprenticeship program's registration with a Registration Agency. Subsequent workforce analyses for sex, ethnicity, and race should be undertaken at the time of each subsequent program review (or at least once every three years if a program review does not take place).

Instructions:

For each **Occupation Title** in a program, please indicate the total number of **responses** received from apprentices that self-identify for sex, ethnicity, and race in the following tables:

TABLE 1 – Occupation Titles by Sex

Number of Responses Selecting a Sex				
Occupation Title	8-Digit O*NET Code	Female	Male	Total
Electricians	47-2111.00	8	148	156

TABLE 2 – Occupation Titles by Ethnicity

Number of Responses Selecting an Ethnicity				
Occupation Title	8-Digit O*NET Code	HISP	NON-HISP	Total
Electricians	47-2111.00	58	92	150

¹ Self-identification is the most reliable method and preferred method for compiling information about a person's sex, race, and ethnicity. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to rely on employee self-identification to obtain this information. Please note that while visual observation is an acceptable method for identifying demographic data in the absence of self-identification data, it may not be reliable in every instance, and sponsors should not guess or assume the sex, race, or ethnicity of an apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship.



TABLE 3 – Occupation Titles by Race

Note: For Table 3 below, responding apprentices may elect to choose **one or more** of the specified races. If an apprentice has identified himself or herself as more than one race, count the apprentice in each of the racial categories that he or she has identified.

Number of Responses Selecting One (or More) Race							
Occupation Title	8-Digit O*NET Code	AS	AA	AIAN	NHPI	White	Total
Electricians	47-2111.00	2	9	7	2	140	157



B. Workforce Analysis by Major Occupation Group for Sex, Ethnicity, and Race

NOTE: The workforce analysis by major occupation group for sex, ethnicity, and race contained in Tables 4, 5, and 6 in this Section should initially be completed by the second anniversary of the apprenticeship program's registration with a Registration Agency. Subsequent workforce analyses for sex, ethnicity, and race should be undertaken at the time of each subsequent program review (or at least once every three years if a program review does not take place).

Instructions:

For each **Major Occupation Group** in a program, please complete the following sex, ethnicity, and race tables.

TABLE 4 – Major Occupation Groups by Sex

Number of Responses Selecting a Sex					
Major Occupation Group	2-Digit O*NET Code	Female	Male	Total	Female Percent of Total Responses
Construction and Extraction	47	8	148	156	5.1%

TABLE 5 – Major Occupation Groups by Ethnicity

Number of Responses Selecting an Ethnicity					
Major Occupation Group	2-Digit O*NET Code	HISP	NON- HISP	Total	HISP Percent of Total Responses
Construction and Extraction	47	58	92	150	38.7%



TABLES 6.1 and 6.2 – Major Occupation Groups by Race

Note: For Table 6.1 below, responding apprentices may elect to choose **one or more** of the specified races. If an apprentice has identified himself or herself as more than one race, count the apprentice in each of the race categories that he or she has identified.

For Table 6.2 below, align the Major Occupation Groups and 2-Digit O*NET Codes with the Major Occupation Groups and 2-Digit O*NET Codes completed in Table 6.1, and compute the percentage of total responses within a racial category by comparing the number of responses selecting a particular race to the total number of responses completed in Table 6.1.

6.1 Number of Responses Selecting One (or More) Race

Major Occupation Group	2-Digit O*NET Code	AS	AA	AIAN	NHPI	White	Total
Construction and Extraction	47	2	9	7	2	140	157

6.2 Percent of Total Responses

Major Occupation Group	2-Digit O*NET Code	AS	AA	AIAN	NHPI
Construction and Extraction	47	1.3%	5.7%	4.5%	1.3%

SECTION II – AVAILABILITY ANALYSIS FOR RACE, SEX, AND ETHNICITY (BY MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP)

PLEASE NOTE: You should complete this section only in connection with a program review conducted by your Registration Agency. The Registration Agency will provide you with assistance in completing this section.

A. Minimum Educational Attainment Levels Required for Program Enrollment

☒ High School graduate (including equivalency)

one full year of high school algebra (or its equivalent) with a grade of “C” or better.
Valid Drivers License



B. Designated Recruitment Area for Apprentices

☒ External recruitment area

The geographical area from which the sponsor usually seeks or reasonably could seek apprentices when recruiting from outside of its own current employees. An external recruitment area can be an area within a specific radius of a sponsor's location; a county or counties; or a state or states.

Brief Rationale for selecting this recruitment area:



C. Specifying the External Recruitment Area

If you are utilizing an External Recruitment Area, please complete the following items:

For each Major Occupation Group, we seek (or reasonably could seek) individuals who live in the following geographical zones or jurisdiction(s)

☒ A political jurisdiction

Selected County(ies): Armstrong County: Texas; Bailey County: Texas; Briscoe County: Texas; Carson County: Texas; Castro County: Texas; Cochran County: Texas; Collingsworth County: Texas; Crosby County: Texas; Dallam County: Texas; Deaf Smith County: Texas; Dickens County: Texas; Donley County: Texas; Floyd County: Texas; Garza County: Texas; Gray County: Texas; Hale County: Texas; Hansford County: Texas; Hartley County: Texas; Hemphill County: Texas; Hockley County: Texas; Hutchinson County: Texas; Kent County: Texas; Lamb County: Texas; Lipscomb County: Texas; Lubbock County: Texas; Lynn County: Texas; Moore County: Texas; Motley County: Texas; Ochiltree County: Texas; Oldham County: Texas; Parker County: Texas; Potter County: Texas; Randall County: Texas; Roberts County: Texas; Swisher County: Texas; Terry County: Texas; Wheeler County: Texas; Yoakum County: Texas

Selected State(s): Texas



SECTION III: UTILIZATION ANALYSIS (COMPARING THE WORKFORCE AND AVAILABILITY ANALYSES)

NOTE: The utilization analysis contained in this Section should initially be completed, **with the assistance of the Registration Agency**, at the first program review after the second anniversary of registration. Subsequent utilization analyses should be undertaken at the time of each subsequent program review (or at least once every three years if a program review does not take place).

Determining Whether the Establishment of Utilization Goals Is Necessary: Methods for Utilization Analysis

A. Using the Demographic Analysis Tool

OA strongly encourages you to use the electronic **Demographic Analysis Tool (DAT)**² to conduct a utilization analysis because it provides a streamlined process for conducting the analysis, and also utilizes the most accurate, up-to-date national demographic data. **You are eligible to utilize the DAT if you satisfy ALL of the following criteria:**

- If, for a Major Occupation Group, you do not require applicants to meet credentials or skills beyond those specified in the minimum educational attainment checkboxes in Section II. A (*see Section II. A above*);
- If, for a Major Occupation Group, you recruit apprentices **solely** from an **external recruitment area** (i.e., you choose to establish a recruitment area that is based on a source derived from U.S. Census Bureau data) (*see Section II. B above*), AND
- You choose to utilize either the “80% method” or the “two standard deviations method” (which are described in Section III. B below) for conducting a utilization analysis.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do **not** meet each of the three criteria listed above, you should contact the Registration Agency for assistance in conducting your utilization analysis.

B. Applicable Methodology for Utilization Analysis Review

Select the method used to evaluate whether the utilization of women, Hispanics or Latinos, or a particular racial minority group in your workforce is significantly less than would be reasonably expected given the availability of such individuals for apprenticeship:

☒ 80% Method(Under the “80% method”

(Under the “80% method”, if utilization is less than 80% of availability, it is considered significantly less)

Eligible sponsors may complete the DAT by accessing RAPIDS:

<https://dol.appiancloud.com/suite/sites/oa>.

After entering the data requested by the DAT, print a copy of the DAT Report, and attach it to this written AAP (Appendix C). Then proceed to Section IV below.

² The DAT utilizes U.S. Census Bureau data derived from the [EEO Tabulation EEO-ALL07R-N1: Educational Attainment \(6\) by Younger Age Groups, Sex, and Race/Ethnicity \(Part I\) for Residence Geography, Total Population, Number](#)



SECTION IV: UTILIZATION GOALS FOR RACE, SEX, AND ETHNICITY (IF NECESSARY)

PLEASE NOTE: *If the results of your utilization analysis (Section III above) did not identify any significant underutilization of apprentices by sex, race, or ethnicity in a Major Occupation Group, **you may skip this section and proceed to Section V.***

Completion of Table 7 below is only required in connection with a program review conducted by a Registration Agency. The Registration Agency will provide you with assistance in completing this section.

Based on the analyses summarized in the **DAT Report**, identify the sex/race/ethnic group(s) for which the proportion in your Major Occupation Group was significantly less than that group's availability in the relevant recruitment area(s). Record the results in **Table 7** below by copying the "yes" and "no" utilization outcomes from the **DAT Report** in the second column of the Table.

Next, enter the percentage utilization goal for any race, sex, or ethnicity group in which there was significant underutilization. The goal for any such group must at least equal the corresponding availability figure in the **DAT Report**, rounded to the nearest whole number. For any row in which the response in the second column is "no," leave the third column blank.

TABLE 7 – Underutilization of Sex, Ethnicity, and Race

47 - Construction and Extraction

Population Group	Significant Underutilization? (Yes/No) [from the DAT Report]	Goal (%) [at least equal to the corresponding figures in the DAT Report]
Women	Yes	44.07
Hisp	No	37.44
AA	Yes	13.3
AS	Yes	2.22
AIAN	No	0.3
NHPI	No	0.1

PLEASE NOTE: *The percentage goals listed in Table 7 above are not intended and will not be used by the program sponsor to discriminate against any qualified applicant or apprentice on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability. These goals do not supersede eligibility requirements for this apprenticeship program.*

The program sponsor will not use these goals as rigid and inflexible quotas; as either a ceiling or a floor for the selection of members of a particular group(s) as apprentices; or as a justification to extend a preference to any individual, select an individual, or adversely affect an individual's status as an apprentice. Instead, the sponsor will use these goals as objectives or targets, applying every good faith effort to make all aspects of the entire affirmative action program work and to attain the goals.



SECTION V – UTILIZATION GOALS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

NOTE: The workforce analysis for individuals with disabilities (IWDs) in this Section should initially be completed by the second anniversary of the apprenticeship program’s registration with a Registration Agency. Subsequent workforce analyses for individuals with disabilities should be undertaken at the time of each subsequent program review (or at least once every three years if a program review does not take place).

A. Workforce Analysis for Individuals with Disabilities by Occupation Title

Table 8 below shows, for each **Occupation Title** represented in the program, the numbers of apprentices in the workforce whose responses to the question “do you have a disability?” on their most recent Voluntary Disability Disclosure Form was “yes;” “no;” or “I do not wish to answer” (or who did not return the form).

TABLE 8 - Disability Status by Occupation Title

Number of Individuals Responding to the Question: “Do you have a disability?”					
Occupation Title	8-Digit O*NET Code	Yes	No	Did not answer or return form	Total Number of Individuals Responding Either ‘Yes’ or ‘No’
Electricians	47-2111.00	8	142	9	150

B. Workforce Analysis for Individuals with Disabilities by Major Occupation Group

Table 9 below shows, for each **Major Occupation Group** represented in the program, the numbers and percentages of apprentices whose responses to the question “do you have a disability?” on their most recent Voluntary Disability Disclosure Form was “yes;” “no;” or “I do not wish to answer” (or who did not return the form).

TABLE 9 – Disability Status by Major Occupation Group

Number of Individuals Responding to the Question: “Do you have a disability?”						
Major Occupation Group	2-Digit O*NET Code	Yes	No	Did not answer or return form	Total Number of Individuals Responding ‘Yes’ or ‘No’	Proportion of persons responding ‘yes’ to the total number of individuals that responded either ‘yes’ or ‘no’ (expressed as a percentage)
Construction and Extraction	47	8	142	9	150	94.3%



C. Identification of Potential Impediments for Individuals with Disabilities (IWDs)

The Major Occupation Group(s) in our program in **which the percentage of IWDs was less than seven percent** is/are listed in the **first column of Table 10 below**. For these groups, we reviewed our program to identify any impediments to equal opportunity for IWDs, with the results shown in the second column.

TABLE 10 – Impediments to EEO for IWDs

Major Occupation Groups in which the percentage of IWDs was less than 7%	Impediments to EEO for IWDs
N/A	1. Not Required
	2.
	3.

SECTION VI – TARGETED OUTREACH, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION ACTIVITIES (IF NECESSARY)

PLEASE NOTE: Completion of this section is **mandatory** if you were required to adopt race, sex, or ethnicity goals (under Section IV of this written AAP) or if you found impediments to equal employment opportunity for IWDs (under Section V of this written AAP). Otherwise, completion of this section is purely optional.

In the coming year, we will undertake the outreach, recruitment, and retention activities listed below. These activities are targeted to the race/sex/ethnicity group(s) for which we adopted goals (as shown in **Section IV**) and/or to IWDs (if we found impediments to equal employment opportunity for such individuals, as shown in **Section V**).

1. We will disseminate information to organizations serving each underutilized group regarding the nature of our apprenticeship program, requirements for selection for apprenticeship, availability of apprenticeship opportunities, and our equal opportunity pledge. The Universal Outreach Tool (UOT) can help connect sponsors with local organizations who may be able to assist sponsors in meeting their outreach, recruitment, and retention goals; the UOT may be accessed at: <https://apprenticeshipusa.secure.force.com/eeoresourcetool>.) These organizations and the group(s) that each serve are listed in **Table 11**:

TABLE 11 – Organizations Serving Underutilized Populations

Major Occupation Group	Underutilized Population (i.e., Women, AA, HISP, AS, AIAN, NHPI, IWDs)	Organization(s) serving population to which information will be disseminated
Construction and Extraction	Women	Texas Workforce Commission
Construction and Extraction	African American/Black	Texas Workforce Commission
Construction and Extraction	Asian	Texas Workforce Commission

2. We will advertise all openings for apprenticeship opportunities by publishing advertisements in the



following media that have wide circulation in our relevant recruitment areas:

Amarillo Globe News
Lubbock Avalanche Journal

3. We will cooperate with the following local school boards and vocational education systems to develop and/or establish relationships with pre-apprenticeship programs targeting students from each underutilized group to prepare them to meet the standards and criteria required to qualify for entry into our apprenticeship programs:

Amarillo Indépendant School District, Lubbock Independent School District, All Surrounding School Districts.

4. We will establish linkage agreements or partnerships with the following pre-apprenticeship programs, community-based organizations, advocacy organizations, or other appropriate organizations, in recruiting qualified individuals for apprenticeship:

Electrical Training Alliance Pre-Apprenticeship Program, AmTech Academy.

5. After every selection cycle for registering apprentices, we will evaluate and document the overall effectiveness of the above-targeted outreach and recruitment activities and refine them as needed.

The documentation of the evaluations of these activities that we conducted since the last review is attached to this written AAP

6. We **will** undertake the following optional activities:

Enlist journeyworkers (i.e., experienced workers) from the underutilized group(s) to assist in implementing our AAP.

Enlist journeyworkers from the underutilized group(s) to mentor apprentices and to assist with our targeted outreach and recruitment activities.

SECTION VII – ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERSONNEL PRACTICES

PLEASE NOTE: You should initially complete this section by the second anniversary of your program’s registration with a Registration Agency, and again on an annual basis.

We conduct a thorough, systematic, and comprehensive review at the program, industry and occupation level of our personnel processes related to the administration of the apprenticeship program annually. Such an annual review ensures that the apprenticeship program is operating free from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), sexual orientation, age (40 or older),



genetic information, and disability.

Our reviews have included (but may not be limited to): the qualifications for apprenticeship, application and selection procedures, wages, outreach and recruitment activities, advancement opportunities, promotions, work assignments, job performance, rotations among all work processes of the occupation, disciplinary actions, handling of requests for reasonable accommodations, and the program's accessibility to individuals with disabilities (including the use of information and communication technology).

As a result of our most recent annual review, which was conducted on 2/13/2013, we made or will make the modifications to the program listed in **Table 12** below.

TABLE 12 – Modifications of Personnel Practices

Modification of Personnel Practices	Date Made or To Be Made
Developing, revising, or enhancing training or information sessions on EEO requirements, and providing a nondiscriminatory, welcoming work environment	12-13-2023

SECTION VIII – INVITATION TO SELF-IDENTIFY AS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

PLEASE NOTE: You should initially complete this section by the second anniversary of your program’s registration with a Registration Agency, and again on each occasion that you update your written AAP.

On 1/21/2019, we began inviting all applicants for our program, at the time that they apply or are considered for apprenticeship, to inform us whether they believe that they are IWDs.

We invited our then-current apprentices to self-identify on 1/21/2019.

Since then, we have continued to invite all applicants to self-identify when they apply, and all accepted applicants to self-identify after acceptance into the program but before they begin their apprenticeships.

Every year, we have reminded all current apprentices that they may update their Voluntary Disability Disclosure Form. We sent our most recent reminder on 10/30/2023.

We use the Voluntary Disability Disclosure Form for these self-identification invitations, and keep it separate from the application and the apprentice’s program files.

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SECTION IX - OFFICIAL ADOPTION OF THE WRITTEN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

1. Adoption by the Sponsor

TX012460003-West Texas Electrical JATC adopts this written Affirmative Action Plan on this 11th day of September, 2024.

Signature of Sponsor's Representative

PAUL R SOLAR

Typed/Printed Name

Date 11-14-2024

Signature of Sponsor's Representative

Typed/Printed Name

Date

Adoption by Labor and Management Representatives of the Sponsor

TX012460003-West Texas Electrical JATC adopts this written Affirmative Action Plan on this 11th day of September, 2024.

Signature of Management Representative

Typed/Printed Name

JACKIE VEAZEY

Date 11-13-2024

Signature of Labor Representative

Typed/Printed Name

ROBERT MELZA

Date 11-13-24



Appendix D

EMPLOYER ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT

The undersigned employer hereby subscribes to the provisions of the Apprenticeship Standards formulated and registered by the **Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees** and agree(s) to carry out the intent and purpose of said Standards for Electrician and accompanying Appendices and to abide by the rules and decisions of the Sponsor established under these Apprenticeship Standards. The undersigned employer further agrees to allow the **Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees** to access the employer's records to confirm compliance with the terms of the Apprenticeship Standards and requirements of 29 CFR Part 29, subpart A, and Part 30. A-1 Electric have been furnished a copy of the Standards and have read and understood them, and request certification to train apprentices under the provisions of these Standards. On- the-job, the apprentice is hereby assured qualified training personnel and adequate supervision during the apprenticeship. The training should follow the approved Work Process Schedule and Related Instruction Outline including the rotation of tasks. The employer further agrees to follow the selection procedures per the approved Standards consistent with the requirements set forth in 29 CFR § 30.10(b). This employer acceptance agreement will remain in effect until canceled voluntarily or revoked by the Sponsor, Employer, or the Registration Agency.

Chris Aylesworth

Signed: _____

(On Behalf of Employer)

Date: 08/27/2024

Employer Title: President

Name of Company: A-1 Electric

Address: 200 S Bowie

City/State/Zip Code: Amarillo, TX 79116

Phone Number: (806) 372-5665

Fax: (806) 373-0707

Email: chris@a-1electricltd.com

NAICS Code (Optional):

Employer Identification Number (Optional):

cc: Registration Agency

Paul Salazar

Signed: _____

(On Behalf of Sponsor)

Date: 08/27/2024



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Jamie Lloyd

Signed: _____

(On Behalf of Employer)

Date: 9/11/2024

Employer Title: Owner

Name of Company: American Electric

Address: 300 S Travis

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Phone Number: (806) 373-8461

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NAICS Code (Optional):

Employer Identification Number (Optional):

cc: Registration Agency

Paul Salazar

Signed: _____

(On Behalf of Sponsor)

Date: 9/11/2024



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Ryan Walker

Signed: _____

Ryan Walker

(On Behalf of Employer)

Date: 08/28/2024

Employer Title: VP

Name of Company: Anzco Industrial LLC

Address: 4213 SW 21st Ave

City/State/Zip Code: Amarillo, TX 79106

Phone Number: (806) 398-3100

Fax: _____ Email: johnw@anzcoindustrial.com

NAICS Code (Optional): _____

Employer Identification Number (Optional): _____

cc: Registration Agency

Paul Salazar

Signed: _____

Paul Salazar

(On Behalf of Sponsor)

Date: 08/27/2024



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Tom Wiley

Paul Salazar

Signed: Tom Wiley
(On Behalf of Employer)Signed: Paul Salazar
(On Behalf of Sponsor)Date: August 27, 2024Date: 08/27/2024Employer Title: Member/Co-OwnerName of Company: Continental Electric Construction, LLCAddress: 2224 BroadwayCity/State/Zip Code: Lubbock, TX 79401Phone Number: (806) 762-8867Fax: (806) 762-8894Email: construction.continental@outlook.com

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Zach Hunt

Signed: _____

(On Behalf of Employer)

Date: 08/27/2024

Employer Title: Vice President

Name of Company: D&K Hunt Electric INC

Address: 8724 FM 1585

City/State/Zip Code: Wolfforth, TX 79382

Phone Number: (806) 866-9911

Fax: (806) 866-9932 **Email:** zhunt@dkhunt.com

NAICS Code (Optional):

Employer Identification Number (Optional):

cc: Registration Agency

Paul Salazar

Signed: _____

(On Behalf of Sponsor)

Date: 08/27/2024



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Harold Dressler

Signed: _____

(On Behalf of Employer)

Date: 9/5/2024

Employer Title: President

Name of Company: Harold I Dressler

Address: 22700 Brown Rd

City/State/Zip Code: Canyon, TX 79015

Phone Number: (806) 681-1375

Fax: _____

Email: dresslerhd@gmail.com

NAICS Code (Optional):

Employer Identification Number (Optional):

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Paul Salazar

Signed: _____

(On Behalf of Sponsor)

Date: 9/5/2024



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David Barber

Signed: _____
(On Behalf of Employer)

Date: 08/27/2024

Employer Title: Duke Electric

Name of Company: Duke Electric

Address: PO Box 267

City/State/Zip Code: Amarillo, TX 79105

Phone Number: (806) 376-6248

Fax: (806) 376-8356 Email: dbarber@dukeelec.com

NAICS Code (Optional):

Employer Identification Number (Optional):

cc: Registration Agency

Paul Salazar

Signed: _____
(On Behalf of Sponsor)

Date: 08/27/2024



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David Moore

Signed: David J. Moore

(On Behalf of Employer)

Date: SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Employer Title: MEMBER

Name of Company: Moore Electric Co LLC

Address: 5900 S Osage

City/State/Zip Code: Amarillo, TX 79118

Phone Number: (806) 372-6882

Fax: (806) 622-0409

Email: david@davidmooreelectric.net

NAICS Code (Optional):

Employer Identification Number (Optional):

cc: Registration Agency

Paul Salazar

Signed: Paul Salazar

(On Behalf of Sponsor)

Date: 9/5/2024



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David Ray
Signed: David Ray
(On Behalf of Employer)

Date: 08/27/2024

Employer Title: Co Owner

Name of Company: Ray Electric

Address: 609 N Jackson

City/State/Zip Code: Amarillo, TX 79105

Phone Number: (806) 374-0041

Fax: (806) 376-9249

Email: rayelectric@sbcglobal.net

NAICS Code (Optional):

Employer Identification Number (Optional):

cc: Registration Agency

Paul Salazar
Signed: Paul Salazar
(On Behalf of Sponsor)

Date: 08/27/2024

Appendix E

ADMINISTRATION OF THE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAM

1. INTRODUCTION

Federal regulations in 29 C.F.R. Part 29 outline the requirements for registration of apprenticeship programs and set forth labor standards to safeguard the welfare of apprentices. Registration may be by the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship, or by a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by that Office. 29 C.F.R. Part 30 sets forth the requirements for equal employment opportunity in registered apprenticeship programs.

The National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards (“NGS” or “National Standards”), developed by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*, are certified by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, as substantially conforming to the requirements of Title 29 C.F.R. Parts 29 and 30. State Apprenticeship Agencies recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship to register local programs, and/or local laws, may impose additional requirements that must be addressed in local Apprenticeship Standards.

The purpose of these National Standards is to provide consistency across all apprenticeship programs sponsored by the IBEW and NECA. Local Apprenticeship Standards must conform to the National Guidelines, be approved by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* and be properly registered by each JATC or JATT that seeks to carry out an apprentices training program. Local Apprenticeship Standards contain the terms and conditions for the recruitment, selection, employment, training, and supervision of apprentices. Local Apprenticeship Standards must also meet the requirements of the local Registration Agency.

electrical training ALLIANCE Mission Statement

The mission of the *electrical training ALLIANCE* is to develop and standardize training to educate the members of The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association; ensuring they are providing the Electrical Construction Industry with the most highly trained and highly skilled workforce possible.

Philosophy Statement

Meeting the training needs of the Electrical Construction Industry is the primary objective of *electrical training ALLIANCE*. The foundation of our philosophy lies in a belief that training, and training alone, will determine the employability for the members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA).

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* believes that through quality training programs the membership of the IBEW will be provided with the skills, knowledge and abilities necessary to maintain performance superiority. This exceptional efficiency will enable members of NECA to produce the highest quality of work at the lowest possible cost.

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* believes that only through quality training programs can the IBEW membership be afforded employment that will provide a high standard of living. The *electrical training ALLIANCE* recognizes there are no shortcuts to becoming a competent journey-level electrical worker. Only through meaningful standards, adopted by highly structured programs, devoted to appropriate guidance, personal commitment, and consistent discipline, can this level of individual competency be accomplished.

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* believes a uniform national training program is essential to provide the most highly skilled workers and the most productive craftsmen. It believes that national skills standards are necessary to establish meaningful benchmarks, which will allow the processes that a

journey worker must demonstrate to be identifiable and consistent.

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* believes that through its National Apprenticeship Program, a clear-cut path for career development and occupational training is provided. The opportunities afforded are limited only by one's interest and aptitude. Meaningful, industry-driven apprenticeship produces competent craftsmen and thus insures the continued availability of a highly skilled workforce at minimum or no cost to the taxpayers.

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* believes it must continue to have a vision of the future while remaining faithful to its original commitment to meet training needs. Maintaining focus on this central objective—Quality Training—will lead the electrical construction industry into a bright and prosperous future.

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* recognizes that its reason for existence revolves around serving and assisting the members of the National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, on all levels, in all apprenticeship and training matters.

2. POLICY ON REGISTERING APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS

When Local Apprenticeship Standards are initially adopted, or revised, there is *only one* accepted procedure that all IBEW/ NECA apprenticeship programs are to follow. This registration policy is referred to in the *IBEW/NECA pattern Inside Agreement*, Article V, which is Category I Language; *IBEW Basic Laws & Policies*, and *these National Requirements for Local Apprenticeship Standards*.

IBEW/NECA Category I Language

Section 5.01. The local apprenticeship standards shall be in conformance with national guideline standards and industry policies to ensure that each apprentice has satisfactorily completed the NJATC [now *electrical training ALLIANCE*] required hours and course of study. All apprenticeship standards shall be registered with the NJATC before being submitted to the appropriate registration agency.

IBEW Basic Laws & Policies

The Constitution provides that each local union has the power to adopt, or subscribe to, an apprenticeship system or training program, as the conditions may require. However, such shall not conflict with applicable standards or policies of the IBEW. No apprenticeship program that is a fractional part of an apprenticeable occupation recognized by the IBEW will be created. Apprenticeship programs should have responsible and equal participation by the local union and employer. The International has apprenticeship standards in the utility, inside and outside construction, manufacturing, telecommunications, and other branches of the Brotherhood. Local unions seeking to establish new or revised apprenticeship standards *shall* submit the proposed standards to the International President before submitting to the state, provincial, territorial, or federal agency. Any inside or outside Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) *shall* submit such proposed or revised standards to the National Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (NJATC) [now the *electrical training ALLIANCE*] *before* submitting them to any Registration Agency. (*emphasis added*).

National Requirements for Local Apprenticeship Standards

Section 1. General

The JATC shall establish and adopt Standards governing the qualifications, selection,

employment, education, and training of all apprentices that conform with the *electrical training ALLIANCE National Requirements*, the CBA, and the requirements of the Registration Agency. These Standards (including the Selection Procedures and EEO/AA Plan), and any subsequent amendments, must be approved in advance by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* prior to being submitted to the appropriate Registration Agency for approval and registration.

The U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship has various options under which national organizations such as the *electrical training ALLIANCE* can obtain approval of national standards, which can then be registered by local apprenticeship programs. While DOL refers to the method the *electrical training ALLIANCE* has used as “National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards”, under the rules adopted by the IBEW and NECA these are not “guidelines”, but requirements.

The procedures for registration or amendment of Local Apprenticeship Standards are consistent with these and other industry policies and practices. Apprenticeship Standards are not to be changed at the drop-of-a-hat, or because someone “thinks” it would be a good idea to add this, or delete that. The National Standards are just what the name implies, a model that is to be followed by one and all. Local apprenticeship programs have options they can choose and they can be modified to meet requirements of state or local laws or Registration Agencies, or as necessary. However, all changes in the JATC’s registered Standards, or variations from the National Standards, must be approved by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* before those changes are actually submitted to the Registration Agency.

If you are advised to alter your Standards, be sure the advising source is reliable and then ask that the specific requirements be submitted *in writing*. Do not accept the comments or recommendations of others as evidence that you are required to make modifications. You should discuss proposed modifications with the *electrical training ALLIANCE* before you proceed with any modifications.

3. PROCEDURE FOR REGISTERING NEW STANDARDS OR AMENDING EXISTING STANDARDS

- A. The National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards have been developed by and pre-approved by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* and the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship (DOL).
- B. The JATC cannot omit or change provisions in the National Standards registered by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* with DOL, other than provisions where JATCs are given options, without (1) prior approval of the *electrical training ALLIANCE* and (2) approval and registration of the Standards by the Registration Agency. This is in compliance with IBEW Basic Laws and Policies; the IBEW-NECA Pattern Inside Agreement, Category-One Article V contract language; industry policy and practice, and the National Requirements.
- C. The DOL is requiring all national groups to follow a new format that is consistent with template standards provided for new sponsors. The relevant provisions of the 2019 Standards have been incorporated into this new format, which includes multiple appendices, including provisions on Selection Procedures and the EEO/AA Plan. The “Standards” is a single document that includes all the appendices.

- D. The *electrical training ALLIANCE* assumes that the JATC will create, submit for approval, and register Standards electronically, even if the Registration Agency requires paper copies. The following steps must be taken unless the Registration Agency has different procedures.
- E. The JATC shall obtain from the *electrical training ALLIANCE* the electronic Standards in order to create its Local Standards. Contact the *electrical training ALLIANCE* for assistance as needed. The JATC will draft the Local Standards by filling in the blanks and checking boxes in each document. Notes and other instructions are in *italics*. In the future, an online Standards Builder will be available for programs to use to assist in speeding the process.
- F. Once the JATC completes drafting, the JATC must submit the draft Local Standards to the *electrical training ALLIANCE* for approval. If the JATC wishes to propose any changes or omissions from the National Requirements, they must be clearly indicated (e.g., through redlining/track changes, commenting on document(s), or via email). The JATC should include an explanation, a copy of any documents modified to meet state requirements, and any other supporting materials that may be relevant. The *electrical training ALLIANCE* will remove any notes or italics in the final document(s).
- G. After receipt of approval of the draft Standards by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*, the JATC will officially adopt the Standards. The adoption will be indicated on the signature page, which will include the signatures of the JATC Chair and Secretary. Electronic signatures may be used unless the Registration Agency requires otherwise. The Committee or Trustees, as applicable, not the *electrical training ALLIANCE*, is responsible for adopting and complying with the JATC's Standards.
- H. The JATC will then submit its adopted Standards to the Registration Agency, along with the appendices and reference guide using whatever procedures are required by the Registration Agency. This must be done within 180 days after new standards are issued by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*.
- I. If a Registration Agency proposes changes to or objects to provisions in the Standards, the JATC must contact the *electrical training ALLIANCE* for advice and assistance. When approved, the Standards will be signed by the Registration Agency Representative.
- J. The Standards become effective upon approval by the Registration Agency. Upon receipt of approval, the JATC will provide copies of the approved Standards to the *electrical training ALLIANCE*, NECA Chapter Manager, and IBEW Local Business Manager.

4. THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND JOINT APPRENTICESHIP TRUST

- A. The JATC and JATT shall be composed of six (6) members: The IBEW Local and NECA Chapter shall each appoint an equal number (3) of individuals who shall serve as both Committee members and Trustees. These dual appointments as Committee Member and Trustee must be in writing. Individuals appointed by the NECA Chapter must be members or employees of NECA and active in the Industry. Individuals appointed by the IBEW Local must be members or staff of the IBEW and active in the Industry. Current Committee members/Trustees shall be identified in the Rules and Policies and/or on the JATC's website.
- B. The term of office shall be for three (3) years. The term of one (1) NECA appointee and one (1) IBEW appointee shall expire each year on December 31. A Committee member/Trustee may be reappointed. Any reappointment shall also be in writing for the same specified term.

- C. The Committee shall select from its membership, but not both from the same party, a Chairman and a Secretary, who shall retain voting privileges as members. The Committee may establish term limits for officers if not otherwise established by its governing documents.
- D. JATC members shall complete their appointed term unless removed for cause by the party to the CBA that appointed them, they voluntarily resign or die. All vacancies shall be filled immediately by the party who appointed that individual to complete the unexpired term. The IBEW Local and NECA Chapter each retain the discretion to determine what is “cause” subject to any applicable local or national IBEW or NECA rules. JATC/JATT minutes shall reflect all appointments, reappointments, resignations, and terminations of Committee members/ Trustees.
- E. The Committee and Trustees shall adopt appropriate internal policies and procedures for their respective areas of responsibility and the conduct of Committee members/Trustees, including confidentiality. The JATC shall also ensure that Committee members/Trustees have access to appropriate education regarding their obligations and duties, as an expense of the Trust.
- F. The Committee may establish or authorize one or more joint subcommittees to be similarly constituted and appointed for training purposes to meet a specific need, such as a Residential or Telecommunication subcommittee. Such subcommittees may be established at the discretion of the Committee and shall remain in place until terminated by a majority vote of the Committee. Subcommittee members shall be appointed by the sponsoring parties in the same manner that the JATC members are appointed. Members of a subcommittee may or may not be JATC members. Subcommittees shall operate under the same rules as the Committee. There shall be no subcommittee of the JATT unless permitted by the terms of the Trust Agreement.
- G. The JATC shall meet at least once a month, and on call of the Chairman when a specific need arises. The JATC may agree to cancel a regularly scheduled monthly meeting due to specific or unusual circumstances. Upon notice by the Chairman and Secretary, a JATC meeting may be held via audio, video, or other electronic conference. JATC members in attendance, through any authorized means, may vote. There must be at least one (1) JATC member present who was appointed by each party to establish a quorum at JATC meetings. Each party shall have a total number of votes at JATC meetings equal to its allowable number of JATC members, regardless of the number of members present. In the event the parties are divided on an issue, each party may cast one full vote as if all were present. A vote to abstain is an official vote, it represents one of the votes the sponsoring party is entitled to and is not counted as either a yea or a nay. An individual member must be present (in-person or electronically) to personally vote on JATC matters. No absentee votes or proxy votes will be valid.
- H. Due to the confidential nature of Apprenticeship Agreements and apprentice records and issues, all JATC meetings are to be considered as “closed” meetings, except where applicable law provides otherwise.
- I. There are to be no alternate or ex-officio members of the JATC. Consultants and guests may be invited to or permitted to attend meetings of the JATC but shall have no official voice and no vote. A designated representative of the IBEW Local or the NECA Chapter, such as the local union Business Manager or NECA Chapter Manager, shall have the right to attend a JATC meeting with due notice given the JATC.

- J. Meetings of the JATT should be scheduled in the same manner, following the meeting of the JATC, and follow similar procedures as those for JATC meetings, unless the Trust Agreement provides otherwise.

5. ADMINISTRATION OF THE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAM

- A. The apprenticeship and training program shall be administered by the Trustees and the Committee. The Trustees shall administer the JATT under the terms of the Trust Agreement and applicable law. The Trustees and the Committee may, if they are named fiduciaries under ERISA, allocate responsibility between them for operation of the apprenticeship program, except for non-allocable Trustee responsibilities. Absent some other agreement, the duties of the Trustees shall be limited to those set forth in the Trust Agreement or law.
- B. The JATC shall establish and adopt Standards governing the qualifications, selection, employment, education and training of all apprentices that conform with the *electrical training ALLIANCE* National Requirements for Local Apprenticeship Standards, the CBA and the requirements of the Registration Agency. These Standards (including the Selection Procedures and EEO/AA Plan), and any subsequent amendments, must be approved in advance by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* prior to being submitted to the appropriate Registration Agency for approval and registration.
- C. These Standards, after approval by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* and the Registration Agency, shall supersede all previous JATC Standards. Apprenticeship Agreements in force under preceding Standards shall remain in force unless changed by written consent of the apprentice, the JATC and the Registration Agency.
- D. Pursuant to the apprenticeship language in the applicable CBA, the IBEW-NECA pattern Inside Agreement Article V, IBEW Basic Laws and Policies, and industry practice, these Standards shall apply to the IBEW Local Union and NECA Local Chapter and; their members; to employers who are party to the CBA or are otherwise signatory or participating employers; to all applicants and apprentices in this Apprenticeship Program; and to all others receiving training from this Apprenticeship Program.
- E. The provisions of these Standards shall not be construed as permitting violation of any applicable local, state, or Federal law.
- F. These Standards shall not be interpreted as being inconsistent with existing or subsequent local CBA language establishing more demanding standards; the more demanding standard shall always prevail.
- G. The jurisdictional area which these Standards cover shall be the wage area as set forth in the local CBA. The jurisdictional area is described in the Rules and Policies.
- H. All funds for the operation of the apprenticeship and training program shall be held in a Trust Fund established by the IBEW Local and the NECA Chapter. The Trustees shall administer the Trust Fund in accordance with the Trust Agreement and applicable law.
- I. Whenever these Standards refer to providing any type of document, information, notice or other communication, unless otherwise specified or required by the Registration Agency or applicable law, such communications and transmittals may be made by any effective means, including electronic or digital transmission.
- J. The JATC and/or JATT are responsible for compliance with all applicable federal, state and

locals laws. While the JATC or JATT may assign responsibilities (e.g. to a Training Director), or retain other professionals (e.g. attorneys, accountants, testing professionals) to assist in compliance, the obligations remain on the JATC and/or JATT. This includes compliance with 29 C.F.R. Parts 29 and 30, and federal EEO laws (See Appendix E).

6. DUTIES OF THE JATC/JATT

- A. The JATC may develop training for Journeyworkers, pre-apprenticeship programs, and other related training, so long as such programs do not violate applicable law.
- B. The JATC may employ a Training Director or other staff to assist in the day-to-day operation of the apprenticeship and training programs. All governing responsibility for the apprenticeship program and for compliance with applicable laws rests with the JATC and/or the Trustees of the JATT, and cannot be delegated, including assuring full compliance with these Standards, the EEO/AA Plan, and the Selection Procedures.
- C. The JATC shall determine the number of apprentices needed to keep the jurisdictional area supplied with an adequate number of Journey-level workers in the areas covered by these Standards. The JATC shall consider all factors (e.g., employment opportunities, attrition) having a bearing on the number of apprentices needed when determining the number to register. The JATC shall also consider its capability to provide on-the-job training and related instructional training.
- D. The JATC shall see that each apprentice satisfactorily completes the minimum course materials and curriculum produced by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*.
- E. The JATC shall periodically review the progress of each apprentice to ensure they receive supervised on-the-job experience in the work processes and job tasks as outlined in these Standards (See Appendix A).
- F. In order to provide diversity of training and/or employment opportunities, the JATC shall have full power and authority, as per the CBA, to assign, transfer, or reassign apprentices from one job or shop to another, or from one participating employer to another. All OJT transfers and assignments shall be issued by the JATC as set forth in the CBA.
- G. The JATC is not an employer of apprentices engaged in on-the-job training and is not obligated to ensure the employment of any apprentice. The JATC shall endeavor to keep all apprentices employed in a reasonably continuous manner with the participating employers, while also ensuring a diversity of on-the-job training.
- H. Since the JATC is not an employer of apprentices, nothing in these Standards regarding the JATC's duties regarding OJT shall be interpreted to change or relieve any rights or duties of Employers. Except where required by applicable federal or state laws, nothing in these Standards is intended to create any right or obligation enforceable by apprentices against the JATT, the Trustees, the JATC, the IBEW Local, or the NECA Chapter.
- I. The JATC shall follow any procedures required by the Registration Agency for registration of new apprentices and for providing or updating information about registered apprentices.
- J. The JATC shall adopt written Rules and Policies and applicable procedures that set out the rights and responsibilities of applicants, apprentices or other participants, and applicable procedures. The Rules and Policies shall not be inconsistent with the Standards or other requirements adopted by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* to implement the Standards. The Rules and Policies shall

be consistently applied in a non-discriminatory manner. Every registered apprentice shall be provided a copy of the Rules and Policies at the time of registration and a copy of all subsequent modifications and must sign an acknowledgement. Rules and Policies may be provided through, and receipt acknowledged, by electronic means. A copy of the JATC's Rules and Policies (and subsequent changes) shall be submitted to the Registration Agency if so required by the Registration Agency.

- K. The JATC and/or JATT may establish such other rules, policies, and procedures as they deem appropriate for their internal operations (e.g., finance and administration, confidentiality, operation of OJT) or as may be required by law or to implement the Standards.
- L. In the first quarter of each year, the JATC shall provide the IBEW Local and the NECA Chapter a summary of the JATC's activities for the preceding year. The summary shall include a review of the prior year's EEO/AA Plan, its overall effectiveness, and changes made to the EEO/AA Plan as a result of the review. Such report shall not include any information identifying individual apprentices in any manner. The JATC shall work cooperatively with the *electrical training ALLIANCE* in timely completing any Industry surveys and reports requested by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* and in maintaining the National Requirements.
- M. The JATC shall maintain records as required by law.

7. QUALIFICATIONS & DUTIES OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

- A. The JATC shall determine the adequacy of each participating Employer to provide apprentices the necessary training needed to gain experience in the various job tasks and work processes of the occupation. The JATC shall have the authority to suspend or withdraw the approval of an Employer to train apprentices when appropriate. The JATC shall establish minimum expectations for all Employers consistent with these Standards. The JATC may also conduct orientations, workshops, or other educational sessions for Employers to explain the Apprenticeship Program's Standards and the operation of the Apprenticeship Program.
- B. An Employer who is eligible to train apprentices shall be signatory to a local CBA, comply with the qualifying requirements as set forth in the CBA, and be able to provide the necessary work experience for training as determined by the JATC. Participating Employers must comply with all provisions of the Apprenticeship Program including the Standards, the JATC's Rules and Policies and any other rules or agreements required by the JATC. An Employer shall only secure apprentices through the JATC. Participating Employers shall contribute to the JATC Trust Fund at the rate established in the CBA. Failure to contribute to the Trust Fund may be just cause for removing any apprentices from an Employer.
- C. While an apprentice is on the job site, it shall be the responsibility of that Employer to provide the apprentice a non-discriminatory and safe workplace and conditions of employment and work assignments that the apprentice can safely perform. The Employer is responsible for instructing apprentices in safe and healthful work practices and shall ensure that the apprentice is trained in facilities and other environments that are in compliance with either the Occupational Safety and Health Act standards promulgated by DOL or State or local standards that have been found to be at least as effective as the Federal standards.

- D. The Employer will assign apprentices to those Journeyworkers who have the ability to adequately train and supervise the on-the-job training of the apprentice based upon the work processes being learned.
- E. Employers must cooperate with the JATC by ensuring the timely and accurate completion of work reports and such other evaluations as the JATC requests of apprentices. Employers must promptly inform the JATC of any serious complaints or grievances by or against apprentices, including but not limited to complaints of discrimination or harassment, and permit the JATC on request to monitor any investigation involving apprentices. Employers will also participate in appropriate training provided by the JATC, such as that required by 29 C.F.R. Part 30, or provide equivalent training to its employees and provide a certification of compliance to the JATC
- F. All Participating Employers shall be provided a copy of the Standards and the JATC's Rules and Policies and shall be required to sign an Employer Acceptance Agreement.

8. Duties of the Residential or Telecommunications Subcommittee

- A. The ☐ Telecommunications or ☐ Residential Subcommittee shall consist of a total of _____ *[insert]* members: _____ *[insert]* who are qualified and duly appointed to represent the NECA Chapter, and _____ *[insert]* who are qualified and dully appointed to represent the IBEW Local Union.
- B. Subcommittee members representing labor will be employed in, or formerly employed in, the residential electrical field. Subcommittee members representing management shall represent employers who perform construction, installation, and/or maintenance work in the ☐ residential electrical field or ☐ telecommunications field.
- C. Subcommittee members shall be appointed by the sponsoring parties in the same manner that JATC members are appointed. Members of a Subcommittee may or may not be JATC members. Subcommittee members shall not serve as JATC Trustees unless they also serve as JATC members.
- D. The Subcommittee shall select from its membership, but not both from the same party, a Chairman and a Secretary who shall retain voting privileges.
- E. Each sponsoring party must have at least one (1) Subcommittee member present to establish a quorum at Subcommittee meetings.

Each sponsoring party shave have a total number of votes at Subcommittee meetings equal to its allowable number of Subcommittee members as stipulated above, regardless of the number of members present.

An individual member must be physically present to personally vote. Written (absentee) votes are not acceptable.
- F. The Subcommittee shall meet at least quarterly and on call of the Chairman when a specific need arises. The Subcommittee may agree to cancel one (1) regularly scheduled meeting during the calendar year due to specific or unusual circumstances.

- G. The Subcommittee will recommend to the JATC the number of new ☐ residential wireman or ☐ telecommunication technician apprentices it feels are needed to meet local industry needs.
- H. The Subcommittee may offer to the JATC recommendations for proposed Policy Statement modifications related to the ☐ Residential or ☐ Telecommunications program.
- I. The Subcommittee shall submit an annual report to the JATC, summarizing its work for the year.
- J. Any action taken by the Subcommittee is subject to review by the JATC. The JATC is the authoritative entity for administration of the Apprenticeship Standards, Selection Procedures, and EEO/AA Plan.



Appendix F

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I. Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity

National data analyzed by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOE) reflects that in people of diverse race and ethnicity, women and individuals with disabilities have not shared proportionately in the rewards and opportunities within many industries and occupations. DOE determined, in revising the regulations in 29 C.F.R. Part 30, that more aggressive action is needed to attract, select, and retain qualified applicants into apprenticeship programs, including more individuals of diverse race and ethnicity, women, and individuals with disabilities.

The IBEW-NECA segment of the Electrical Construction Industry has vigorously attempted to maintain an open-door application policy regardless of race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, and other protected characteristics. The JATC will engage in reasonable equal opportunity and affirmative action measures intended to increase the recruitment of qualified minorities, females, and individuals with disabilities who apply for, are selected, and ultimately become Journeyworkers.

The *electrical training ALLIANCE* has developed, and the JATC has or will be adopting these EEO Policies and Procedures set out in this Appendix F, and the Affirmative Action Plan in Appendix C. The JATC is committed to the concept and practice of Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action in all aspects of its apprenticeship programs and services. No apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship, or any other participant in JATC programs or services, will be treated differently or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, disability, or other characteristics or conduct protected by state or local law as set out in the EEO Pledge.

The EEO Policies and Procedures and Affirmative Action Plan are intended to comply with, and shall be interpreted consistent with, the affirmative action obligations under 29 C.F.R. Part 30, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act (GINA) and any other federal, state or local non-discrimination laws applicable to the JATC. If the JATC is or in the future becomes a recipient of federal financial assistance, through grants or otherwise, these policies and procedures will be interpreted to be consistent with the applicable laws, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Age Discrimination Act, and Title IX of the Education Amendments.

These EEO Policies and Procedures and the AA Plan will remain in effect until they are updated by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*, or until the JATC determines (based on its annual review) that there is a need to make amendments or revisions. Any and all changes must be submitted to the *electrical training ALLIANCE* and the Registration Agency for approval before implementation.

II. Responsibility for Implementation

The coordination of responsibility for implementation of the EEO/AA Plan and any related policies and practices is assigned by the Committee to the Training Director who shall serve as the JATC's EEO/AA Coordinator. The EEO/AA Coordinator has the full resources, support of and access to JATC, Local Union and Local Chapter leadership to insure effective implementation. The designation of a responsible person, as required by DOE regulations, does not relieve the Committee from its obligation to ensure compliance with 29 C.F.R. Part 30 and applicable laws, or the effective implementation of this EEO/AA Plan.

The duties and responsibilities of the EEO/AA Coordinator include, but are not limited to:

- Monitoring all registered apprenticeship activity to insure compliance with the non-discrimination and affirmative action obligations;
- Developing and implementing EEO/AA policies;
- Developing and implementing internal and external communication techniques;
- Identifying potential problem areas;
- Assisting the JATC and others to arrive at solutions to identified problems;
- Serving as liaison between the JATC and enforcement agencies;
- Serving as liaison between the JATC and organizations, community action groups or other entities concerned with employment opportunities for minorities, women and individuals with disabilities;
- Keeping the JATC, Local Union and Local Chapter informed of the latest developments in the equal opportunity area;
- Meeting with the NECA Chapter and contractors as appropriate to make certain that they are familiar with the latest developments in equal opportunity and addressing issues on the job;
- Maintaining required records;
- Generating and submitting reports as required by the relevant Registration Agency; and
- Designing and implementing auditing and reporting systems that, on an annual basis (as appropriate) will measure the effectiveness of the EEO/AA Plan, determine the degree to which the JATC's goals and objectives are being attained, and identify any need for remedial action. This includes compliance with 29 CFR Part 30 requirements for annual self-evaluation, and validation of all selection procedures to ensure they meet the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures.

III. Dissemination of EEO/AA Plan

The JATC will inform all applicants for apprenticeship, apprentices, and individuals who operate or administer any aspect of the registered apprenticeship program, of its commitment to equal opportunity and its affirmative action obligations. At a minimum, the JATC will (*select all that apply*):

- Publish its Equal Opportunity Pledge in the Apprenticeship Standards and in other relevant publications, such as the JATC's Rules and Policies; newsletters; recruitment publications and other appropriate publications; other documents disseminated by JATC; or documents that otherwise describe the nature of the sponsorship;
- Post its Equal Opportunity Pledge on its website and bulletin boards, and through electronic media, to ensure that it is accessible to all apprentices and apprenticeship applicants;
- Conduct orientation information sessions for new apprentices, and periodic information sessions for apprentices, JATC staff, instructors and the JATC;
- Provide the EEO/AA Plan to the leadership of the Local Union and NECA Chapter; and,
- Provide copies of the EEO Pledge and other information to participating employers for their employees who are connected with the administration or operation of the apprenticeship program.

IV. Anti-Harassment Training

As part of its efforts, the JATC will provide periodic anti-harassment training for all apprentices, JATC staff, instructors, and Committee members. This training must be attended in-person or be completed via interactive online training. The training must communicate, at minimum, the following: (a) that harassing conduct will not be tolerated; (b) the definition of harassment and the types of conduct that constitute unlawful harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, and disability; and, (c) the right to file a harassment complaint.

The JATC will also take steps, in consultation with the Local NECA Chapter, to ensure that all individuals connected with the administration or operation of the apprenticeship program will receive similar anti-harassment training, including all supervisors and Journeyworkers who work with apprentices.

V. Universal Outreach and Recruitment

The JATC will implement measures to ensure that its outreach and recruitment efforts for apprentices extend to all persons available for apprenticeship within the sponsor's relevant recruitment area without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex (pregnancy, gender identity), sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability. These actions are identified in Appendix C.

VI. Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity

The JATC does not, and will not, discriminate against an apprentice or applicant, or any other participants in JATC programs and services, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability with regard to any aspect of its apprenticeship programs, including but not limited to recruitment, outreach, and selection procedures, grading, assessment, and advancement; on-the-job opportunities and assignments; rates of pay; imposition of penalties or other disciplinary action and termination; and, any other benefit, term, condition, or privilege associated with apprenticeship.

VII. Selection of Apprentices

The JATC's procedures for selection of apprentices are included in its Standards and Selection Procedures described in Appendix A.

The JATC has reviewed its apprentice selection methods and has determined that they meet the following requirements:

- Compliance with the Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures ("UGESP") and 29 C.F.R. Part 30, including the requirements to evaluate the impact of the selection procedures on race, sex, and ethnic groups (Hispanic or Latino/non-Hispanic or Latino); to demonstrate job-relatedness and business necessity for those procedures that may result in adverse impact in accordance with the requirements of UGESP; and to annually review its processes.
- The selection procedures are uniformly and consistently applied to all applicants and apprentices.
- The selection procedures comply with Title I of the ADA and the EEOC's implementing regulations at 29 C.F.R. Part 1630.
- The selection procedures are facially neutral in terms of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, and disability.
- The selection procedures do not screen out or tend to screen out individuals with disabilities or classes of individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability. To the extent this does occur, the standard, test, and other selection criteria, are job related for the position in question and are consistent with business necessity.

VIII. Prohibition of Harassment

The JATC does not tolerate conduct, whether intentional or unintentional or verbal or physical, that results in harassment of an individual or group, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work and training environment, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, disability, or other protected characteristics.

The JATC has developed and implemented procedures to prevent and address harassment of apprentices, including the following activities:

- Communicate to all individuals involved with the Apprenticeship Program that harassing conduct will not be tolerated.
- Provide anti-harassment training to all apprentices, JATC staff, and Committee members, and work with participating Employers to ensure that similar training is provided to all of their employees who have dealings with or supervisor apprentices.
- Make all facilities and apprenticeship activities available without regard to any protected characteristic; and,
- Establish and implement procedures for investigating and resolving complaints of harassment.

The JATC expects its employees, apprentices, and Employers and their employees, to treat each other with respect and dignity. Discriminatory harassment not only hurts the immediate victim but can result in a general atmosphere in which the purpose of the apprenticeship and training program is undermined.

All managers, supervisors, instructors, employees, and apprentices have a responsibility to maintain an environment free of unlawful harassment. JATC employees or apprentices who engage in such conduct will be disciplined, up to and including termination of employment or from the program. Employers who engage in such conduct against apprentices, or who permit their employees to do so, may be denied access to apprentices.

Unlawful discriminatory harassment is defined as unwelcome and unsolicited conduct when:

- Submission to such conduct is either explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of an individual's employment; submission to or reject of such conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting the individual; or,
- Such conduct has the purpose of effect or unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

Examples of conduct that may be discriminatory harassment if based upon protected characteristics include:

- Epithets, slurs, negative stereotyping, or threatening intimidating or hostile acts that relate to an individual's characteristics;
- Graphic, abusive, degrading, intimidating, or offensive jokes, comments, remarks, or gestures directed at an individual.
- Physical contact or intimidation against an individual;
- Teasing, tricks, gossip, workplace slights;
- Display of pictures, posters, graffiti, objects, or other materials; or,
- Other conduct intended to harass, intimidate, or retaliate against an individual or group based on protected characteristics.

Complaints of harassment should be made under the Complaint Procedures in Part I 28.6.

IX. Reasonable Accommodation Because of Religion

Under Title VII, the prohibition on discrimination based upon religion includes the obligation to make reasonable accommodations for religious beliefs or practices unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship. The definition of “undue hardship” for religious accommodations is imposing a more than a *de minimus* burden on the Employer, program, or others.

Apprentices who believe they need a modification or adjustment of any JATC Rules and Policies or other aspects of the apprenticeship because of their religious practices and beliefs should make the request in writing to the EEO/AA Coordinator. If the request involves on-the-job training or an Employer, the request must also be made to that Employer. In some cases, documentation may be needed. Certain requests may require review and approval by the JATC. The ability to accommodate absences from mandatory classes may be limited by the JATC’s absence policy and the availability of make-up classes.

X. Retaliation Prohibited

The JATC will not tolerate any form of intimidation, coercion, threats, adverse actions, or other forms of retaliation against an applicant or apprentice who has: (i) made an internal or external complaint of discrimination or harassment on the basis of protected characteristics or other alleged violation of this EEO/AAP or applicable federal, state, or local equal opportunity law, or otherwise opposed any unlawful discriminatory practices; (ii) furnished information to, or assisted or participated in any manner, in any investigation, compliance review, proceeding, or hearing under these policies or under any federal, state, or local equal opportunity law; or, (iii) otherwise exercised any rights and privileges under this EEO/AA Plan, 29 C.F.R. Part 30 or any federal, state, or local equal opportunity law. These are collectively “protected activities”.

All persons contacted in the course of an investigation will be advised that they and other individuals involved in a complaint are entitled to be treated in a professional and respectful manner, and that any retaliation or reprisal against an individual based upon protected activities is prohibited and could result in discipline up to, and including, termination of employment or discharge from the program.

Complaints of retaliation should be made under the Complaint Procedures in Section XVI.

XI. Employer Responsibilities

Employers who provide on-the-job training to apprentices in this program are expected to work cooperatively with the JATC on EEO matters and this EEO/AA Plan. IBEW-NECA apprenticeship programs have always worked cooperatively with contractors and the Local Union to prevent and address discrimination and harassment of apprentices on the job. DOL regulations under 29 C.F.R. Part 30 impose obligations on JATCs concerning on-the-job discrimination and harassment. The JATC will develop new processes, in consultation with the Local NECA Chapter and the Local Union, to address these issues.

Employers are expected to establish their own policies against discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, including procedures for filing, investigating, and resolving of complaints. Employers should understand that under federal, state, and local anti-discrimination laws, they may be responsible for harassment of apprentices by their supervisory employees and under some circumstances, by co-workers. The failure of an Employer to take appropriate action regarding an apprentice’s complaint of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation on the job may result in the contractor being denied access to apprentices in the program.

XII. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance

The JATC is committed to compliance with the requirements of the ADA and other laws protecting persons with disabilities. The JATC will not discriminate against qualified applicants or persons with disabilities in its application, testing, selection, or training opportunities. Reasonable accommodations will be provided unless they would impose an undue hardship or result in a fundamental alteration of the program.

The JATC is also committed to helping apprentices with disabilities in dealing with Employers that provide on-the-job training. Apprentices who believe they have been subjected to discrimination or denied reasonable accommodation by an Employer should bring the matter to the attention of the EEO/AA Coordinator.

XIII. Mentoring and Other Support for Apprentices

The JATC acknowledges DOL's concerns that in many industries, including the construction industry, women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities have a higher drop-out or termination rate than others. The JATC recognizes that these traditionally underrepresented groups, as well as others who lack experience with unionized apprenticeship, the building trades, or the electrical construction industry; often struggle in their first year. The JATC will seek to address these concerns through the following activities:

- X Tracking and monitoring retention rates for women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities, as well as those without prior experience with unionized apprenticeship, the building trades, or the electrical industry;
- X Establishing pre-apprenticeship programs for underrepresented or non-traditional applicants;
- X Mentoring programs involving instructors, senior apprentices, journeymen, and/or other apprentices;
- X Consideration of other best practices for retention in the unionized electrical industry and building trades; and,
- X Other actions described Affirmative Action Plan.

XIV. Other Participants in JATC Programs

The JATC is committed to the principles of non-discrimination in all programs and activities of the JATC. The JATC may, consistent with DOL OA and ERISA requirements, engage in certain activities where there are participants other than apprentices or applicants for apprenticeship. Examples may include training programs that are open to Journeyworkers, Employers and their employees involved in apprenticeship, and Pre-Apprenticeship programs. When the JATC directly conducts or oversees any such programs or activities, it will not discriminate on the basis of Protected Characteristics and follow, where applicable, the following provisions of these EEO Policies and Procedures: Sec. F, Non-Discrimination; Sec. H, Harassment; Sec. I, Reasonable Accommodation and Religion; Sec. J, Retaliation; Sec. L, ADA, and Sec. Q(1) Internal Complaint Procedures.

Participants in these programs and activities may or may not be protected under federal or state EEO laws. Nothing in this EEO/AA Plan should be interpreted as waiving any rights of the JATC or creating any enforceable obligations not imposed by law.

XV. Targeted Outreach, Recruitment and Retention

The JATC will undertake action-oriented programs, including targeted outreach, recruitment, and retention activities, designed to correct any problem areas it may identify as a result of the review of its processes and any finding of underutilization of minorities, women, Hispanics or Latinos, and individuals with disabilities, as a result of the analysis.

The JATC makes a good faith effort to increase each year the recruitment, selection, and retention of individuals who are minorities, females, Hispanic or Latino, or individuals with disabilities until its Affirmative Action goals are met. The JATC will engage in the affirmative action activities described in the Affirmative Action Plan (Appendix C).

XVI. Complaint Procedures

A. Internal Complaints

1. All apprentices and applicants for apprenticeship have a right to and are encouraged to report any form of alleged discrimination or harassment that they may encounter in the administration or operation of this apprenticeship program on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, disability, or other protected characteristics, or retaliation for protected activity. This includes any complaints of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation by the JATC, its staff or instructors, or other apprentices, whether in class, on-the-job or otherwise; or that occurs on-the-job by contractors, Journeyworkers, or others.
2. JATC instructors and staff are expected to promptly report to the EEO/AA Coordinator any incident that they observe or learn of that may involve discrimination, harassment, or retaliation in violation of this EEO/AA Plan. Instructors should also act promptly to stop and reprimand any discrimination or harassment that they may observe.
3. All apprentices are encouraged to report to the EEO/AA Coordinator any incident that they observe or learn of that may involve discrimination, harassment, or retaliation of fellow apprentices in violation of this EEO/AA Plan, whether occurring during related instruction or on-the-job.
4. All applicants for apprenticeship and all apprentices will be provided with written note of their right to file a discrimination complaint and the procedures for doing so. Apprentices are not required to use this internal complaint procedure before filing a formal complaint with outside agencies, and filing an internal complaint does not limit an apprentice's rights to use other complaint procedures.
5. All complaints regarding discrimination or harassment should be submitted to the EEO/AA Coordinator or an individual designated by the EEO/AA Coordinator or the Training Director. Complaints may be made in writing or orally, and anonymous complaints will be accepted. A complaint of harassment may be made by someone who is not the target of harassment. Complaints should be filed as soon as possible after the alleged discrimination in order to allow prompt investigation. Complaints that are made more than 180 days after the date of the alleged discrimination may be accepted for good cause.
6. Complaints of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation will be fully investigated. Complaints and information obtained in the course of an investigation will be treated as confidential to the extent consistent with the JATC's obligations under this EEO/AA Plan. The investigation process may vary based upon the nature of the complaint. For example, when alleged harassment occurs on the job, the JATC will typically notify the Employer, which will typically have the right and duty to investigate and take appropriate action. Employers are expected to notify the JATC when an incident on the job involves apprentices.
7. Any JATC employee or apprentice found to have committed an act of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation will be immediately disciplined. The nature of the discipline imposed will depend on the nature and severity of the misconduct and other factors, up to termination of employment or termination of apprentices from the program.

B. External Complaints

Any apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship who believes that he or she has been or is being discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, or disability, with regard to apprenticeship, or who believes he or she has been retaliated against, may, personally or through an authorized representative, file a written complaint with the DOE, EEOC, state or local fair employment practices agency, and/or the state apprenticeship bureau. The JATC has posted and distributed the DOE Notice describing "Your Right to Equal

Opportunity” and included this notice on its website. A copy is attached as Exhibit A. The details of other rights are included in the Standards and the Rules and Policies.

XVII. Invitation to Self-Identify

The JATC is required under federal regulations to analyze its recruitment, selection, and retention as part of its Affirmative Action Plan (See Appendix C). To assist in this process the JATC will invite applicants and apprentices to voluntarily self-identify their gender, race, ethnicity, and disability using the form set out in Appendix D. This will be done at the time and manner permitted by 29 C.F.R. Part 30. The JATC will not compel or coerce any individual to self-identify. All information on self-identification will be kept confidential and used only for statistical analysis and reporting under the EEO/AA Plan. The JATC may also inquire whether an individual who discloses a disability requires any reasonable accommodations to participate in the apprenticeship program.

The JATC invites applicants and apprentices with disabilities to self-identify by using the appropriate forms as follows:

- When an applicant applies or is considered for apprenticeship, the JATC will provide the applicant with a voluntary form at the same time that it invites the applicant to self-identify with respect to other characteristics.
- At any time after acceptance into the apprenticeship program, but before the individual begins the program, the JATC will provide a copy of the form to each new apprentice.
- The JATC will annually notify all apprentices of their ability to voluntarily self-identify as a person with a disability.
- The JATC will post a copy of the “Voluntary Self-Identification of Disability” form on its intranet in the event an apprentice’s status changes and the apprentice would like to self-identify.

The JATC will also note in its records that an apprentice is an individual with a disability when: (i) the disability is obvious; or (ii) when an applicant or apprentice requests accommodation for a physical or mental impairment that meets the definition of a disability under the ADA. Unless the JATC receives information from an apprentice that a disability has ended, the JATC will continue to include in its records that the person has a disability.

XVIII. Recordkeeping

As part of its EEO/AA obligations the JATC must collect and maintain records, including but not limited to records relating to:

- Selection for apprenticeship, including applications, tests and test results, interview notes, bases for selection or rejection, and any other records required to be maintained under the Uniform Requirements on Employee Selection Procedures (“UGESP”); requirements of Section 30.3, Equal Opportunity Standards;
- The invitation to self-identify as an individual with a disability;
- Information relative to the operation of the apprenticeship program, including but not limited to job assignments in all components of the occupation, promotion, demotion, transfer, layoff, termination, rates of pay, other forms of compensation, conditions of work, hours of work, hours of training provided;
- Any other records relevant to EEO complaints filed with the Registration Agency or with other

enforcement agencies;

- Requests for reasonable accommodation; and
- Any other records pertinent to a determination of compliance with 29 C.F.R. Part 30, including those required by 29 C.F.R. §§ 30.5, 30.6, 30.7, 30.8, 30.9, and 30.11.

DOL regulations require that for any record the JATC maintains pursuant to this part, the JATC must be able to identify the race, sex, ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino/non-Hispanic or Latino) and, when known, disability status of each apprentice, and where possible, the race, sex, ethnicity, and disability status of each applicant to apprenticeship, and to supply this information upon request to the Registration Agency. Although DOL prefers voluntary self-identification as the method of collecting information regarding race, gender, ethnicity, and disability, DOL permits other methods to be used, including information provided in post-selection, employment records, or visual observation, if there is a factual basis (such as visual observation of gender or obvious physical disabilities; requests for accommodations; or complaints or comments by the applicant or apprentice disclosing race, gender, ethnicity or disability). The JATC will not guess or assume the gender, race, ethnicity, or disability of an applicant or apprentice.

All required records shall be maintained in accordance with law. The JATC will permit access to the Registration Agency during normal business hours to its places of business for the purpose of conducting EEO compliance reviews and complaint investigations and inspecting, copying such books, accounts, and records, including electronic records, and any other material the Registration Agency deems relevant to the matter under investigation and pertinent to compliance.

XIX. Internal Review of Program Processes and Effectiveness

As required by 29 C.F.R. Part 30, the JATC engages in an annual review to ensure that it is operating the apprenticeship program free from discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age (40 or older), genetic information, and disability. This review is a careful, thorough, and systematic review of all aspects of the apprenticeship program at the program industry and occupation level, including, but not limited to: Qualifications for apprenticeship; Application and selection procedures; wages; outreach and recruitment activities; advancement opportunities; promotions; work assignments; job performance; rotations among all work processes of the occupation; disciplinary actions; handling of requests for reasonable accommodations; the program's accessibility to individuals with disabilities, including access to the use of information; and communication technologies.

Following this review, the JATC will include a description of its review as part of the Affirmative Action Plan in Appendix C. The updated report should be part of the AAP.

Appendix G

Supplemental Definitions

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The following definitions supplement those in the Reference Guide for Apprenticeship Sponsors and apply to terms and acronyms commonly used throughout the Standards and appendices. They are intended to be consistent with the definitions in 29 CFR Parts 29 and 30.

ACE. American Council on Education.

APPRENTICE. Any individual meeting the qualifications described in the Standards of Apprenticeship who has signed an Apprenticeship Agreement with the JATC providing training and related instruction under these Standards, and who is registered with the Registration Agency.

APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENT. The written agreement between the apprentice and the JATC setting forth the responsibilities and obligations regarding the Apprentice's employment and training under these Standards. Each Apprenticeship Agreement must be registered with the Registration Agency.

APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE (or COMMITTEE). Those persons appointed by the IBEW Local Union and the NECA Chapter to administer the apprenticeship program. The joint committee is composed of an equal number of representatives of the IBEW Local Union and NECA Chapter. Committee Members are also Trustees.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM. The program administered under these Standards of Apprenticeship.

BOOT CAMP. An optional post-selection, pre-registration program used by some JATCs to determine if applicants possess the ability to learn and to perform the essential requirements of an electrical worker.

CANCELLATION. The termination of an apprenticeship agreement.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF APPRENTICESHIP. The Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship issued by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* for the JATC to provide to those registered apprentices certified and documented as successfully completing the apprentice training requirements outlined in these Standards of Apprenticeship.

CEU. Continuing Education Units.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (or CBA). The negotiated agreement between the Local Union and Local Chapter, or with signatory employers, that sets forth the terms and conditions of employment for apprentices during on-the-job training.

COMPETENCY. Competency means the attainment of manual or technical skills and knowledge, as specified by an occupational standard and demonstrated by an appropriate written and hands-on proficiency measurement as defined by the *electrical training ALLIANCE*.

COMPUTER-MEDIATED LEARNING. Computer-mediated learning (or CML) is an experiential learning method that utilizes gaming, video, self-paced, and feedback directly to the apprentice via knowledge checks.

CPR. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

DIRECT ENTRY. A method of entry into the Apprenticeship Program permitted under these Standards under which qualifying applicants are directly admitted into the apprenticeship program. Each direct method of entry will have certain minimum requirements and post-offer, pre-registration selection requirements.

DIRECT INTERVIEW. A method of entry into the Apprenticeship Program permitted under these Standards under which qualifying applicants may be allowed to by-pass certain minimum requirements and

go directly to oral interview. Each direct interview method of entry will have certain minimum requirements and post-offer, pre-registration selection requirements.

DOL. U.S. Department of Labor. Most references are to the Employment Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship, but the term may be used to refer to other offices of the U.S. DOL.

EEO/AA Plan. The Equal Employment Opportunity Policies (Appendix F) and Affirmative Action Plan (Appendix E) adopted by the JATC that is part of these Standards, as they may be modified.

electrical training ALLIANCE. The national organization created by the IBEW and NECA, formerly known as the National Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee or the NJATC.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA. Media that utilizes electronics or electromechanical energy for the end user (audience) to access the content and includes, but is not limited to, electronic storage media, transmission media, the Internet, the extranet, lease lines, dial-up lines, private networks, and the physical movement of removable/transportable electronic media and/or interactive distance learning.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT or ERISA. A federal law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, that imposes requirements on various types of employee welfare and pension plans, including apprenticeship plans, and enforced by DOE.

EMPLOYER. Any person or organization employing an apprentice for on-the-job training as part of the Apprenticeship Program. Also sometimes referred to as a “Participating Employer” with the JATC, or as a “Contractor.”

GED. General Educational Development Certificate.

HYBRID OCCUPATION. The hybrid approach measures the individual apprentice’s skill acquisition through a combination of specified minimum number of hours of *on-the-job-learning* and the successful demonstration of competency as described in a work process schedule, and may include some related instruction.

IBEW. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

INDUSTRY. The electrical construction industry in general, and in particular the IBEW-NECA segment of the industry.

INSTRUCTOR. An individual employed or used by a JATC to provide related instruction to apprentices.

INTERIM CREDENTIAL (CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING). Interim Credential means a credential issued by the Registration Agency, upon request of the appropriate sponsor, as a certification of competency attainment by an apprentice. Also used by the *electrical training ALLIANCE* to refer to the credential obtained through a curriculum for high school students, which is the equivalent of completion of the 1st Year Curriculum.

JATC. Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee or “Committee”. References to the “JATC” are to the local JATC created by the Local Union and the Local Chapter pursuant a CBA that includes the Category One, Standard Inside Apprenticeship Language from Article V of the IBEW-NECA pattern Inside Agreement.

JATT. Joint Apprenticeship Training Trust. The legal entity through which the local apprenticeship training fund exists, which was created by a Trust Agreement. Under ERISA the Board of Trustees of the JATT is the “plan sponsor” that is generally responsible, as set forth in the Trust Agreement, for the administration of the plan.

JOURNEYWORKER (“JW”). A worker who has attained a level of skill, abilities, and competencies recognized within an industry as having mastered the skills and competencies required for the occupation. (Use of the term may also refer to a mentor, technician, specialist, or other skilled worker who has documented sufficient skills and knowledge of an occupation, either through formal apprenticeship or

through practical on-the-job experience and formal training.) Formerly sometimes referred to as a “Journeyman.” The term has the same meaning as the term and positions formerly referred to in the Standards as Journey-Level Worker, Qualified Electrical Worker (QEW), “Journeyman” or, in some programs, Lineman or Wireman..

LOCAL CHAPTER (or NECA Chapter). The NECA Chapter(s) involved in the creation of the JATC and JATT and is one of the settlors of the Trust.

LOCAL UNION (or IBEW Local). The IBEW Local(s) involved in the creation of the JATC and JATT and is one of the settlors of the Trust.

NECA. National Electrical Contractors Association.

OA. U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship.

OJT. On-the-Job Training, which is used interchangeably throughout with On-the-Job Learning (OJL).

O*NET-SOC CODE. The Occupational Information Network (O*NET) codes and titles are based on the new Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system mandated by the federal Office of Management and Budget for use in collecting statistical information on occupations. The O*NET classification uses an 8-digit O*NET-SOC code. Use of the SOC classification as a basis for the O*NET codes ensures that O*NET information can be readily linked to labor market information such as occupational employment and wage data at the national, State, and local levels.

OSHA. Occupational Safety and Health Administration

PARTY or PARTIES. Refers to the parties to the CBA, i.e. the Local Union and Local Chapter. Used in some provisions derived directly from the Standard Inside Apprenticeship Article V language.

PERIOD: As used in the Standards, a period of time before an apprentice completes a level of OJT hours and related instruction before advancing to the next level. A period may be shorter or longer than a year.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD. A defined period of time during which the apprenticeship agreement may be terminated by either party to the agreement upon written notice to the Registration Agency. In no case shall the probationary period exceed 25% of the program length or one (1) year; whichever is shorter.

QUALIFIED ELECTRICAL WORKER (“QEW”). Used interchangeably with Journeyworker.

REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PARTNERS INFORMATION DATA SYSTEM (“RAPIDS”). The Federal system which provides for the automated collection, retention, updating, retrieval and summarization of information related to apprentices and apprenticeship programs.

REGISTRATION AGENCY or RA. Means, depending on the state, the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, and/or the State Apprenticeship Agency that has responsibility for registering apprenticeship programs and apprentices; providing technical assistance; conducting reviews for compliance with Title 29, CFR Parts 29 and 30 and quality assurance assessments.

RELATED INSTRUCTION. An organized and systematic form of instruction designed to provide the apprentice with knowledge of the theoretical and technical subjects related to apprentice’s occupation. Such instruction may be given in a classroom, through occupational or industrial courses, correspondence courses of equivalent value, online courses (see Computer-Mediated Learning) or other digital media or formats, or other forms of self-study approved by the Registration Agency.

SELECTION PROCEDURES. The Apprentice Selection Procedures that are part of these Standards.

SHOP. Designates the complement of workers who report daily to an Employer’s designated place of business, e.g., the “service-truck” crew.

STANDARDS OF APPRENTICESHIP (or STANDARDS) This entire document, including the Selection Procedures and EEO/AA Plan.

STATE APPRENTICESHIP AGENCY or SAA. A state Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, or similar state agency, with authority over apprenticeship programs in that state.

SUPERVISOR. An individual designated by an Employer to supervise or have charge and direction of an apprentice during on-the-job training.

TIME-BASED OCCUPATION. The time-based approach measures skill acquisition through the individual apprentice's completion of at least 8,000 hours of on-the-job learning as described in a work process schedule.

TRANSFER. A shift of an apprentice's apprenticeship agreement from one JATC to another JATC.

TRUST AGREEMENT. The multi-employer plan trust agreement that created the JATT.

TRUSTEES or BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Those persons appointed by the IBEW Local Union and the NECA Chapter to administer the Joint Apprenticeship Training Trust. The JATT joint committee is composed of an equal number of representatives of the IBEW Local Union and NECA Chapter. The applicable Trust Agreement will typically say that the Trustees are solely responsible for the administration of the trust. Trustees are also Committee members.

TRUST FUND. A term sometimes used to refer to the JATT, where the funds are held.



Substance Abuse Policy and Program
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PART ONE: PREAMBLE BY THE ELECTRICAL TRAINING *ALLIANCE*

A. Purpose

The IBEW-NECA *electrical training ALLIANCE* (“*ALLIANCE*”) recognizes that employment in the electrical contracting industry is potentially hazardous. Although employers bear the exclusive responsibility for the safety and health of their employees (including apprentices) on the job, the *ALLIANCE* realizes that workplace safety is threatened by the use of illegal drugs and alcohol. Accordingly, the *ALLIANCE* understands the necessity of having rules in place which, under some circumstances, may include drug and alcohol testing of apprentices. The purpose of such rules should be limited to maintaining the safety of all jobsite personnel, the preservation of property belonging to the construction owner and of employers and employees on the project, the enhancement of the jobsite learning experiences of apprentices, and the assurance of quality work performed by apprentices on construction projects.

B. Fairness in Application

However, the *ALLIANCE* also stands for fair rules of employment, the dignity of workers, and the importance of providing a substance-impaired worker, who seeks help, with an opportunity for rehabilitation. This Substance Abuse Policy and Program (Policy) is intended to be applied in full compliance with these principles, and with all laws, regulations and court decisions which secure these fundamental rights in connection with any chemical testing to which employees, including apprentices, may be subjected.

C. Conditions of Applicability

This Policy is based on the fact that JATCs in the electrical contracting industry engage in the selection of apprentices, and the assignment of those apprentices to employers to obtain on-the-job training (“OJT”). It is, therefore, recommended that this substance abuse Policy be implemented by JATCs in two situations: 1) with respect to applicants for an apprenticeship program – after notice of testing and after a conditional offer of selection has been made to an individual by the JATC, but prior to indenture; and 2) with respect to incumbent apprentices where: (a) the JATC, based on all the facts at its disposal, believes there is reasonable cause to believe that unlawful use of drugs, or impairment from alcohol, exists; and (b) the apprentice in question denies such use or impairment.

D. Americans with Disabilities Act

Joint apprenticeship and training committees should also bear in mind that they must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), and other state and local laws and regulations which prohibit employment discrimination against disabled individuals who are capable of performing the essential functions of their jobs with reasonable accommodation. This Policy is intended to be applied strictly in accordance with those laws and regulations.

E. Testing as a Mandatory Subject of Bargaining

The *ALLIANCE* cautions that substance abuse programs maintained by employers typically affect their workers’ terms and conditions of employment, and therefore, are mandatory subjects of collective bargaining under the National Labor Relations Act (“Act”). This Policy is not intended to interfere with the rights of IBEW local unions to negotiate with employers the contents of substance abuse programs to which an employer’s employees are subject. The *ALLIANCE* acknowledges that, frequently, construction owners and/or general contractors impose their own substance abuse policies and programs on electrical contractors working at their construction projects.

While this Policy is not intended to prevent electrical contractors from complying with those requirements, the *ALLIANCE* should not be understood to be endorsing any independent substance abuse programs or policies which may be negotiated by local unions or established by owners, general contractors, or electrical contractors.

F. Notice and Disclaimer

By publication of this Policy, the *ALLIANCE* does not intend to urge action that is not in compliance with applicable laws, and nothing herein should be construed as doing so.

The legal status of substance-abuse prevention in the workplace is in a continuing state of transition. The courts and the legislatures – at the federal, state, and local levels – are all playing a part in shaping the law. Substance abuse prevention and drug/alcohol-testing programs involve the risk of substantial legal liability when conducted improperly or in violation of governing law. Moreover, a policy that complies with the law of one jurisdiction may not comply with the laws of another.

Therefore, before implementing this, or any other alcohol and substance abuse policy, Local JATCs must consult local legal counsel to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Moreover, the *ALLIANCE* does not assume responsibility for ascertaining or monitoring the drug-free or alcohol-free status of any apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship, and recommends that joint apprenticeship and training committees (“JATCs”) for the electrical construction industry similarly disclaim such responsibility.

PART TWO: SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY AND PROGRAM FOR JATC

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

The purposes of this Substance Abuse Policy and Program (Policy) are 1) to maintain the safety of all jobsite personnel, 2) to preserve property belonging to the construction owner, other employers and employees on the jobsite, 3) to enhance the jobsite and classroom learning experiences of apprentices, and 4) to assure that apprentices perform quality work on construction projects.

B. Fairness in Application

The JATC also stands for fair rules of employment, the dignity of workers, and the importance of providing a substance-impaired worker, who seeks help, with an opportunity for rehabilitation. Accordingly, this Policy will be applied in full compliance with these principles, and with all laws, regulations and court decisions which secure these fundamental rights in connection with any chemical testing to which employees, including apprentices, may be subjected.

C. Conditions of Applicability

This Policy provides for drug and alcohol testing in two situations: 1) with respect to applicants for the apprenticeship program – after notice of testing and after a conditional offer of selection has been made to an individual by the JATC, but prior to indenture; and 2) with respect to incumbent apprentices, where: (a) the JATC, based on all the facts at its disposal, believes there is reasonable cause to believe that unlawful use of drugs, or impairment from alcohol, exists; and (b) the apprentice in question denies such use or impairment.

This Policy also sets forth the consequences to applicants and apprentices of reporting failing drug or alcohol tests. The JATC recognizes that drugs and alcohol present a serious health problem and encourages all apprentices to seek assistance for such problems.

D. Notice

The JATC will make this Policy available to all current and future apprentices. The JATC will also make the Policy available to applicants for apprenticeship, after a conditional offer of selection has been made to the individual by the JATC, and prior to indenture.

E. Disclaimer

The JATC also recognizes that, frequently, construction owners and/or general contractors impose their own substance abuse policies and programs on electrical contractors working at their construction projects. In addition, electrical contractors may have their own substance abuse programs. While this Policy is not intended to prevent electrical contractors from complying with those policies and programs, the JATC is not endorsing any independent substance abuse programs or policies which may be negotiated by the local union(s) or established by owners, general contractors, or electrical contractors. Nor by implementation of this Policy does the JATC assume responsibility for ascertaining or monitoring the drug-free or alcohol-free status of any apprentice or applicant for apprenticeship.

II. CONFIDENTIALITY

A. Information Kept Confidential

All information obtained by the JATC regarding drug and alcohol testing of apprentices or applicants for the apprenticeship program shall be maintained in separate files, and shall be treated in all respects as confidential medical records.

B. Communication on a Need-to-Know Basis Only

Information on test results shall be communicated only to those who need to know in order to implement the Policy and ensure safety and proper treatment of tested apprentices or applicants. Information regarding an apprentice's or applicant's drug test results or rehabilitation status may be released only upon written consent by the apprentice or applicant, except that, regardless of consent, such information may be released where permitted by law:

1. To the representative of a state agency upon request as part of an accident investigation.

2. If the Medical Review Officer (MRO) believes that continued performance by the apprentice or applicant of his/her safety-sensitive function could pose a significant safety risk to the apprentice or applicant or to others.

III. TESTING

Refusal to submit to testing as required and/or permitted under this Policy, or falsification of a test, will be regarded as a positive test result, rendering the apprentice or applicant subject to the attendant consequences set forth herein. Failure to appear for testing without a deferral will be considered refusal to submit to testing.

A. Testing of Applicants

1. In general

Applicants for an apprenticeship program shall not be asked about drug or alcohol dependence or use until a conditional offer of selection has been made.

Once a conditional offer of selection has been made to an applicant, however, the applicant shall, prior to being indentured in the apprenticeship program, be tested for alcohol impairment and illegal drug use. An applicant testing positive for alcohol impairment or illegal drug use, pursuant to the provisions otherwise set forth in this Policy, shall be denied selection.

2. Alcohol dependence

If, however, an applicant for an apprenticeship program discloses in the course of the application process, and prior to being selected and subjected to alcohol impairment testing, that he or she suffers from alcohol dependence, the applicant shall be tested to determine whether he or she is presently alcohol-impaired.

a. If the test result is “positive,” the applicant shall not be selected.

b. If the test result shows that the applicant was not then impaired, the applicant shall proceed with the application process, shall not be denied selection on the basis of his or her alcohol dependence, and shall be told that the use of alcohol at the workplace will subject the applicant to immediate discharge from the program.

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), if the applicant is selected, he or she shall be instructed to enroll in an appropriate alcohol treatment and counseling program as a condition for being indentured in the apprenticeship program. If the applicant is indentured on this basis, and is enrolled in such a program, then, until such time as the apprentice provides the JATC with a certified statement from the rehabilitation program that the apprentice has successfully completed the program, the apprentice may be tested for alcohol impairment, at no cost to the apprentice, prior to each new assignment by the JATC for on-the-job training. If such an apprentice tests “positive” for alcohol impairment prior to receiving such a certificate, the apprentice shall immediately be terminated from the apprenticeship program.

(2) If the applicant is selected and has already completed an alcohol treatment and counseling program, the applicant shall provide the JATC with a certified statement from the rehabilitation program that he or she has successfully completed the program.

B. Testing of Incumbent Apprentices

1. Reasonable cause testing

Incumbent apprentices shall be tested if the JATC, based on all the facts at its disposal, determines there is reasonable cause to believe that unlawful use of drugs, or impairment from alcohol, exists; and the apprentice in question denies such use or impairment. For purposes of this Policy “reasonable cause” may be based on, among other things:

a. Information provided by an employer to whom an apprentice has been assigned that the apprentice has been administered a test revealing the presence of alcohol or prohibited drugs; unless the apprentice provides the JATC with:

(1) Documentation from a physician stating that the positive result from the test may have been caused by the use of a properly prescribed medication; or

(2) “Negative” test results from a certified laboratory’s independent test of the secured portion of the same sample;

b. Failure of an apprentice, when asked to do so by the JATC, to make a written request for, and use his or her best efforts to obtain, the results

of an employer-administered drug or alcohol test, and to provide a copy of the written request and any results obtained to the JATC or its authorized agents;

c. Information provided by reliable and credible sources, or independently corroborated, that the apprentice is or may be using illegal drugs or is currently impaired by the use of alcohol;

d. Newly discovered evidence that an apprentice has tampered with a previous drug or alcohol test;

e. Sudden changes in work or classroom performance;

f. Repeated failure to follow instructions or procedures;

g. Violation of safety practices;

h. Involvement in a near accident;

i. Odor of alcohol or residual odor peculiar to an illegal drug emanating from an apprentice or near an apprentice's work or study area;

j. Unexplained or frequent absenteeism;

k. Unexplained or frequent rejection for employment;

l. Unexplained drowsiness, disorientation, erratic behavior or mood changes;

m. Arrest or conviction for violation of criminal drug statutes.

2. Possession is the equivalent of a positive test

When an apprentice is found at the jobsite or classroom in possession of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol, there is no need to engage in drug or alcohol testing of the apprentice. The apprentice will be regarded as having tested positive for purposes of this Policy.

3. No testing if necessary medical attention is jeopardized

Testing of an injured apprentice will take place only if it will not jeopardize necessary medical attention for the apprentice.

C. Testing of Other Individuals

The JATC may also test other individuals who receive training from the JATC, but who are neither registered apprentices nor journeypersons. Such persons will be given a copy of this Policy prior to JATC training, and the JATC will apply the standards set forth herein for incumbent apprentices to such individuals.

IV. TESTING PROCEDURES FOR DRUGS

The following procedures will be followed when substance abuse testing is conducted:

A. Methods of Testing

All drug testing shall be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resource Services' "Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs," as set forth in the Federal Register.

All drug testing shall be by urinalysis or other method which may subsequently be recognized by the U.S. Government as state-of-the-art for validity and accuracy of drug testing results. Effective October 1, 2017, HHS will permit oral fluids testing instead of urinalysis, but only if the donor is unable to provide a urine sample.

Testing shall be performed only by laboratories certified by HHS and published monthly in the Federal Register.

In addition, testing samples shall be separated into two containers at the time of donation of the sample (Bottle A and Bottle B). Initial and confirmatory tests (if necessary) shall be performed on the sample in Bottle A. Bottle B of the original sample shall be kept secure and chemically stable and made available for verification of laboratory testing results as provided in paragraph D.3, below.

B. Substances Tested For

HHS authorizes testing for a five-panel drug profile. The five drugs are: marijuana, cocaine, opiates, phencyclidine, and amphetamines. Beginning on October 1, 2017, HHS also authorizes testing for: oxycodone, hydrocodone, oxymorphone, and hydromorphone.

C. Privacy and Chain of Custody

Collection of urine specimens must be completed in a private setting. For urine and oral fluids, HHS protocol regarding chain of custody and marking of samples must be followed. A copy of the chain of custody paperwork and labeling information will be made available to the apprentice or applicant upon request.

D. Positive Test Results

All initial tests which show a positive result for drugs must be confirmed by more rigorous standards, using HHS protocols.

A confirmed positive test result shall mean test levels on both the screening test and the confirmatory test that are recognized as positive by the HHS Mandatory Guidelines, in their current form or in any subsequent rule or regulation issued by that Agency, for any of the illegal drugs listed in such Guidelines.

E. Oversight by Medical Review Officer (MRO)

All drug testing shall come under the control and supervision of a licensed physician, with knowledge of substance abuse disorders. This physician, called a Medical Review Officer (MRO), will protect apprentice or applicant confidentiality and otherwise abide by the Medical Review Officer Manual, as published on the HHS/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) website: <http://beta.samhsa.gov/workplace>.

The role of the MRO in drug testing includes the following:

1. Procedures for confirmed positive tests

If a positive test is confirmed, the MRO will contact the apprentice or applicant as soon as possible.

(a) An apprentice or applicant whose test results are “positive” shall be advised of the right to provide an alternative explanation and/or to have the secured portion of his/her urine sample independently retested by a HHS certified laboratory of his/her choice and at his/her expense, as provided in paragraphs 2 and 3, below.

(b) The apprentice or applicant shall also receive copies of the following:

(i) Test results;

(ii) A copy of this Policy, which includes notice of the possible adverse actions the JATC may take.

2. Right to provide alternative explanation

After submitting to a test, or after being notified of a positive test, an apprentice or applicant may voluntarily provide the MRO with evidence indicating that a positive result from the test may be caused by the apprentice or applicant’s use of properly prescribed medication. If the evidence is satisfactory to the MRO, a positive test result will not result in adverse action.

3. Right to have secured portion of split sample independently tested

An apprentice or applicant who tests positive shall have the right to have the secured portion of his/her urine (or oral fluids) sample independently tested by a HHS-certified laboratory of his/her choice and at his/her expense.

The apprentice or applicant must notify the JATC or the MRO within two working days of notification of a positive test result that the apprentice or applicant wishes to have the secured portion of the split specimen tested.

The proper chain of custody and documentation must be adhered to by the second lab, which also must be a lab certified by HHS to perform urine drug testing.

If the independent test is “negative” the apprentice/applicant shall be reassigned to on-the-job training immediately.

4. Reporting test results

If the MRO deems an alternative explanation satisfactory, or, if the test on the Secured Sample comes back negative, the MRO shall report a negative result to the JATC.

Otherwise, the MRO reports a positive result to the JATC. The MRO reports only that the sample was positive: he/she does not identify the drug or the levels detected. The positive result report shall result in withdrawal of the conditional offer for an applicant, and an incumbent shall be subject to the procedures set forth in Section VI, below.

5. Failure to respond to the MRO or JATC

If the MRO cannot contact the apprentice or applicant within three days, and after making three attempts, the JATC representative will be notified to contact the apprentice or applicant and advise him or her to contact the MRO. At this time, no test results will be given to the JATC.

If, after 24 hours of being notified by the JATC to do so, the apprentice or applicant does not contact the MRO, the MRO will verify the positive test result to the JATC. The MRO may notify the authorized JATC representative of results by telephone, computer interface, fax, or in writing.

If the JATC cannot contact the apprentice or applicant within three working days, the apprentice or applicant may be subject to termination from the apprenticeship program.

F. No Waiver of Liability for Testing

No apprentice or applicant for an apprenticeship program shall be required to sign any waiver limiting the liability of any firm, laboratory, or person involved in the decision to test or the testing process.

V. TESTING PROCEDURES FOR ALCOHOL

A. Methods of Testing

Because HHS does not provide standards for alcohol testing, all alcohol testing shall be conducted in accordance with the protocols and procedures contained in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) regulations for alcohol testing, which are part of the NRC's rules governing fitness for duty (10 CFR Part 26).

Initial testing shall be done by breathalyzer, or, in the alternative, by oral fluids testing. Such initial testing must be done, at a minimum, by alcohol screening devices (ASDs) approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). No adverse action shall be taken against any apprentice or apprentice applicant by the JATC on the basis of an unconfirmed "positive" result of an initial alcohol test.

The confirmatory test must be done on a breath sample, regardless whether the initial test was by breathalyzer or oral fluids screening. Such confirmatory testing must be done by "evidential-grade breath alcohol analysis devices" (EBTs).

B. Chain of Custody

Chain of custody must also be established for alcohol tests. As HHS has stated, the provisions of 29 CFR 26.91(c) regarding evidential-grade breath alcohol analysis devices (EBTs) are "necessary to establish an unimpeachable chain of custody for confirmatory alcohol test results..." *See* 73 Fed. Reg. at 17059 (March 31, 2008).

C. Positive Test Results

A positive alcohol test result shall mean test levels on both the initial test and the confirmatory test that meet the levels set forth in the NRC's regulations for alcohol testing, or other tests that are officially recognized as showing impairment by the applicable federal, state, or local governmental authority.

If the results of the confirmatory tests are negative, no further action is taken. If the results are positive, adverse action may be taken.

D. No MRO Review or Independent Testing

No MRO review is required for a confirmed positive alcohol test result under the NRC regulations. (10 CFR 26.5)

The NRC has permitted the donor to provide a blood sample for independent testing at his or her own expense. This option is no longer available under the NRC regulations.

E. No Waiver of Liability for Testing

No apprentice or applicant for an apprenticeship program shall be required to sign any waiver limiting the liability of any firm, laboratory, or person involved in the decision to test or the testing process.

VI. CONSEQUENCES OF TESTING POSITIVE FOR DRUG OR ALCOHOL

A. Applicants

An applicant for apprenticeship who tests positive on a drug or alcohol test shall have his or her conditional offer of selection withdrawn.

B. Incumbent Apprentices

An incumbent apprentice testing positive on any drug or alcohol test, shall, on first occurrence, be offered the opportunity to enter a rehabilitation or counseling program. The JATC shall provide information to the apprentice concerning the existence of public and private drug counseling, assistance, rehabilitation and other drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs of which the JATC is aware.

If the apprentice enters such a program, his or her status as an apprentice will not be affected, except that pending certification of satisfactory completion of the program, the apprentice's on-the-job training (OJT) shall be suspended without pay. The JATC shall endeavor to accommodate the times during which the apprentice must be absent to participate in such program, in order to allow the apprentice to continue to receive classroom training.

VII. EFFECTIVE DATE/AMENDMENTS


The effective date of this Policy is December 5th, 2017, and shall not apply to apprentices indentured prior to the effective date.

Changes in the law and technology governing substance abuse testing may require modification or revision of this Policy from time to time. Apprentices shall be provided with notice of such modifications or revisions, when adopted by the JATC, at least 30 days prior to their effective date.

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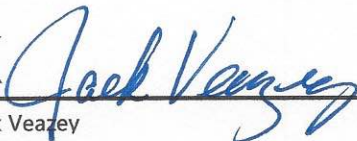
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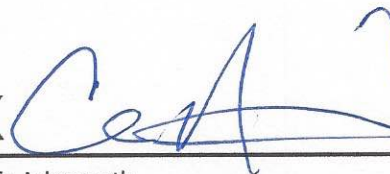
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CONSENT FORM

1. I have been given a copy of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy and Program (Policy). I have read the Policy and understand its contents.

2. As a condition of participation in the apprenticeship program, I applicant/apprentice (circle one), hereby consent to submit to such urinalysis, oral fluids, breathalyzer and/or other tests as shall be determined by the JATC for the purposes of determining the presence of prohibited drugs or alcohol. I agree that any specimens collected for these purposes may be forwarded by the JATC to a certified testing laboratory for analysis. I further agree to and hereby authorize the release of the results of said tests to the JATC or its authorized agents.

I hereby authorize any physician, addictionologist, counselor, or other rehabilitation professional to discuss my compliance with the Policy with the JATC, or its authorized agents.

I understand that my refusal to submit to testing as required and/or permitted under the Policy, or falsification of a test, will be regarded as a positive test result, rendering me subject to the attendant consequences set forth in the Policy.

3. I further understand that on-the-job training (OJT) is a critical part of my apprenticeship, and that as a condition of receiving OJT I may be required by my employers to submit to urinalysis, oral fluids, breathalyzer and/or other tests for the purposes of determining the presence of prohibited drugs or alcohol. I agree to and hereby authorize the release of the results of any such tests and/or examinations to the JATC or its authorized agents.

If the JATC asks me to do so, I will make a written request for, and use my best efforts to obtain, the results of any such tests and/or examinations from my employers. I further agree to provide a copy of the written request and any results I obtain to the JATC or its authorized agents. I understand that my failure to take any of these actions will be regarded as reasonable cause for testing under the terms of the Policy.

I further understand that an employer-administered test revealing the presence of alcohol or prohibited drugs may be regarded as reasonable cause for testing under the terms of the Policy, unless I provide the JATC with: (1) documentation from a physician stating that the positive result from the test may have been caused by the use of a properly prescribed medication; or (2) "negative" test results from a certified laboratory's independent test of the secured portion of the same sample.

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I hereby authorize any employer, physician, addictionologist, counselor, other rehabilitation professional to discuss with the JATC or its authorized agents, the results of any employer-administered urinalysis, oral fluids, breathalyzer and/or other tests administered for the purposes of determining the presence of prohibited drugs or alcohol.

4. I understand that changes in the law and technology governing substance abuse testing may require that the JATC modify or revise this Policy from time to time, and that I will be provided with notice of such modifications or revisions, when adopted by the JATC, at least 30 days prior to their effective date.

I have carefully read the foregoing Consent Form and fully understand its contents. I acknowledge that my signing this form is a voluntary act on my part and that I have not been coerced into signing this document by anyone.

Printed Name

Social Security Number
(Last 4 nos. only)

Signature

Date

Printed Name of Witness

Signature of Witness

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