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Save The Date: Upcoming Education Sessions

July 29, 2026, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Understanding the Davis-Bacon Act

Instructor: Benjamin Briggs, Partner, Adams & Reese Law

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August 11th, 2026, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Project Manager AI Training

Instructor: Chris Carr, President & CEO, Farotech

October 21st, 2026, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Understanding the National and Local VDV Agreement

Instructor: Katie Enkiri

October 22, 2026, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Understanding the Davis-Bacon Act (Virtual-Only)

Instructor: Benjamin Briggs, Partner, Adams & Reese Law

November 12th, 2026, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Understanding Your CBA for Project Managers

Instructor: Katie Enkiri

Small Contractors Business Development Summit

Registration is Now Open!



Join the North Florida Chapter of NECA for a two-day summit designed specifically for small electrical contractors looking to strengthen their business operations, improve financial performance, and gain practical insights from industry experts. This interactive event combines education, peer networking, and real-world strategies you can immediately apply to your business.

Over the course of two days, attendees will participate in a series of focused sessions covering critical areas of business management and growth for electrical contractors. Topics include financial planning, banking and surety relationships, tax strategies, fraud prevention, job costing, and navigating today's regulatory environment.

Sessions are structured to be highly interactive, allowing contractors to share experiences, ask questions, and walk away with actionable solutions tailored to their business challenges.

*Did we mention that this summit is **FREE** for North Florida Chapter NECA Members?*

Event Details:

Dates: August 28 – 29, 2026

Location: Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 E Coastline Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32202

[Click here to register](#), or [visit our website for more information](#).

2026 NECA Convention and Trade Show

Registration is Now Open!



Registration is now open for the [2026 NECA Convention & Trade Show](#), taking place October 4–7, 2026, in Las Vegas, Nevada. As NECA celebrates its 125th Anniversary, this year's convention promises an exciting lineup of industry-leading education, a dynamic trade show floor featuring the latest products and technologies, and valuable networking opportunities with contractors and partners from across the country.

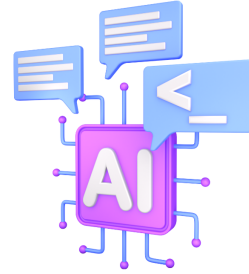
This annual gathering brings together contractors, industry leaders, and innovators from across the country for several days of high-impact education, networking, and access to cutting-edge products and technologies. Attendees can expect dynamic keynote speakers, tailored breakout sessions, and a bustling trade show floor showcasing the latest advancements shaping the future of the industry. Early registration ensures the best access to hotel accommodations, special events, and discounted rates, so don't miss your opportunity to be part of it.

Members are encouraged to register early to secure their spot and take full advantage of everything the event has to offer. For assistance with registration and housing, please feel free to reach out to our office directly. We are happy to assist with the registration process and secure your housing accommodations.

NECA National & ELECTRI International Webinar Series

Seven Points of Clarity: An AI Blueprint for the Construction Industry Virtual Classroom Series

This seven-part NECA Education and ELECTRI virtual series helps construction leaders understand where AI fits and how to manage it responsibly. Each session focuses on what's working today, what's worth paying attention to, and how to apply AI in ways that actually support people, projects, and operations.



1. *Construction AI Roundtable - February 5, 2026 | 3PM ET*

This candid roundtable cuts through the hype surrounding AI in construction. Industry experts and early adopters share what's actually working today, where risks and liabilities need attention, and what's realistically ready for contractors to adopt.

Participants will leave with a grounded understanding of how AI can support their business now and how to avoid costly distractions.

2. *Everyday AI: Practical Prompting for Real Work – March 5, 2026 | 3PM ET*

AI delivers value only when people know how to use it well. This session equips contractors with practical prompting techniques they can apply immediately in both field and office settings. Learn how to get consistent, useful outputs from AI for emails, RFIs, submittals, SOPs, and other everyday workflows without purchasing new software.

3. *How to Define and Manage AI Initiatives – April 2, 2026 | 3PM ET*

Most AI efforts fail due to unclear goals and poor scoping. This session provides a simple, six-step framework for selecting the right AI initiatives, managing vendors, and defining success. Leaders will gain the tools to evaluate ROI, establish governance, and move forward with confidence instead of experimentation.

4. *Boring AI: Automating Repetitive Tasks – May 7, 2026 | 3PM ET*

Not all AI needs to be flashy to deliver results. This session focuses on practical, off-the-shelf automation that eliminates repetitive administrative work and delivers immediate labor savings. Through real-world examples, participants will learn how to pilot and scale “boring” AI solutions that quietly generate measurable ROI.

5. *Confidence: From Vibe to Value – Coding Faster Than Copy/Paste – June 4th, 2026 | 3PM ET*

AI-assisted development is changing how contractors build internal tools. This session explores how lightweight scripts, calculators, and jobsite utilities can be created quickly using AI often by non-developers. Learn when small, purpose-built tools outperform full platforms and how to keep them reliable and maintainable.

6. *Data Models Demystified: Beyond the LLM Hype – August 6, 2026 | 3PM ET*

AI cannot scale without structured data. This session breaks down data models, taxonomies, and structured information in plain contractor language. Participants will see how better data foundations improve estimating, prefab, QA/QC, and closeout and prevent costly fragmentation as AI adoption grows.

7. *The Effort Equation: How Involved Should You Be? – September 10, 2026 | 3PM ET*

AI success requires the right level of involvement—not burnout. This closing session offers a realistic look at the effort behind AI adoption, helping leaders decide what to own, what to delegate, and how to pace implementation. Participants will leave with clarity on how to adopt AI sustainably while aligning resources and expectations.

This series is being offered by NECA National through the NECA Learning Center. Each individual session is \$50 for NECA Members, or \$300 to register for the full series. [Click here](#) to register for this series.

Codes & Standards Report

National Electrical Code Update - Big Changes Coming for the 2029

The 2029 edition of the National Electrical Code is going to contain some major changes and will be the biggest revision in the recent history of this code.

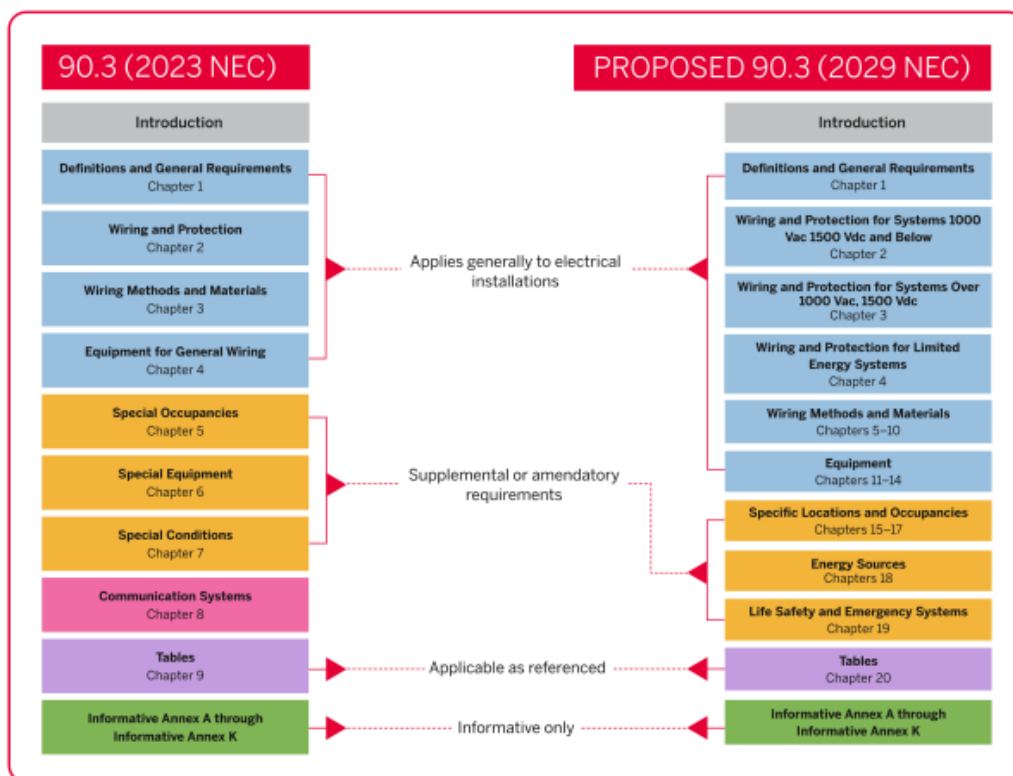
The long-term plan for the 2029 edition of the NEC is to add new chapters, reorganize existing content within new chapters, and provide more visibility and insight into the code, including on topics such as limited-energy and installations over 1000 volts. The reorganization is already underway, beginning with the 2023 edition, with more foundational work occurring in the 2026 edition.

Reorganizing the existing document structure enables the NEC to continue to support evolving electrical systems and technological advancements. A revised NEC organizational structure will support ease of learning, understanding, and applying NEC safe installation requirements in a new, rapidly advancing electrical and technological landscape.

The current chapter structure was first used in the 1937 edition of the NEC. In the 1937 edition, the section numbers were four digits only, with the first three digits being the Article number. Since then, a number of significant structural changes have occurred, including:

- In the 1959 NEC, the numbering of the sections was changed to use the three-digit article number followed by a dash and then the section number.
- Article 250, Grounding and Bonding, was completely reorganized in the 1999 NEC.
- In the 2002 NEC, the dash was replaced with a dot when Chapter 3 was reorganized. The 2002 NEC also saw the reorganization of Chapter 3, which created the parallel structure for all the wiring method articles as well as reorganization of articles.
- The physical size of the document has changed several times throughout the history of the Code, with the most recent and most significant being the 1999 NEC when the current 8.5 x 11-inch page size was introduced.

Here is a summary of the proposed reorganization from the 2023 to 2029 editions of the NEC:



So, as you can see, multiple articles will be renumbered including:

- Temporary Installations (article 590 in the 2023 NEC - article 140 in the 2029 NEC)
- Cable Trays (article 392 in the 2023 NEC - article 504 in the 2029 NEC)
- Rigid Metal Conduit (article 344 in the 2023 NEC - article 702 in the 2029 NEC)
- Motors (article 430 in the 2023 NEC - article 1206 in the 2029 NEC)
- Switchboards, Switchgear and Panelboards (article 408 in the 2023 NEC - article 1104 in the 2029 NEC)

- Electric Vehicle Power Transfer Systems (article 625 in the 2023 NEC - article 1300 in the 2029 NEC)
- Healthcare Facilities (article 517 in the 2023 NEC - article 1600 in the 2029 NEC)
- Generators (article 445 in the 2023 NEC - article 1802 in the 2029 NEC)
- Emergency Systems (article 700 in the 2023 NEC - article 1900 in the 2029 NEC)

Any changes above will affect only the structure, not the technical content. However, technical changes are likely to take place during the normal NEC revision process, which will continue to occur concurrently with the reorganization changes. Restructuring the NEC to enhance usability will assist both the user when applying the requirements and the code-making panels in developing those same requirements.

*** Note - Florida is currently enforcing the 2020 NEC through the Florida Building Code and will be transitioning to the 2023 edition next year. So those of us in Florida will have several more years before Florida adopts the 2029 NEC.

Portions of this article were taken from the NFPA website in an article titled "Reorganization of the National Electrical Code" and "NEC Restructure 2023-2029"

Google.org Announces Support for Electrical Training Alliance and Other Training Organizations



The IBEW-NECA Electrical Training Alliance (ETA) and other trade worker training organizations are getting a boost of support with an additional \$50 million investment from Google.org, the philanthropic division of Google. The funding to [upskill](#) more than 300,000 American tradespeople will go to 14 labor unions and four trade and contractor associations, according to [Google's blog](#).

"The skilled trades have always been the backbone of the American economy, and as technology evolves, so do the incredible opportunities for these essential workers," said Maggie Johnson, global head of Google.org. "We are incredibly proud to back the organizations leading this charge, ensuring the next generation of builders is equipped with the advanced tools they need to shape our country's future."

For the ETA, the [additional investment](#) builds on funding that Google has already provided to help train tens of thousands of electrical workers. The new funding will assist local [ETA training programs](#) by bringing additional resources directly to high-demand infrastructure hubs through an innovative mobile training center pilot.

"Our work with Google is ultimately about communities as a whole, the people in them, and opportunity. Together, we are helping individuals access career pathways that provide world-class training, financial stability, quality benefits and long-term growth," said Todd Stafford, ETA's executive director. "Through Google's commitment to workforce development and our shared investment in expanding awareness of and access to careers in the IBEW-NECA electrical industry, we are creating opportunities that strengthen workers, support families and build a brighter future for communities across the country."

Other key elements of the expanded rollout include:

- Construction pre-apprentices: TradesFutures, an organization created by North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) and its industry partners, will increase access to union construction careers. They will do this by scaling placement from apprenticeship readiness programs into registered apprenticeships across the country and integrating artificial intelligence (A.I.) operational tools to improve graduate placement.
- Plumbers, pipefitters, welders and service techs: The United Association's International Training Fund, which operates in partnership with the Mechanical Contractors Association of America, will develop a five-year roadmap for scaling the plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration sectors, helping prepare people with the skills to build, maintain and upgrade essential infrastructure.
- Sheet metal workers: Backed by Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers and Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors, the International Training Institute for the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Industry will address a critical shortage by modernizing its coursework and apprentice support while implementing new A.I. tools.

"This initiative builds on Google's long-standing commitment to training Americans for high-impact careers that create lasting opportunities for their families and communities," Johnson said.

[Article by Katie Kuehner-Hebert on Electrical Contractor Magazine.com](#)

In Case You Missed It...

- [ELECTRI Council Room Update - May 2026](#)
 - [The Davis-Bacon Act Class RSVP](#)
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JATC Apprenticeship Reports

Jacksonville JATC

To the members of the North Florida Chapter of N.E.C.A.

We are wrapping up interviews for the Fall class. As mentioned we in last month's newsletter, since November we have broken all previous records for applications. Currently we stand at 915 applications for the Inside Program and 122 for the VDV Program. The Trustees will be conducting interviews through the middle of July.

ETA of Jacksonville will be sending nine instructors, as well as the 2025 Outstanding Apprentice to the National Training Institute in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Classes that started in January are continuing through the summer and are still going strong.

If you know anyone who may be interested in beginning a career in the electrical trade, please have them visit our website at www.etajax.org to begin the application process. Deadline for the January 2027 class is November 5th.

As always, I am here to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to contact me if I can help with anything. On behalf of the Trustees of the Apprenticeship Committee, thank you for your continuing support.

*Daniel Van Sickle
Apprenticeship and Training Director*

*Daniel McEachern
Training Coordinator*

*Joshua Spears
Assistant Training Director*

ELECTRI Resources for Small Contractors

Supporting small contractors with practical tools and insights is critical to long-term success. Through ELECTRI International, members have access to a growing library of resources designed to strengthen business operations, improve efficiency, and keep contractors ahead of industry trends.

On-Demand Learning Opportunities

Explore expert-led discussions and industry insights through recorded sessions:

- [ConTech & IT Coffee Session Recordings](#) – Stay current on construction technology and IT advancements shaping the electrical industry.
- [ELECTRI Council Room Sessions](#) – Gain insights from peer discussions and industry leaders on key business challenges and solutions.

Business Coaching for Growth

The [ELECTRI Business Coaching Network](#) connects contractors with experienced coaches who provide tailored guidance on leadership, financial performance, and strategic planning—helping small businesses scale effectively.

AI Tools for Contractors

As technology continues to evolve, contractors can leverage curated AI solutions to streamline operations and improve productivity. Explore the latest tools here:

- [ELECTRI AI Tool List](#)

These resources are designed to be practical, accessible, and immediately applicable; helping small contractors stay competitive and build stronger, more resilient businesses.

Looking Forward

- **July 29th, 2026:** *Understanding the Davis-Bacon Act Class*
 - **August 11th, 2026:** *AI Training for Project Managers*
 - **August 26th, 2026:** *Membership Meeting*
 - **August 28 - 29, 2026:** *Small Contractors Business Development Summit*
 - **October 21st, 2026:** *Understanding the National and Local VDV Agreement Class*
 - **October 22nd, 2026:** *Understanding the Davis-Bacon Act Class (Virtual Only)*
 - **November 12th, 2026:** *Understanding Your CBA for Project Managers Class*
 - **December 4th, 2026:** *Membership Meeting & Holiday Party*
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