

The logo features the NECA acronym with a stylized American flag graphic above it, followed by the text "North Florida Chapter" and "CONNECTION" in large, bold, white capital letters on a dark blue background with a circuit-like pattern.

# NECA North Florida Chapter CONNECTION

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## Atkore - Now A NECA Premier Partner!



We here at the North Florida Chapter NECA are so excited to announce that our Associate Member *Atkore Inc* has become a Premier Partner with NECA! This top-level sponsorship program connects NECA members to the leading companies in the electrical construction industry.

As a Premier Partner, Atkore will collaborate with NECA to deliver educational programs, training resources, and industry insights. Additionally, Atkore will showcase its brands, products and services to the electrical construction industry through hundreds of NECA events, publications and digital platforms.

"By sharing knowledge and expertise, Atkore aims to empower electrical contractors with the tools and information they need to excel in an ever-evolving industry," said Bill Waltz, Atkore President and CEO. "The Premier Partner sponsorship represents another milestone in Atkore's commitment to the electrical industry, and our dedication to supporting the success of NECA and its electrical contractor members."

NECA CEO David Long added, "Atkore has been a strong NECA participant historically, and the Premier Partner sponsorship further strengthens their role in the electrical industry. We're pleased Atkore now joins a group of other elite companies that are dedicated to supporting electrical contractors and the continued growth of the industry."

We congratulate Atkore on their Premier Partnership and we look forward to many more years of working together!

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## ELECTRI's January 2024 Recap

**ELECTRI held its Winter Council Meeting in Amelia Island, FL with over 200 attendees!**The meeting included a tour of Miller Electric, informative education sessions, and interactive roundtable discussions. [View the recap of the meeting here.](#)

**The ELECTRI Council voted to fund six new research projects:**

- Impact of Incentive Pay for Electrical Contractors
- The Impact Megaprojects Have on Labor Markets: Assessment and Case Study
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the Electrical Construction Industry
- CMMC 2.0 and Cybersecurity Education
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Implementation Roadmap for Electrical Contractors
- Exploring the Value of Early Electrical Contractor Involvement

Each project is expected to be completed this year. If you have questions on the research projects or have contractors who want to get involved in a research task force, contact [amanda@electri.org](mailto:amanda@electri.org).

**The Department of Labor hosted an education session on ELECTRI's Project Management Apprenticeship Program during our Winter Council Meeting.** You can review the resources from this session here:

- [Project Management Apprenticeship – Presentation Slides](#)
- [Register Apprenticeship – DOL Presentation Slides](#)
- [Apprenticeship Implementation Timeline](#)
- [Registered Apprenticeship – Presentation Summary](#)

For any questions on the Project Management Apprenticeship Program, please contact [Anna.jochim@electri.org](mailto:Anna.jochim@electri.org).

**Registration for the ELECTRI Connection Summit in Roatan, Honduras is open for ELECTRI Council members!** The 2024 ELECTRI International Connection Summit Meeting (formerly the Cross Border Meeting) is your opportunity to connect with your colleagues from around the globe. Join us in Roatán, Honduras from April 8-11 to share ideas, make valuable international business connections and observe our industry from a new point-of-view. After February 19, any remaining space will be available to contractors outside of the ELECTRI Council.

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## Miller Showcase at the ELECTRI Winter Council Meeting

This month at the January *ELECTRI Council Meeting*, attendees got a tour of the *Miller Electric Company* facility. This tour included several stations such as the *Client Service Center (CSC) for Service and Maintenance*. Here, attendees discovered how Miller's dedicated Client Service Center ensures top-notch service and maintenance for their clients and learned about their commitment to excellence in customer support.

At the *Integration into Smart Building Technology and Monitoring* station, attendees gained insight into Miller Electric's cutting-edge smart building technology and monitoring systems that enables them to provide efficient and sustainable solutions.

At the *What We Have Learned from BIM/Prefab/VDC (The Data)* station, attendees explored the data-driven approach Miller has taken to Building Information Modeling (BIM), Prefabrication, and Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) to optimize project.

Next was a tour of the *Electric Vehicle Innovation Design Center (EVIDC)*. Here, attendees got an exclusive look at Miller's Electric Vehicle Innovation Design Center, where they are at the forefront of developing advanced solutions for the electric vehicle industry.

Lastly was the *Partnership Benefits with Miller Electric and Supply Chain* station where attendees learned about their strategic partnerships with industry leaders and the supply chain, and how these collaborations enhance the value they offer to their clients.

The event ended with Henry Brown addressing all the attendees and thanking them for their visit. We are

proud to have Miller Electric Company as a member of the North Florida Chapter NECA and we look forward to many more opportunities to showcase the excellent work Miller Electric is doing for our industry.



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## Local Union 177, 1205, & 756 Industry Night- **POSTPONED**

Please be aware that the Multi-Local Industry Night Blitz event has been postponed until further notice. We will update our members soon when a new date for this event has been secured.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you all for your patience and understanding. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions.



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## JATC Apprenticeship Reports

### Jacksonville JATC

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

January has us giving a Journeyman class for Fiber Optics that will continue until March 2nd . Please check our website for future Fiber Optic classes that will be offered later in the year in significant interest is provided. We also have a Medium Voltage Splicing class that is currently being given to Journeyman that will continue until March 7th.

2024 started us out with three new 1st Year Apprenticeship classes beginning in January. These classes began January 8th and will run through the summer. These classes are utilizing the new CML model that has been adopted by the National Electrical Training Alliance.

ETA of Jacksonville is also beginning OSHA 10, CPR and First Aid courses for our student body throughout the month of February.

If you know anyone who may be interested in taking continuing education classes that we offer, please have them contact the ETA.

As a reminder, we take applications year round and 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](http://www.etajax.org) to begin the application process.

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  
Assistant Training Director

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## ELECTRI Research Report

### Contract Benchmarking & Analytics: 2023 Document Crunch Report

Document Crunch and ELECTRI endeavored to improve this partnership in 2023 building on it's earlier report. Rather than collect contracts from ELECTRI Council members manually as it did in 2022, Document Crunch created a specific product in its platform and invited Council members to use this product. Upon uploading their contracts in the normal course of business, they had access to Document Crunch's core contract intelligence, and also to the results of the 2022 study. This enabled them to understand, in the normal course of business, how terms in their current contracts compared to the 2022 benchmarking standards and results).

These improvements to this partnership have yielded a much bigger use case in 2023. For example, more than 300 ELECTRI participants used the ELECTRI product within the Document Crunch platform in 2023. With 39 NECA chapters uploading more than 700 contracts from 300 participating contractors across the country, our partnership has yielded amazing results in 2023. The Document Crunch team has held more than 50 individual and group training sessions that have empowered participating contractors to supercharge their contract and risk review process. The collaborative nature of the system, combined with the custom insights from ELECTRI, enable teams to be proactive about managing contract risk and avoiding traditional pitfalls.

This report is the updated, 2023 iteration of the 2021 study.

[Read the full report here.](#)



## Looking Forward

- February 5th-7th, 2024: *WINFL Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA*
- April 8th-10th, 2024: *ELECTRI International Connection Summit in Roatan, Honduras*
- April 15th-17th, 2024: *NECA EMERGE Conference in Las Vegas, NV*
- May 1st-2nd, 2024: *Large Contractors Spring Meeting in Santa Fe, NM*
- May 6th-8th, 2024: *National Legislative Conference in Washington, DC*
- May 20th-22nd, 2024: *Safety Professionals Conference in Denver, CO*
- June 21st-24th, 2024: *Southern Regional Conference in Banff, Alberta Canada*
- July 15th-17th, 2024: *ELECTRI Council July Meeting in Boston, MA*
- July 17th-19th, 2024: *Labor Relations Conference in Boston, MA*
- September 28th-October 1st, 2024: *NECA Convention and Trade Show in San Diego, CA*

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