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Membership Meeting

North Florida Chapter NECA's second quarter membership meeting of 2026 will take place on **Wednesday, April 29th, at 12:00 p.m.** at the North Florida NECA office, in the upstairs training room. Lunch will be provided!

[RSVP Here!](#)

Upcoming Education

How to Avoid or Fix a Broken Project: Practical Law Training for Electrical Contractors

All construction projects have the potential to break down. Having strategies to avoid broken projects, and to fix them, are fundamental tools for the savvy electrical contractor. National construction lawyers Lori Azzara and Matt Skaroff will present to our Chapter "**How to Avoid or Fix a Broken Project: Practical Law Training for Electrical Contractors.**" Their program addresses key contract concepts and provides examples for negotiating and modifying the most problematic contract clauses. They will identify time-tested preconstruction and construction-phase strategies for profitable projects, give concrete examples how to notify, preserve, and prove construction claims, and discuss ways to navigate payment traps on Florida projects as well as the requirements for Florida lien and bond claims.

Date: **Wednesday, May 13th, 2026**

Time: **8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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.

Registration is Now Open!



Don't miss your chance to join fellow NECA members April 13–15, 2026, at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia for NECA EMERGE, a Specialty Work & Emerging Opportunities Conference designed to help contractors grow and adapt in today's evolving market.

This groundbreaking three-day event brings together several industry-favorite meetings, including Service & Maintenance, Business Development, Systems Integration, and other emerging work areas, into one streamlined experience. Attendees can choose from multiple tracks tailored to their business goals and discover new insights, strategies, and innovations that will prepare them to take on tomorrow's opportunities.

Whether you're focused on expanding services, strengthening operations, or connecting with peers and partners, EMERGE 2026 has something for you.

[Click here to register](#), or feel free to contact our office if you would like assistance with registration!

Registration is now open for the 2026 NECA Southern Region Conference! Join fellow NECA members June 26–29, 2026, at the Everline Resort & Spa in Lake Tahoe (Olympic Valley, CA) for an unforgettable experience combining education, networking, and inspiration in a stunning mountain setting. The conference will feature engaging general sessions with speakers including Olympic gold medalist Jonny Moseley, AI business strategist Chris Carr, and ELECTRI International Executive Director Josh Bone.

Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with industry leaders, gain forward-looking insights, and enjoy all that Lake Tahoe has to offer. Full registration is \$815, with guest and child options available. Hotel accommodations can be booked directly through the registration process at exclusive conference rates. Don't miss this chance to build stronger connections and return home energized.

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Safety Talk

Caution: Wet Conditions - Moisture demands heightened awareness of electrical hazards on the job site

Electrical workers understand better than most that electricity and water are a dangerous combination. Wet conditions significantly increase the risk of [shock](#), [electrocution](#), [arc flash](#) and equipment failure. Electrical work performed in wet or moist environments requires heightened awareness, planning and controls.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, electrocution remains one of the leading causes of fatalities in construction and electrical work. Moisture plays a major role in these incidents because it lowers the body's resistance and increases conductivity, allowing current to travel more easily through a worker's body. When combined with damaged insulation, improper grounding or a lack of ground-fault protection, the results can be catastrophic.



These conditions increase risk

Water alone is not a particularly good conductor. However, water found on job sites is rarely pure. Rainwater, mud, concrete slurry, sweat and standing water almost always contain minerals and contaminants that enhance conductivity. Wet skin can reduce the body's resistance by thousands of ohms, meaning a voltage that might cause only a minor shock under dry conditions can become fatal when moisture is present.

Wet conditions also accelerate equipment degradation. Extension cords, power tools, temporary wiring and connectors are more susceptible to insulation breakdown, corrosion and internal damage when

exposed to moisture.

These hazards are not always visible and may only reveal themselves once equipment is energized.

Requirements and responsibilities

OSHA's electrical standards require employers to protect workers from electrical hazards in all environments. One of the most critical requirements is the use of [ground-fault circuit interrupters \(GFCIs\)](#) on all 120V, single-phase, 15A and 20A receptacles used on construction sites.

However, GFCIs alone are not enough. Employers must ensure that tools and equipment are listed and labeled for wet or damp locations when used outdoors or in exposed environments. Temporary wiring must be installed properly, protected from physical damage and elevated when necessary to prevent contact with standing water.

Accounting for proper protection

Proper grounding and bonding are essential defenses against electrical hazards in general, but particularly in wet environments. Ground faults are among the most common electrical faults and remain a leading cause of electrical injuries and fatalities.

Electrical systems and equipment must have an effective ground-fault current path to allow overcurrent protective devices to operate as designed. Workers should never remove grounding prongs, bypass grounding conductors or use damaged cords and plugs.

Safe work in wet conditions

Whenever possible, electrical work should be postponed during severe weather or when excessive moisture is present. When work must proceed, additional controls should be implemented. Work areas should be kept as dry as possible using drainage, platforms, insulating mats or barriers.

Training and recordkeeping

Training plays a vital role in preventing electrical incidents in wet conditions. Workers must understand how moisture affects electrical hazards, how to recognize unsafe conditions and when to stop work.

Wet conditions are an unavoidable reality in electrical work, but injuries and fatalities do not have to be. By understanding how moisture increases electrical hazards and reinforcing safe work practices, employers and workers can significantly reduce risk.

[Article by Tim O'Connor on Electrical Contractor Magazine.com](#)

In Case You Missed It...

- [New ELECTRI Resource: New Tools & Road Ahead Research Updates](#)

JATC Apprenticeship Reports

Jacksonville JATC

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

March started us off with giving aptitude testing for the 2026-2027 school year. To date we have taken in 640 applications to date. We are beginning apprentice interviews April 14th and will continue throughout May and June. Application deadline is May 14th for the Fall class.

Career fairs have really been ramping up since February. Recruiting organizations and high schools in the surrounding counties have us busy covering their event several days a week now.

We have totally remodeled the VDV classroom. New carpet, fresh paint and new desks have been installed; as well as a new big screen monitor for the instructor to project course related work has been put in.

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

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ELECTRI Research Report

Advancing Electrical Service and Maintenance Practices in Alignment with NFPA 70B/E

The purpose of this guide is to provide clear, practical guidance for electrical contractors navigating the evolving landscape of maintenance under NFPA 70B and NFPA 70E. It is designed to build familiarity with the standards, explain how they intersect with service operations, and outline what they mean for contractors—from small businesses just entering service work to established firms expanding compliance offerings.

[Click here](#) for the two part breakdown of this report.

Looking Forward

- **April 13 - 15, 2026:** *NECA EMERGE Conference*
- **April 29th, 2026:** *Membership Meeting*
- **May 13th, 2026:** *How to Avoid or Fix a Broken Project: Practical Law Training for Electrical Contractors Class*
- **June 26 - 29:** *NECA Southern Region Conference*
- **July 29th, 2026:** *Understanding the Davis-Bacon Act Class*
- **August 26th, 2026:** *Membership Meeting*
- **September 23rd - 24th, 2026:** *Advanced Estimating of Electrical Construction Class*
- **October 22nd, 2026:** *Understanding the Davis-Bacon Act Class (Virtual Only)*
- **December 4th, 2026:** *Membership Meeting & Holiday Party*

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