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NECA 2010 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Join us in Washington from Tuesday, May 4 through Thursday, May 6 for NECA's **2010 National Legislative Conference.**

If there is ever a time when our collective voice needs to be heard in Washington it is in this all-important mid-term election year. Many of the legislative proposals put forward in 2009, such as health care and "cap and trade" energy policy, threaten the profitability of NECA contractors.

Among NECA's legislative priorities are policies aimed at job creation, pension relief, reducing the estate tax, eliminating withholding on government projects, and closing a loophole that allows employers to misclassify employees as independent contractors. NECA will oppose legislation to reform our immigration system that could hold contractors liable for the hiring practices of subcontractors.

Through your participation during these critical days in May, we can hope to advance these issues on behalf of our industry.

Participants in the Conference will take part in issue briefings and engage with Members of Congress and Washington insiders while gaining a unique perspective on the legislative process. All registrants have the opportunity to meet with legislative leaders in their offices and at our Congressional Reception.

NECA's legislative conference is about policy, not partisanship. Speakers from both sides of the political aisle allow participants to gain a greater understanding of what to expect when meeting with Members of Congress. With prepared position papers and preparatory meetings putting forth the necessary talking points, NECA staff will ensure all participants are able to communicate like a pro.

By taking an active role in the policymaking process, participants are contributing to the success of the electrical contracting industry by sending Congress the message that NECA leads the industry in establishing and maintaining the highest workforce standards and performance. Join forces with other NECA members and staff working on the Association's behalf in Washington. Together, we can guide legislative change for our industry and the people we serve.

In the weeks preceding the National Legislative Conference, NECA's Government Affairs staff (301-215-4522) will be open to discuss any issues that those interested in the Conference feel should be included over the course of the meeting.

NECA 2010 PLC SUMMIT

In response to positive reviews, this year's annual Political Leadership Council (PLC) Summit, taking place Wednesday, May 5 through Thursday, May 6, will continue to coincide with the National Legislative Conference. PLC members are encouraged to participate in the Legislative Conference, as well as separate, invitation-only events featuring high profile speakers and a cocktail reception and special dinner.

From interacting with Members of Congress at the PLC-sponsored Congressional Reception to partaking in exclusive briefings and business meetings, the Summit allows PLC members to continue integrating political action into the growing NECA community.

PLC chapters and members embody a commitment of extraordinary magnitude and exemplify leadership within the electrical construction industry through their generous ECPAC contributions, securing the policy priorities of our members, and increasing the visibility of NECA.

Membership in the PLC, and its corresponding events, is open to all NECA members and chapters. If you are interested in joining the PLC and participating in the Summit's exclusive events after the Conference, either through a personal contribution or through working with other members to meet your chapter's goal, please contact Lake Coulson at 301-215-4522.

We look forward to welcoming our PLC members taking part in the 2010 Summit. We are grateful for our PLC members who have shown dedication and commitment to a vigorous government affairs program and who help to ensure that NECA has the resources to continue to make an impact on the national legislative landscape.

Tentative Legislative Conference Agenda

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 a.m.	–	1:00 p.m.	Government Affairs Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m.	–	7:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
10:00 a.m.	–	5:30 p.m.	Capitol Hill Meeting Desk Open
3:00 p.m.	–	5:00 p.m.	Legislative Update and Congressional Briefing
6:00 p.m.	–	7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception
		7:30 p.m.	Dine Around

Wednesday, May 5

6:30 a.m.	–	5:00 p.m.	Registration Desk Open
7:00 a.m.	–	2:00 p.m.	Capitol Hill Meeting Desk Open
7:00 a.m.	–	10:00 a.m.	Breakfast Speaker, Issues Discussion and Briefing
11:00 a.m.	–	5:00 p.m.	Legislator Meetings (as scheduled)
5:30 p.m.	–	7:30 p.m.	Congressional Reception
		8:00 p.m.	Dine Around

Thursday, May 6

6:30 a.m.	–	2:00 p.m.	Capitol Hill Meeting Desk Open
7:30 a.m.	–	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Speaker **Mike Allen,** Chief Political Correspondent, Politico
9:00 a.m.	–	1:00 p.m.	Capitol Hill Meetings (as scheduled)

Tentative PLC Summit Agenda

Wednesday, May 5

5:30 p.m.	–	7:30 p.m.	Congressional Reception
		8:00 p.m.	Dine Around

Thursday, May 6

6:30 a.m.	–	2:00 p.m.	Capitol Hill Meeting Desk Open
7:30 a.m.	–	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Speaker **Mike Allen,** Chief Political Correspondent, Politico
9:00 a.m.	–	1:00 p.m.	Capitol Hill Meetings (as scheduled)
2:00 p.m.	–	4:00 p.m.	PLC Business Session (by invitation only)
		6:00 p.m.	PLC Reception and Dinner (by invitation only)

*Schedules subject to change.

In 2003, NECA's leaders came together and made the commitment to bring our political action committee (ECPAC) to the $1 million level. Through that personal involvement and financial commitment, NECA has realized greater visibility, greater access, and greater influence while achieving greater results for each of us in the electrical construction business.

During the 2008 electoral cycle, NECA exceeded $1.6 million in ECPAC contributions, ranking it as the largest specialty contractor PAC and among the top 50 nationwide. In 2009, NECA exceeded all expectations with a record-setting $800,000-plus in contributions from more than 1150 contractors.

NECA is respected by legislators, regulators, and competing sectors of the construction industry as the leading organization of major influence in terms of our commitment to governmental affairs and political leadership. NECA's strong relationship with the Small Business, Energy, Finance and Tax committees assists in our efforts to bring our issues to the attention of policymakers.

COMMITMENT

A key ingredient in ECPAC's growing success is it's **Political Leadership Council (PLC).** Contractors who make a personal annual ECPAC commitment of $5000 give us the power to keep and expand on our position as a million-dollar-plus political action "player."

Chapters can also become PLC members and can name a representative to the Council.

MEMBERSHIP

- **Individuals**—Personal contribution of $5000 annually
- **Chapters**—To join the PLC, a Chapter must meet the annual goals set for Chapter leadership and member commitments. Detailed information is available from NECA's Office of Government Affairs

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The PLC is far more than just writing a check. Its members have specific opportunities to:

- Play a key role in selecting the issues that our members want NECA to support
- Participate in critical informational briefing sessions with Members of Congress
- Attend the annual PLC Summit with a full day of high-level interaction and briefings from elected congressional leaders and national experts who impact our businesses
- Receive weekly email updates on NECA government affairs activity on current issues and in political action

OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE US STRONG

Like every successful organization, our Political Leadership Council has a solid structure of dedicated men and women working on behalf of all electrical contractors.

- The Council Chair leads the effort each year to ensure that we achieve ECPAC results far above the million-dollar level
- Regional Chairmen enlist additional Council members and also work throughout each NECA Region to encourage gifts to ECPAC at every level
- EVERY Political Leadership Council member is a strong advocate for positive government action that will make business conditions better for your company

Contributing to NECA's Political Leadership Council is an investment in the future of your business.

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