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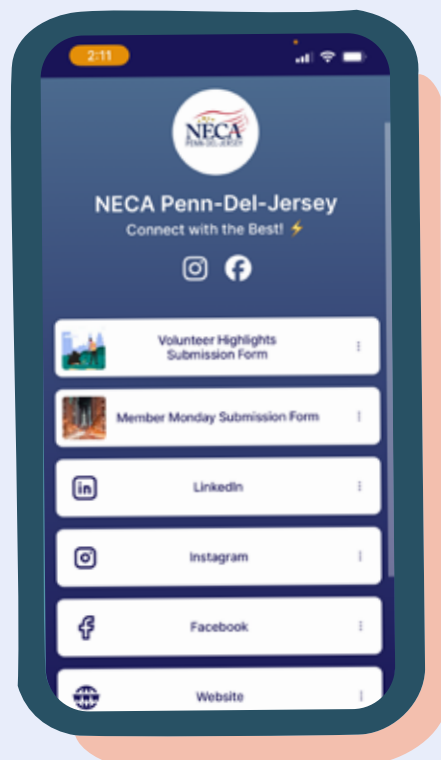
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Please direct all comments and questions to Jenna Scarpello at jenna.scarpello@neca-pdj.org.

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In this article: Ken MacDougall discuss the upcoming data center and electrical infrastructure development boom, including its opportunities and myriad challenges.

In this article: Aaron Kelley discuss several digital tools powered by artificial intelligence (AI) and how you may be able to use them to improve your business operations and become more competitive.



In this article: Take a look back at some of the most interesting events held or attended by the Chapter in 2025, including the Sporting Clays Shoot, Annual Golf Classic, NECA 2025 Chicago, and more.

The Chapter has plenty of fascinating events planned for 2026. Be sure to review our list and add anything that interests you to your calendar!

2025 Chapter Officers



Daniel J. Hahn, Sr. - Governor

Re-Elected Governor for 2026

Daniel J. Hahn, Sr. is the President and Owner of Furness Electric Co., Inc. in Wilmington, DE. He serves as the Delaware Division Chair, as Trustee and Chair on the IBEW Local 313 Labor Management Committee, Health & Welfare, and Retirement Funds; and as a Trustee on the NECA/IBEW 313 JATC. Dan is also a Fellow of the NECA Academy of Electrical Contracting.



Charles H. MacDonald III - President

Completed Term in 2025

Charles H. MacDonald is the President and Founder of Charles H. MacDonald Electric in Paoli, PA. He serves as Trustee on the IBEW Local 654 Trust Funds and IBEW Local 98 Pension Committee and is Co-Chair of the Chapter Golf Classic Committee.



Natalie O. Linder - Vice President

Completed Term in 2025

Natalie O. Linder is Client Delivery Director at Black Box Network Services in Blue Bell, PA. She serves as Chair of the Sound & Communications Division, Co-Chair of the Women In NECA Committee, and Trustee on the IBEW Local 98 Sound & Communications Health & Welfare and Labor Management Committees. She is the first woman to serve as Chapter Vice President and is a Fellow of the NECA Academy of Electrical Contracting.



James A. Meyer - Treasurer

Elected President for 2026

James A. Meyer is the President of Battaglia Electric and a current Board Member from the Delaware Division. He serves as IBEW Local 313 JATC Chairman and as a Trustee on the Local 313 Health & Welfare-Pension-Annuity and Labor Management Funds.

2026 Incoming Officers



James Meyer
President



Samuel Bashore
Vice President



Shawn Duff
Treasurer

About the Chapter

From the President...



James A. Meyer
Chapter President

Dear Members, Partners, and Friends,

To start: thank you for placing your trust in me to serve as President of our great association. I am excited to serve in this role and I look forward to working with you all.

The Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter has served the electrical construction industry for 86 years. Although the services provided have only expanded since that time, our mission has remained constant: offer the best support possible to our members and advance the electrical industry.

This past year represented that mission at its best. We strengthened our education and workforce development programs, expanded our government affairs influence, and delivered record-setting participation in training, safety, and business development initiatives.

We celebrated major achievements at the NECA Convention, continued to build relationships with our labor partners, and elevated the visibility of our members through enhanced communications, media, and public outreach. Most importantly, we continued to invest in our contractors by providing the resources, knowledge, and support needed to succeed in a rapidly changing marketplace.

While our Chapter is proud of its legacy, we are energized by the opportunities which lie ahead. In particular, the new demand for massive data center complexes and expanded electrical infrastructure throughout our jurisdiction will be a boon to our industry. However, this boon will also bring with it substantial logistical and manpower-related challenges.

Fortunately for us, the history of our industry has shown that our members and association do not shy away from substantial challenges. On the contrary, we have always risen to face and overcome them. I have no doubt that we will do the same this time around.

What more, the deployment of new digital technologies--enabled, in fact, by the establishment of the very data centers fueling our financial boon--will also reshape how we as contractors do our work. The adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) tools and advanced automation has already begun to reshape estimating, project planning, workforce training, safety, and communications.

To thrive in this brave new world of cutting-edge technology, our companies will need to quickly learn and adapt to new ways of doing business. However, supported by the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter, I know we will be able to do so. Use the Chapter as a resource--it will be here for you every step of the way during your company's digital transformation!

I look forward to seeing what 2026 and beyond brings our Association. No challenge is too large for us to face together. Here's to another year of progress and success!

It's going to be great!

Sincerely,

James A. Meyer
Chapter President

Connect With the Best!

The Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), headquartered in King of Prussia, PA, represents over 150 Contractor Members and 60 Associate Members across 14 Divisions in eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. Founded in 1939, the Chapter has a rich history of leadership and innovation in the electrical contracting industry.

The Chapter offers a wide range of benefits, including labor relations expertise, government advocacy, business development support, educational workshops, and safety training. Members also enjoy networking opportunities and access to resources that enhance their success in a competitive industry. Collaborative partnerships with industry organizations and other NECA chapters further strengthen the Chapter's role as an advocate for contractors.

Contractor Members are frequently recognized for excellence in electrical construction and are encouraged to contribute through participation in various Chapter committees. Additionally, the Chapter demonstrates its commitment to the community through the "NECA Cares" program, which supports numerous charitable initiatives on behalf of its members.

For more information, contact Sarah Bennett, Director of Member Services, at sbennett@neca-pdj.org.

The Data Center Boom



Ken MacDougall
Director of Business Development

The rapid expansion of data centers across the United States, fueled by the demands of artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and digital infrastructure, will soon position Pennsylvania and Delaware as key players in this burgeoning industry. These states are leveraging their abundant natural gas reserves, strategic locations, and physical infrastructure to attract major tech companies to the area, creating significant opportunities for the electrical construction sector... albeit amid several challenges.

The Scale of the Boom

Numerous hyperscale construction projects to support AI and data storage have been announced in PA. These include a \$15 billion data center campus near Carlisle, a \$6 billion facility in Lancaster, and a \$5 billion investment in York County. Such initiatives are part of an even larger wave of developments in Central PA driven by affordable land, reliable power, and proximity to East Coast markets.

Statewide, the total projected investment pipeline exceeds \$70 billion. Notable tech giants investing in the state include Google, Amazon, and Microsoft; the latter of which hopes to facilitate the reopening of an entire nuclear reactor for its private energy needs. Meta (Facebook) and other tech giants are also investing, launching projects specifically focused on power delivery upgrades to address potential

grid bottlenecks. As of late 2025, at least 21 new data centers projects are planned across the state. These projects alone are expected to triple the electrical load required in the sector.

In neighboring Delaware, the data center landscape is also heating up, with a proposed 6-million-square-foot data center campus near Delaware City, comprising 11 or more buildings and projected to create 3,500 construction jobs while injecting \$9.7 billion into the economy during its initial phase. Construction is slated to begin in 2026, assuming the project is able to clear its myriad regulatory hurdles.

Opportunities for the Industry

NECA Contractors stand to benefit immensely from data center infrastructure expansion. These facilities require sophisticated electrical systems, including low- and high-voltage cabling, power distribution, backup generators, and extensive (often expensive) control and smart grid integrations.

Economically, these projects are expected to generate thousands of jobs, which will undoubtedly boost local economies through increased tax revenues. When advocating for government support of these projects, NECA Contractors should leverage this positive economic projection and should also reiterate to local policymakers that the union jobs created will ensure the financial stability of thousands of constituent families. However, in policy meetings, lawmakers will undoubtedly bring to your attention the serious concerns of certain other constituents who are not as excited for data center infrastructure expansion...

Challenges and Considerations

While this boom offers promise, it will not

be without its hurdles. Data centers' energy consumption could strain the existing electrical grid and seriously raise costs for the average residential electricity user. Genuine questions exist about the environmental impact of an expanded electrical grid, be such expansion "dirty" or "clean." Ultimately, states might choose to place additional taxes on large-load users or create incentives for green development to offset environmental concerns. Collaboration with public officials will be essential as we continue to support the sector's expansion while navigating these questions and concerns.

The data center boom represents a transformative opportunity for our industry and we stand prepared to take on its challenges. However, we must understand the pressures increased technological dependency will place on our society and remain willing to discuss the challenges brought with it.

We can and will benefit from this boom. However, let us be prepared to "roll with the punches" that might be thrown at us and, alongside our public officials, earnestly address society's concerns about data centers as they are raised.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken MacDougall at kmacdougall@neca-pdj.org.

AI in Your Operations



Aaron R. Kelley
Director of Public Affairs

Artificial intelligence (AI) is emerging as a game-changer for contracting firms and other high performing businesses worldwide.

Adopting reputable AI tools can enhance efficiency, safety, and profitability in your business. In addition to features that could assist any company, these technologies are beginning to offer construction companies practical solutions tailored to assist with project estimation and management. Below are some of the top AI tools available to you as a construction contractor in 2025 along with descriptions of their uses and how they can empower you to thrive in a competitive landscape.

Chatbots like *ChatGPT*, *Claude*, *Gemini*, or *Grok* serve as an accessible starting point, aiding with tasks such as analyzing and drafting reports, safety protocols, and client communications without requiring specialized expertise. Many tools, including those listed above or others integrated into longstanding graphic design software (almost every company is somehow integrating AI into existing software) can assist with marketing and media tasks, such as logo or advertisement development. *Microsoft Copilot*, a chatbot directly integrated into Microsoft tools such as Outlook, Word, PowerPoint, and Excel, can help with writing and number crunching, and is easy to access if you already use Microsoft's subscription services.

Specialized AI tools are beginning to be able to complete more complex tasks for construction contractors:

Estimation and Takeoff: *ProEst AI* uses machine learning to offer precise material takeoffs from blueprints, improving accuracy by up to 27% and reducing time by 75%. *Togal AI* excels in AI-powered quantity takeoffs from construction plans, while *Drawer AI* automates electrical-specific elements like device quantification and branch routing.

Project Management and Scheduling: *ServiceTitan* and *HouseCall Pro* integrate AI for optimized dispatching, real-time job tracking, and workflow automation, with features like GPS-enabled timesheets and technician assignment predictors. *Procore Helix* offers predictive analytics for timelines and risk assessment.

Predictive Maintenance and Safety: *BuildOps* has many uses, including employing AI to predict equipment failure, schedule maintenance, and offer safety recommendations, while features in *SafetyCulture* can help automate safety assessment processes and identify safety violations through data analysis.

Data Analysis and Decision Making: Tools like *Salesforce Einstein* analyze customer data for sales forecasting, and *HubSpot Service Hub* uses AI for predictive customer satisfaction insights.

These tools, and others like them, could dramatically increase your efficiency and productivity; I encourage you to explore them and any others you encounter online.

However, a word of warning: all AI models make mistakes. These digital helpers are not detailed oriented and their errors are sometimes egregious. Always ensure

AI-assisted work is directed and thoroughly reviewed by a knowledgeable (human) staff member. AI is not yet the panacea to all of our company's ills!

Below, you will find a QR code leading you to a web page with links to these AI-powered tools. Check them all out and see how you might be able to best integrate them into your company's operations to improve efficiency and profitability.



If you have any questions about these tools, please contact me at akelley@neca-pdj.org.

Learn More: February 18-19, 2026

Want to learn more about employing AI to improve your business?

On February 18-19, 2026, the Chapter is hosting an intensive, in-person, two day-long course entitled "Intro to AI in the Workplace," offered by subject matter expert Chris Carr of Dynamix.

This foundational course introduces AI concepts tailored for electrical contractors. Attendees will learn how AI is transforming the construction industry and walk away with practical tools and strategies for immediate adoption.

For more information on this course and how to register, please contact Rob Triplett at rttriplett@neca-pdj.org.

Education and Safety



Robert L. Triplett
Director of Education



2026 Education
Course Catalog

This year was one of measurable growth and record participation for the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter's Education and Safety programs.

Our focus remained clear: provide high-quality, relevant training and resources that strengthen our contractors' leadership, productivity, and safety performance. With more than 575 total attendees participating in education courses, executive sessions, and Industry :30 webinars, the Chapter continued to elevate learning opportunities across all divisions of our jurisdiction.

In 2025, we delivered 17 in-person NECA Education courses, hosting sessions on NFPA 70E and Field Leadership Essentials, along with courses on Basic Estimating of Electrical Construction, Strategic Planning, Change Order Management, Financial Outcomes for Project Managers, and more. Our average in-seat class size was 27 attendees, with our June Field Leadership Essentials course in Hershey reaching 49 attendees — the most attended of the year. We also held four in-person courses in outlying areas of our jurisdic-

tion to ensure accessibility for all members. In addition, the Chapter offered four Executive Education sessions, including courses on purchasing best practices, prefabrication ROI, process improvement, and cash flow strategies.

We continued to grow our virtual learning library by recording and publishing eight Industry :30 webinars, covering topics such as artificial intelligence in procurement, tariff changes, prefab integration, market trends, and even AI's impact on employment law. Because of the volume and quality of our programming, the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter received the NECA National Education Achievement Award for having the most in-seat classes in 2024 — a testament to our members' commitment to professional development.

On the safety front, 13 contractors were honored locally and nationally for Zero-Injury and Safety Achievement awards, recognizing outstanding performance related to recordable incidents and total hours worked. We highlighted these companies at our Chapter's Annual Meeting at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. The Chapter

hosted multiple Safety Council Meetings throughout the year, featuring presentations on work-zone safety, mental health in construction, excavation safety, and a roundtable on "2024 Lessons Learned." We also partnered with Tyndale to host an Arc Flash Demonstration attended by more than 60 Safety Directors and Apprentice Training Directors.

We expanded our outreach through the OSHA Focus Four Campaign, delivering monthly communications, toolbox talks, and safety plans on electrical, fall, struck-by, and caught-in/between hazards. Our Chapter Safety Consultant, Jim Dollard, continued to instruct NFPA 70E and NEC courses and remains a vital resource for members on all safety matters.

As we move into 2026, our priority remains the same: providing education and safety programs that help contractors grow, lead, and return their teams home safely every day.

If you have questions or suggestions for Chapter educational offerings, please contact Rob Triplett at rtriplett@neca-pdj.org.



Marketing and Social Media



Jenna Scarpello
Marketing Coordinator



Chapter
LinkTree Hub

This past year was a milestone for the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter’s media and marketing efforts. Our goal was simple: tell the story of our Chapter—our members, our events, and our progress.

Throughout the year, we captured and promoted major Chapter activities including Contractor Appreciation Day, the Annual Golf Outing, Smallwood Scholarships, committee meetings (FL/WIN, Safety, and more), education classes, and our presence at national conferences and the NECA Convention. By highlighting the people and projects behind these moments, we strengthened member recognition and increased engagement across all platforms.

We also expanded our media campaigns and introduced new tools to make our content more accessible and interactive. Our continued Member Monday series spotlighted member projects and achievements, further elevating the incredible work happening throughout our region. If you’re interested in having your company highlighted in a future Member Monday, please contact me anytime.

We led a full week of posts celebrating Women in Construction Week, regularly amplified holidays and industry observances throughout the year, and highlighted award winners. To make it easier for members to access event registrations, submissions, and podcast episodes, the Chapter introduced a centralized Linktree hub, streamlining access to our resources. You can access this hub by scanning the QR code at the end of this article.

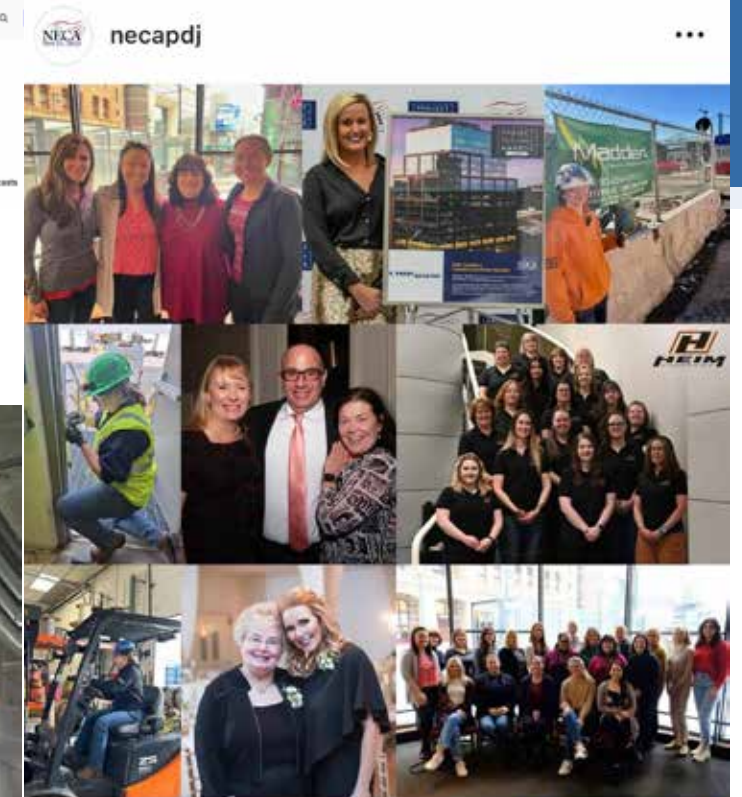
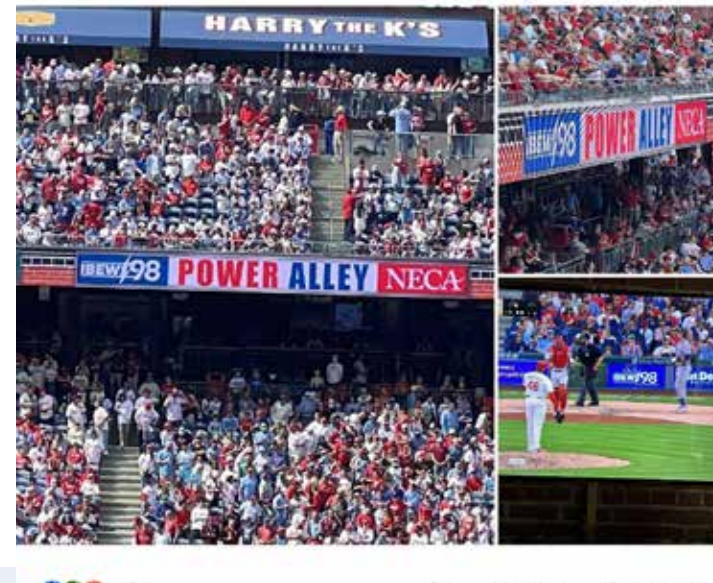
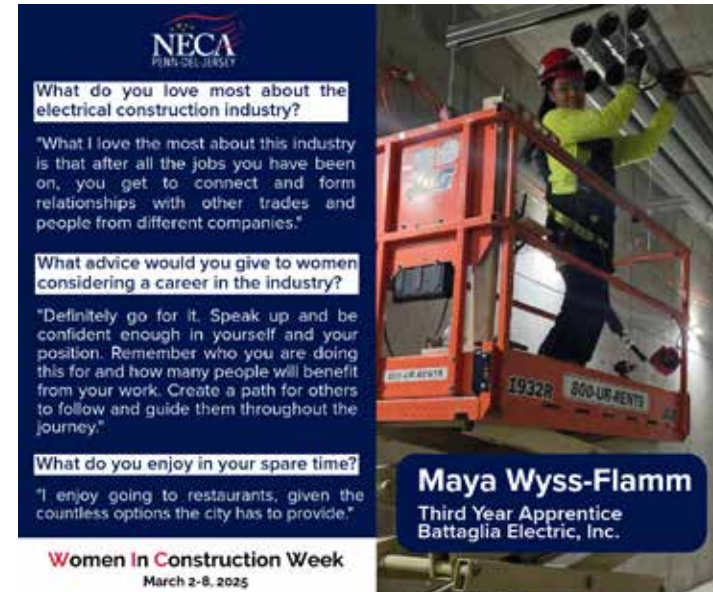
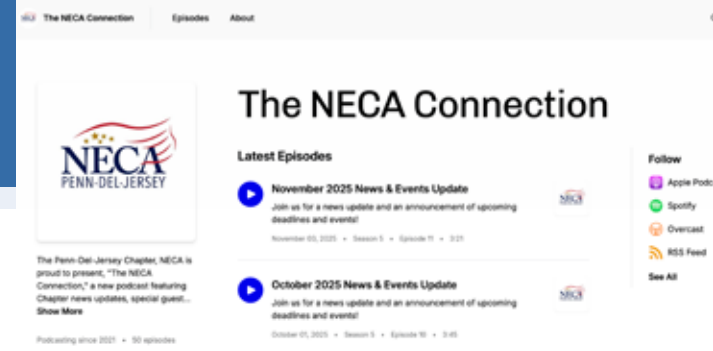
Our Chapter’s media and design capabilities also grew significantly. We expanded our photo library and captured fresh content at every major Chapter and National event, ensuring we have strong visual assets for future marketing. We designed program booklets, event graphics, ads, and branded materials that reinforced a consistent, professional Chapter identity.

At the NECA 2025 Convention in Chicago, we provided live Instagram story coverage, shared post-event recaps, and celebrated key achievements—including the Penn State Student Chapter’s ELECTRICIC Competition victory!

We continued to strengthen our multimedia presence through The NECA Connection Podcast, releasing monthly episodes with news, event updates, and special guests, including Rob Triplett and Sarah Bennett. As always, you can subscribe on Spotify or Apple Podcasts to have the latest episode pushed automatically to your mobile devices.

Looking ahead to 2026, we plan to expand podcast interviews, introduce more industry-focused conversations, and elevate our video content—especially member spotlights and education programming. With increased engagement across platforms and a growing library of content, we’re poised to tell an even bigger story in the coming year.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Jenna Scarpello at jenna.scarpello@neca-pdj.org.



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Business Development



Ken MacDougall
Director of Business Development

In 2025, the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter continued advancing its mission to expand market opportunities for our contractors while strengthening the workforce of the electrical construction industry.

Our Business & Workforce Development efforts focused on strengthening relationships with educational institutions, community partners, contractor members, and national NECA initiatives — ensuring our Chapter remains on the front edge of industry recruitment and emerging opportunities.

Throughout the year, we participated in workforce and talent-pipeline programming across Eastern Pennsylvania. The Chapter continued engagement with Williamson College of the Trades in Media, PA, supporting career advancement and ensuring NECA contractors remain visible to graduating trades students.

We also served on the Occupational Advisory Council at Mercy Career & Technical High School, providing input to ensure students receive training aligned with the needs of our contractors. In partnership

with the Philadelphia Energy Authority, we contributed to the Solar Curriculum Advisory Council at A. Philip Randolph Career & Technical High School, helping shape curriculum around solar and emerging renewable technologies.

We were proud to support IBEW Local 98's Rosie's Girls Graduation Ceremony, celebrating young women interested in careers in the trades, reinforcing our Chapter's commitment to workforce diversity and opportunity.

Our efforts also extended to strengthening NECA's national footprint. I continued to represent the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter as a member of the NECA National Business Development Task Force — a select group of leaders shaping NECA's national growth strategy — as well as serving on the ELECTRI International Council, supporting research and innovation that benefits contractors across the country. In addition, we participated in the 2025 NECA E2E Summit in Philadelphia, where contractors, manufacturers, and technology innovators collaborated on efficiency and prefabrication initiatives.

Closer to home, we focused on building and maintaining strong partnership networks with our IBEW counterparts. I joined the Building Advisory Committee for the new PDJ NECA / IBEW Local 126 facility, which will serve as a future hub for workforce development, training, and member engagement. We also collaborated with IBEW Local 98 and Milwaukee Tool for a special tour of Milwaukee's Innovation Center — a hands-on opportunity to explore future tools, field technology, and time-saving solutions.

Looking ahead, our goals remain centered on expanding recruitment pipelines, identifying new market opportunities, and ensuring our members have access to the talent and tools necessary to stay competitive. Business development is not a one-time initiative — it is an ongoing commitment to growing the future of our industry.

If you have questions or ideas related to our workforce and business development efforts, please contact Ken MacDougall at kmacdougall@neca-pdj.org.



Government Affairs



Aaron R. Kelley
Director of Public Affairs



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contribution form

This year marked an extremely productive and strategic period for the Chapter's Government Affairs Program in Pennsylvania and Delaware. Our mission remained unchanged: protect electrical contractors, expand market opportunities, and ensure that policymakers understand the value our industry brings to our local economy. With a stronger advocacy presence, increased collaboration, and targeted legislative initiatives, our Chapter continued to distinguish itself as a leading voice in construction policy.

This year, we continued our multi-year effort to limit broad indemnity clauses in Pennsylvania construction contracts. These unfair clauses shift risk onto contractors regardless of fault, and the Chapter remains fully committed to achieving legislative reform. At the same time, we worked to defend the Pennsylvania Separations Act, preserving specialty contractor protections that prevent the bundling of electrical, HVAC, and plumbing into one general contract on certain public projects.

We also investigated several forward-facing policy actions. The Chapter initiated

legislative conversations around lowering retainage limits on both public and private projects — an issue with tremendous cash-flow implications for contractors. Additionally, we began coordinating efforts with other trade groups to explore the establishment of statewide electrical contractor licensing, which would elevate industry standards and create consistency across jurisdictions.

Our advocacy work is rooted in direct engagement. This year, we conducted dozens of meetings with state legislators, ensuring our issues stay top-of-mind throughout the year — not just during the legislative session. The Chapter also represented our membership at the NECA National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., meeting with Senators and Members of Congress to discuss federal priorities, including infrastructure funding, workforce development, and policies impacting the electrical construction industry. In addition to our in-house Government Affairs team, we continued to work with lobbying firms, expanding our reach and influence in key political arenas.

Special congratulations to Donny Joyce of Joyce Electrical for winning the Chapter's 2025 Political Leadership Award!

We are also placing a strong emphasis on collaboration. Over the past year, the Chapter strengthened relationships with the Western PA Chapter of NECA, and worked alongside partner associations including the Mechanical & Service Contractors Association of Eastern PA and the Interior Finish Contractors Association (IFCA). These partnerships allow us to present a united front on shared legislative priorities and significantly increase our political impact.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are planning a significant initiative: a regional legislative meeting in Philadelphia, where we will bring contractors together with local, state, and federal legislators from the region. This event will help elevate our Chapter's presence and give members a direct role in shaping policy outcomes.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Aaron Kelley at akelley@neca-pdj.org.



Labor Relations



Jeffrey P. Scarpello
Executive Director

In 2025, the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter continued to build one of the strongest and most collaborative labor relations programs in the industry. With more than 13 million labor hours performed and over \$1.5 billion generated in wages and benefits for more than 10,000 employees, our labor-management partnerships remain a cornerstone of the region's economic growth and workforce strength. Over the past year, labor hours increased 11%, with several areas reaching historic highs. This sustained expansion is a direct reflection of the trust between NECA contractors and our IBEW partners, and the shared commitment to delivering the region's most complex, technically demanding, and safest electrical projects.

One of the most notable achievements of 2025 was the successful negotiation and resolution of Collective Bargaining Agreements in the Line and York divisions, completed "at home," without requiring escalation to CIR. These negotiations, along with ongoing Small Works agreements and local commercial CBAs, reflect a maturing and cooperative labor relations environment. Across our jurisdiction, the Chapter works closely with our IBEW Local Unions, all of which continue to go

above and beyond to support manpower needs, respond to market challenges, and help contractors remain competitive in both traditional commercial work and specialized sectors such as line construction, utility-scale work, and prefabrication-heavy installations.

Looking ahead, our Chapter is preparing diligently for the 2026 contract negotiation cycle, where industry priorities such as manpower forecasting, emerging job classifications, and market adaptability will remain front and center. One major area of attention is the rapid growth of data center construction, which will continue to place pressure on labor availability in key regions. The Chapter remains in close communication with IBEW leadership from across our jurisdiction to ensure that our contractors have the resources and workforce needed to meet this growing demand. These partnerships are essential to sustaining regional market share and ensuring that NECA contractors remain the preferred choice for complex, high-volume, and mission-critical work.

Labor relations in 2025 also extended beyond bargaining tables. The Chapter continued to support labor-management

committee efforts to increase awareness of our industry and work opportunities, and collaboratively worked with the IBEW on numerous charitable efforts to benefit our communities. The collaborative relationship we have built with our IBEW colleagues is essential to ensuring labor stability, preventing disruptions to major projects, and strengthening the electrical construction workforce. The Chapter is grateful for the leadership of our Division Chairs, Board Members, and all labor representatives whose dedication keeps our industry strong.

As we move into 2026, the labor landscape will continue to evolve, with AI-driven project planning, new construction technologies, prefab expansions, and dramatic shifts in workforce expectations. Through it all, the Chapter remains committed to supporting its contractors, strengthening labor-management partnerships, and ensuring that every agreement reflects the needs of a modern and future-ready industry.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Jeff Scarpello at jscarpello@neca-pdj.org.



Member Committees

Future Leaders

The strength of the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter has always been rooted in the people who lead it — and the next generation of leaders is already taking shape. Across our committees, education programs, and national NECA engagements, emerging professionals from our member companies continue to step forward with fresh ideas and a commitment to elevating the industry. Through programs like the Future Leaders (FL/WIN) Committee, members are exposed to mentorship, professional development, and networking experiences that prepare them to influence their companies, their communities, and the future of electrical construction.

For more information, please contact Jenna Scarpello at jenna.scarpello@neca-pdj.org.

Talent Management

The Talent Management Committee focuses on strengthening the industry's workforce pipeline — ensuring that member companies have access to the talent they need today and the leaders they will depend on tomorrow. The committee works to connect contractors with new sources of workforce talent, build partnerships with schools and community programs, and support initiatives that bring more

people into the electrical construction industry. The committee's primary goals are practical: expand the pool of qualified candidates entering our trade and create pathways for people who might otherwise never have considered a career in electrical construction. Additionally, the committee helps company leaders understand how to effectively lead and support teams made up of individuals with different perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences.

For more information, please contact Aaron Kelley at akelley@neca-pdj.org.

Veterans & Service Members

The Veterans & Service Members Committee is dedicated to supporting those who have served our country and are now serving the electrical construction industry. The committee focuses on connecting transitioning service members, reservists, National Guard soldiers, and veterans with meaningful career opportunities across our contractor network, while also ensuring that those already in the industry receive the support and resources they need to succeed. By partnering with workforce development programs, apprenticeship training centers, and veteran-service organizations, the committee helps bridge the gap between military experience and industry careers. At the same time, it advocates for workplace practices that

help companies understand and respond to the unique needs of veterans — whether related to deployments, benefits, career development, or leadership support. By empowering contractors to recruit, retain, and champion veterans and service members, the committee strengthens our workforce and ensures no veteran walks their journey alone.

For more information, please contact Mike Brust at mbrust@neca-pdj.org.

Women in NECA

The Women in NECA (WIN) Committee focuses on advancing and supporting women throughout the electrical construction industry by creating community, visibility, and leadership opportunities. The committee works to strengthen the talent pipeline by introducing more women to the industry, connecting them with education and networking resources, and highlighting the accomplishments of women across our Chapter. WIN also provides development opportunities for women in management, field leadership, and administrative roles.

For more information, please contact Sarah Bennett at sbennett@neca-pdj.org.



Penn State Student Chapter

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!



WE ARE... NECA!

The Penn State University NECA Student Chapter continues to set the standard for excellence in student leadership, innovation, and engagement within the electrical construction industry.

Supported by a dedicated group of student officers, faculty advisor Dave Stabler, and active NECA contractor mentors, this chapter remains one of the most successful student organizations in the country. Over the last decade, Penn State has been named NECA Student Chapter of the Year twice, demonstrating consistent strength in leadership, collaboration, and technical understanding. The students' passion for the industry is evident in everything they do — from project competitions and career exploration to involvement at local and national NECA events.

In 2025, the Student Chapter achieved its most significant milestone to date: winning the ELECTRI Electrical Contracting Innovation Challenge (ECIC) at the NECA Convention in Chicago. This was the first time Penn State earned the National Championship in this highly competitive event. The ECIC competition requires students to fully develop a real-world electrical construction proposal — including scheduling, estimating, prefabrication strategies, safety planning, and financial projections. Standing on stage in Chicago to accept the award was more than a victory; it was a moment that affirmed the chapter's culture of innovation, teamwork, and excellence.



Above: PSU NECA Student Chapter Named 2025 ECIC Champions!

Beyond this competition, the Student Chapter remains committed to offering valuable educational and professional development opportunities. Throughout the year, students participate in field visits, engage in discussions with contractors, estimate project plans, and explore emerging technologies shaping the future of construction. They attend Chapter events, participate in committee activities, and interact with NECA leadership, giving them firsthand exposure to the realities of electrical contracting. These experiences are shaping well-rounded future leaders who are ready to step directly into the industry after graduation.

The Chapter also prioritizes relationships. By partnering with contractors, manufacturers, and apprenticeship programs, the students learn how every part of the industry connects. These engagements benefit contractors as well: early involve-

ment gives firms direct access to motivated students, future talent, and ideas grounded in research and innovation.

Contractors who would like to support or engage with the Student Chapter are strongly encouraged to reach out. Whether you want to present to the group, attend a meeting, receive resumes for interns or potential new hires, or mentor a competition team, your participation directly strengthens the future of our workforce and our industry.

To learn more or get involved, please contact Jenna Scarpello at jenna.scarpello@neca-pdj.org.

NECA Cares



The NECA Cares program continued to demonstrate our commitment to giving back in 2025, strengthening the ways our members support charitable and community-centered initiatives across the region. NECA Cares is our internal effort to highlight, organize, and amplify the philanthropic work carried out by our contractors, staff, and IBEW partners. Together, we leverage the strength of our labor-management community to make a meaningful difference well beyond the electrical industry.

A key component of this work is our ongoing support for the Police Athletic League (PAL), an organization dedicated to creating safe spaces and positive opportunities

for young people through mentorship, athletics, and after-school programming. We also continued our participation in the Big 98.1 Loves Our Kids Radiothon, an annual event benefiting the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). This radiothon raises critical funds that help CHOP deliver world-class pediatric care and support families during their most challenging moments, and our Chapter is proud to stand behind this cause.

Each December, NECA and our IBEW partners also join together in support of Wreaths Across America, placing wreaths at veterans' gravesites to honor and remember those who served. These efforts represent only a few examples from

the past year — NECA Cares supports many other charitable causes, volunteer initiatives, and community organizations throughout our jurisdiction. Whether through financial support, hands-on projects, or partnerships with local groups, our Chapter remains committed to uplifting the communities we serve and highlighting the generosity of our contractors and labor partners.

To suggest future contributions or events, please contact Sarah Bennett at sbennett@neca-pdj.org.

May 8, 2025

Sporting Clays Event

This year, the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter gathered at Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays for its Annual Contractor Appreciation Sporting Clays Event, enjoying a beautiful day dedicated to celebrating our contractor members and the vital role they play in supporting the Association and industry.

The event provided an opportunity for friendly competition, camaraderie, and connection... particularly for members traveling from across our broader geographic footprint, outside of the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

Congratulations to all of our event winners! Special recognition to Brian Wanamaker, the 2025 winner of the Fred Leber "Top Gun Award," named in memory of our longtime Board member and friend Fred Leber of Leber Electric, Inc.

We are grateful to all who attended and helped make the day a success, and we extend our sincere thanks to our event sponsors (Colonial Electric Supply, DEWALT, Graybar, Illuminations, Inc., Kendall Electric, Milwaukee Tool, and N-Tech) for their continued support.

Events like this serve as an important reminder of the strength of our membership and our appreciation for the Contractors who help move our industry forward. Thank you for all that you do to make our Association so great!



June 17, 2025

Smallwood Scholarship Luncheon



The Ronald E. Smallwood Scholarship Fund was established in 2000 in honor of Ronald E. Smallwood and his service to the industry. On June 17, the Chapter hosted its 25th Annual Ronald E. Smallwood Scholarship Luncheon. This year, the Chapter awarded 25 scholarships, bringing the total amount awarded since the program's inception to more than \$1.2 million.

Congratulations to our 2025 scholarship winners:

Recipient	Parent/Grandparent	Company
Aydan Andy	Brent Andy	Edwin L. Heim Co.
Kenneth Angelikas	Mone Angelikas	Carr & Duff, LLC
Chloe Belfus	Jeff Belfus	Carr & Duff, LLC
James Brust	Michael Brust	NECA Penn-Del-Jersey
Leandra Brust	Michael Brust	NECA Penn-Del-Jersey
Alexis Collison	Edward Collison	Hobbs & Company, Inc.
Kristen Cuskey	Karen Cuskey	Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.
Lauren Cuskey	Karen Cuskey	Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.
Benjamin Ford	Stuart Ford	Emeritus Board Member
Leah Garofalo	Doreen Garofalo	Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.
Kaden Geiger	Dennis Geiger Jr.	I.B. Abel, Inc.
* Cole Graham	Craig Graham	Furness Electric Co., Inc.
Emily Graney	Joe Graney	Main Street Technologies LLC
Olivia Harrison	Daniel Harrison	Harrison Electrical, Inc.
Andrew Haser	Renee Haser	G.R. Noto Electrical Constr., Inc.
Jack Leddy	Jennifer Leddy	Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.
Grace Magee	James Magee	Linecom, Inc.
Cameron McAndrew	Patrick McAndrew	Eagle Industrial Electric, Inc.
Carly McCullough	Mark McCullough	J.W. Carrigan LLC
Kaitlyn McKenzie	Pasquale Lavanga	Matrix NAC
Emma McSorley	Kathleen McSorley-Duff	Carr & Duff, LLC
Kylie Skodacek	Tina Skodacek	Arc Electrical Constr. Co., Inc.
Natalie Slusser	Marci Meyer	Pagoda Electrical, Inc.
Bryn Smith	Alison Smith	Union Electric Contr. Co.
Callen Todd	Kara Todd	Linecom, Inc.

** Indicates Edward J. Duff Legacy Award Recipient*

Please note that applications for the 2026 Smallwood Scholarship must be submitted by March 20, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Bennett at sbennett@neca-pdj.org.

June 24, 2025

Annual Golf Outing

The 2025 NECA Golf Classic was once again a highlight of the Chapter's year, bringing members and industry partners together at Union League Liberty Hill in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania. Set against a beautiful backdrop, the event combined camaraderie, friendly competition, and a shared commitment to supporting the next generation.

Congratulations to our 2025 Golf Classic Champions Charles H. MacDonald III, Vince Ford, Paul Mullen, and Bob Roth!

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of participants and sponsors, this year's event raised more than \$75,000 for the Chapter's Ronald E. Smallwood College Scholarship Program, which helps children and grandchildren of employees of NECA Contractors realize their collegiate potential.

Since its inception, the Smallwood Fund has raised over \$1,350,000 and given over 425 young adults a total of \$1,200,000 to help pay for their education.

The success of the event was made possible by the continued and growing support of our sponsors, whose involvement underscores the strength of our Chapter community. We extend our sincere appreciation to all of our 2025 sponsors for their commitment and generosity, which help ensure the Golf Classic remains one of the Chapter's most impactful and anticipated events each year.

This event stands as an example of what our membership can accomplish by combining fellowship, tradition, and philanthropy to make a difference!



July 22-24, 2025

Boston Visits Philly

It was a true pleasure to welcome representatives from IBEW Local 103 and NECA Greater Boston to Philadelphia for several days of collaboration, learning, and connection. The visit provided an outstanding opportunity to strengthen inter-chapter relationships, exchange ideas, and highlight the work being done across our industry.

The itinerary featured in-depth tours of IBEW Local Union 98's state-of-the-art training facility, where guests were able to see firsthand the investment being made in apprenticeship training, workforce development, and safety. The group also toured the Philadelphia Navy Yard, gaining insight into one of the region's most significant redevelopment and infrastructure hubs and the role union electrical contractors and skilled labor play in supporting large-scale, complex projects.

In addition to the site visits, the program included a series of industry-related discussions and presentations focused on shared challenges, emerging opportunities, and best practices within the electrical construction industry. These conversations fostered meaningful dialogue and reinforced the importance of strong labor-management partnerships.

The visit also allowed ample time for networking with industry partners, further strengthening professional relationships and encouraging continued collaboration well beyond the visit. A big thank you to IBEW Local Union 98 for hosting a terrific event and helping make this multi-day experience both productive and memorable.



NECA 2025 Chicago

NECA's 2025 Convention & Trade Show was held in Chicago, Illinois, and once again delivered on its reputation as the premier gathering for the electrical construction industry.

The event offered more than fourteen hours of show-floor time, extensive education sessions, and hundreds of exhibitors demonstrating the latest technology, tools, and business solutions for contractors. Attendees had the opportunity to explore emerging industry trends, sharpen technical knowledge, and connect with partners and vendors from across the country.

The Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter had an especially strong presence this year, with more than 85 representatives in attendance. Our members participated in training workshops, general sessions, meetings with manufacturers and service providers, and networking events. One especially enjoyable highlight was an Eagles vs. Chiefs watch party jointly hosted with the Kansas City Chapter, NECA! Go birds!!!

The convention also featured Chapter Board Member and Harrisburg Division Chair Sam Bashore (Edwin L. Heim Company), who led a well-received session titled "Organizational Assessment for Growth." His presentation focused on helping contractors evaluate their current organizational position, identify strategic growth opportunities, and build structured plans for long-term success.

Additionally, 2026 NECA "Innovator of the Year" Finalist Brian Yetter of Hatzel & Buehler, Inc. led a fascinating "Innovation Overload" podcast session in the Emerging Innovation Hub of the Convention's Trade Show Floor.

Notably, during the Convention, the NECA Penn State Student Chapter offered a presentation during the Electrical Contracting Innovation Challenge Finals and was announced as this year's winner. Congratulations to the PSU Student Chapter on this accomplishment!

Thank you to all sponsors who helped make our Chapter events during the Convention possible, including: 3M, Milwaukee Tool, Remarcable, Graybar, and JKJ.

SAVE THE DATE for next year's Convention & Trade Show, which will return to Las Vegas, NV on October 4-7, 2026! Please note: Convention begins on a **Sunday** this year.



Local 98's 125th Anniversary

The Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter of NECA attended the 125th Anniversary celebration of IBEW Local 98 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, marking an important milestone in the Local's history. The event recognized 125 years since the founding of Local 98 and acknowledged the long history of the organization and its role in the region's electrical industry.

Local 98 was established on January 5, 1900, by a small group of electrical workers in the Delaware Valley. Since that time, it has grown to represent more than 5,800 members, including active workers, retirees, and others employed in related fields. Throughout its history, the Local has focused on advocating for fair wages, safe working conditions, and strong representation for its membership.

In recent years, Local 98 has made significant investments in its facilities, including a new Apprentice Training Center and a new Union Hall at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. These projects reflect a continued focus on training, workforce development, and long-term planning for the future of the organization.

During the event, Business Manager Mark Lynch reflected on the Local's history and the importance of maintaining strong benefits, job protections, and a stable future for the membership. The Chapter congratulates IBEW Local 98 on reaching this milestone and appreciates the opportunity to join in recognizing the occasion.



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF IBEW LOCAL 98



NECA Penn-Del-Jersey is proud to honor the legacy of our labor partners at IBEW Local 98.

For 125 years, IBEW Local 98 has powered our communities, advocated for its membership, and strengthened and advanced the electrical industry.

Here's to the next century of partnership, innovation, and building a brighter future together.

Right: The Chapter participated in IBEW Local 98's 125th Anniversary Celebration and included this advertisement in their program booklet.

Annual Meeting



The NECA Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter's Annual Meeting brought together members, industry partners, and leaders from across our jurisdiction to celebrate the accomplishments, leadership, and shared success of our electrical construction community.

During the program, the Chapter proudly recognized several outstanding achievements. Membership Anniversary Awards (25 Years) were presented to Charles H. MacDonald Electric, Inc. and I.B. Abel, Inc. for their longstanding commitment to NECA and the industry. Safety Awards honored companies demonstrating exceptional dedication to jobsite safety, and

excellence in craftsmanship and innovation was recognized through our Project Excellence Awards. The Political Leadership Award was presented to Donny Joyce of Joyce Electrical, and the MacDougall Community Service Award was awarded to Sam Bashore and the Edwin L. Heim Company.

We also honored outgoing President Charles MacDonald and outgoing Vice President Natalie Linder. The Chapter extends its sincere gratitude to both for their leadership, dedication, and years of service to the membership.

A highlight of the evening was hearing from keynote speaker Phil Martelli, who shared powerful insights on "leading like a pro." His remarks were inspiring and grounded, reminding attendees of the lasting impact of leadership, humility, and simply saying "thank you."

The Chapter extends a heartfelt thank you to IBEW Local Union 98 and ATEI for hosting the Annual Meeting at their outstanding training facility and union hall.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the 2025 Annual Meeting a memorable and meaningful celebration!

Holiday Meeting



This year, the Chapter's Annual Holiday Meeting was held at the Marriott in Old City, Philadelphia.

During the event, we welcomed more than 250 members, partners, and guests for an evening that was both festive and memorable. With great company, lively conversation, and outstanding entertainment, the event was an excellent and fun celebration to close out the year.

The evening was made even more special by incredible live music from Modern Luxe, whose performance kept the energy high and the dance floor full throughout

the night. During the program, Chapter officers James Meyer and Dan Hahn also renewed their oaths of office, reaffirming their commitment to serving the Chapter and its membership.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and sponsors, the event raised more than \$12,000 for the Chapter's Smallwood Scholarship Program.

We extend our sincere appreciation to this year's sponsors for their continued support and commitment to the Chapter: I.B. Abel, Inc.; Billows Electric Supply; J.W. Carrigan, LLC; Colonial Electric Supply;

DeWalt Tools; H.B. Frazer Company; Harlan Electric Company; Illuminations, Inc.; Main Street Technologies; Miller Bros.; Milwaukee Tool; Par 4 Electric Corp.; the Philadelphia Eagles; the Philadelphia Phillies; and Yale Electric Supply Co.

To everyone who joined us, thank you for making the evening such a success. Following this festive "kick off" to the holidays, we hope that you and your families had a happy, healthy, and joyful holiday season!

Special Recognition

Congratulations to the following Contractors and individuals who are deserving of special recognition:

2025 MacDougall Community Service Award

Sam Bashore, Edwin L. Heim, Co.

2025 Political Leadership Award

Donny Joyce, Joyce Electrical

25th Anniversary of NECA and Chapter Membership

Charles H. MacDonald Electric, Inc.
I.B. Abel, Inc.

New Chapter Members

Anmar Electrical Contractor
Manada Electric (York Division)



Project Excellence Awards



The Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter Project Excellence Awards recognize Member Contractors for their outstanding commitment, professionalism, and ingenuity in delivering exceptional electrical construction projects.

The 2025 Project Excellence Awards recognized Contractors across the following categories of projects:

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- Street Lighting/Traffic Signal Page 44
- Substation/Interconnection Page 45

Congratulations to all of our 2025 PEA Winners!

Special thanks to this year's PEA Sponsors:
Colonial Electric Supply, Milwaukee Tool, Graybar, and Kendall Electric



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**HOBBS &
COMPANY**

BEST COMMERCIAL PROJECT



PROJECT NAME: West Campus Generator Installation
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Hobbs & Company, Inc.

Hobbs & Company, Inc. replaced an aging 4160V generator plant with a new facility featuring three 2500KW diesel generators and advanced paralleling gear. This complex commercial project required precise logistics to deliver and assemble a 27-piece enclosure, ensuring reliable power for a major financial institution.



BEST DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

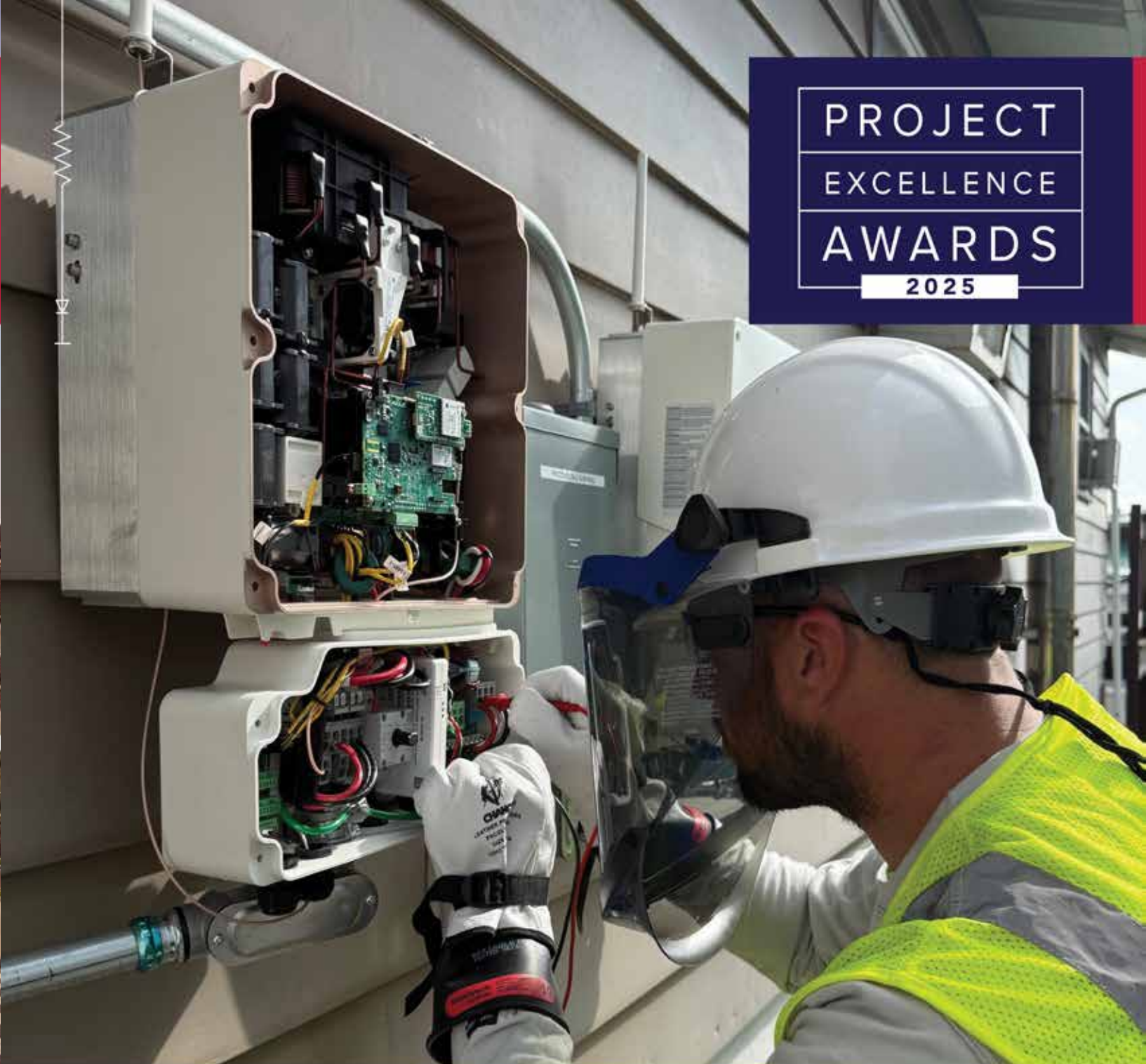


PROJECT NAME: Spring House Innovation Campus Upgrade
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Charles H. MacDonald Electric, Inc.

MacDonald Electric's Spring House Innovation Park Infrastructure Upgrade in Lower Gwynedd Township delivered a new 34kV electrical system with advanced switchgear and substation facilities. This project modernized campus power capacity with remote operation capabilities, ensuring reliable and scalable energy for future growth.



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HATZEL & BUEHLER, INC.
Electrical Construction Since 1884

BEST EDUCATIONAL PROJECT **NECA**
PENN-DEL-JERSEY

PROJECT NAME: University of Pennsylvania Upgrades
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.
At the University of Pennsylvania, Hatzel & Buehler, Inc. furnished and installed a new 15kV Substation 4, connecting it to existing infrastructure through multiple ductbanks and new PECO feeders. The project required twelve carefully coordinated 15kV shutdowns to migrate service to more than 40 campus buildings.

InfraSource
A QUANTA SERVICES COMPANY

BEST ENERGY SOLUTIONS / GREEN ENERGY PROJECT **NECA**
PENN-DEL-JERSEY

PROJECT NAME: Distribution Energy Resource Installation
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: InfraSource
InfraSource partnered with PP&L Electric Utilities to install Distribution Energy Resource (DER) management devices across multiple sites in the service region. These devices strengthen grid reliability by regulating backfeed from customer solar arrays, ensuring safe integration of renewable energy.



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HATZEL & BUEHLER, INC.
Electrical Construction Since 1884

BEST HEALTH CARE PROJECT



PROJECT NAME: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Cedar Project
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.

Hatzel & Buehler's CHOP Cedar Project transformed the 4th and 7th floors of 501 South 54th Street into a state-of-the-art Behavioral and Mental Health Facility, featuring 47 inpatient rooms, nurse stations, patient care spaces, and large day rooms. Over 18 months, the team also upgraded the 8th-floor penthouse to modern healthcare standards, ensuring reliable support for critical mechanical and electrical systems.



BEST INDUSTRIAL PROJECT



PROJECT NAME: Martin's Phase 12 Expansion
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Edwin L. Heim Company

Edwin L. Heim Company delivered the full electrical scope for Martin's Famous Pastry Shoppe's 332,000 sq. ft. Phase 12 expansion in Chambersburg, PA. The project supported the new building shell, utilities, and a fully automated process line, powering operations from raw ingredients to packaged products.

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BEST INSTITUTIONAL PROJECT



PROJECT NAME: Saint Joseph's University Fitness Center

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Charles H. MacDonald Electric, Inc.

Charles H. MacDonald Electric, Inc. completed the full electrical scope for the 72,000 sq. ft. renovation of the O'Pake Fitness & Recreation Center at Saint Joseph's University. The project delivered modern power, lighting, and communications systems to support a revitalized facility for students and the campus community.



**BEST OVERHEAD
TRANSMISSION PROJECT**



PROJECT NAME: Keystone Trade Center

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Miller Bros.

Miller Bros. delivered a fast-track, design-build EPC to relocate and replace two 230kV and two 138kV transmission lines at the Keystone Trade Center, installing 33 steel monopoles, drilled-shaft foundations, and over 140,000 LF of conductor to clear the way for a major landfill expansion. Completed in 12 months with four sequenced five-day outages, the project finished on time without any unplanned interruptions.

MILLER BROS.



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BEST RESIDENTIAL PROJECT



PROJECT NAME: Jessup House Apartments

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Anmar Electrical Contractor, Inc.

Anmar Electrical delivered the full electrical scope for Jessup House, a 20-story, 371,000 sq. ft. mixed-use tower in Philadelphia featuring 399 apartments, two levels of sub-grade parking, and multiple amenity spaces. The design-build project required precise in-slab coordination to integrate systems seamlessly throughout the building.



BEST SOUND & COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT



PROJECT NAME: Temple Women & Families Hospital

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Linecom, Inc.

Linecom designed and installed the critical low-voltage and network infrastructure for Temple Women & Families Hospital, Philadelphia's first dedicated women's hospital. The \$60 million, four-floor renovation included more than 2,000 data and security cables, nurse call and infant protection systems, and advanced communications technology—ensuring safe, seamless, and future-ready patient care.

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**BEST STREET LIGHTING /
TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT**

PROJECT NAME: Trexler Pointe Street Lighting

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: InfraSource

InfraSource installed 53 new streetlights across the Trexler Pointe neighborhoods in Breinigsville, PA, enhancing safety and visibility for residents. The project required close coordination with builders, utilities, and homeowners to successfully deliver reliable community lighting despite active construction challenges.



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MILLER BROS.

**BEST SUBSTATION /
INTERCONNECTION PROJECT**

PROJECT NAME: Hill Substation

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR: Miller Bros.

Miller Bros. converted FirstEnergy's Hill Substation in Glen Rock, PA to a four-breaker, 115kV ring bus—expanding the yard, replacing transmission structures, and installing new foundations, grounding, conduit, and switchgear. Despite tight sequencing and energized conditions, a mobile substation kept service always online and the project finished on schedule with zero injuries or unplanned outages.



Safety Excellence Awards

Congratulations to our 2025
Zero Injury and Safety Award Winners:

Aloha Communications

Zero Injury, NECA District 2
Award 1-25,000 hours

Appellation Constr. Services

Zero Injury

Arc Electric Construction Co.

NECA District 2 Award
Over 150,000 hours

Carr & Duff, LLC

NECA District 2 Award
Over 150,000 hours

Current Electrical Solutions

Zero Injury, PDJ Safety Achievement 0-25,000 hours, NECA
District 2 Award 1-25,000 hours

Donaldson Electric, Inc.

Zero Injury, PDJ Safety Achievement 25,001-50,000 hours,
NECA District 2 Award 25,001-50,000 hours

Eagle Industrial Electric, Inc.

NECA District 2 Award
50,001-100,000 hours

FIS, LLC

Zero Injury, PDJ Safety Achievement 50,001-100,000 hours,
NECA District 2 Award 50,001-100,000 hours

Furness Electric Co., Inc.

Zero Injury, PDJ Safety Achievement 250,001-500,000 hours,
NECA District 2 Award Over 150,000 hours

G.R. Noto Electrical Construction

PDJ Safety Achievement 150,001-250,000 hours, NECA District
2 Award Over 150,000 hours

Hatzel & Buehler, Inc.

PDJ Safety Achievement
Over 1,000,000 hours

H.B. Frazer Co.

Zero Injury, PDJ Safety Achievement 500,001-750,000 hours,
NECA
District 2 Award Over 150,000 hours

Miller Bros

PDJ Safety Achievement 750,000-1,000,000 hours, NECA Dis-
trict 2 Award Over 150,000 hours

Shelly Electric

NECA District 2 Award
50,001-100,000 hours

Tangent Cable Systems, Inc.

Zero Injury, NECA District 2
Award 25,001-50,000 hours

Urban Electrical Contractors, Inc.

Zero Injury, PDJ Safety
Achievement 100,001-150,000

William H. Clinger Corp.

Zero Injury, NECA District 2
Award 100,001-150,000 hours

*The 2026 Safety Achievement Recognition nomination form/ap-
plication must be submitted by March 6.*

*Please contact Sarah Bennett at sbennett@neca-pdj.org as soon
as possible for a blank application form.*



2026 Calendar of Events

Monday - Wednesday February 2-4	Women In NECA (WIN) Conference
Wednesday, February 4	Industry :30 - Ripple Effects: Navigating the Impact of Mega Projects on Electrical Contracting Markets
Tuesday - Thursday February 17-19	Council on Industrial Relations
Wednesday - Thursday February 18-19	Intro to AI in the Workplace
Wednesday - Friday February 25-27	Association Executives Institute (AEI)
Tuesday, March 3	Executive Education Session: Project Risk Analysis & Strategic Review of Your WIP
Thursday, March 5	Future Leaders / WIN Meeting "The State of AI for Industry Leaders"
Tuesday, March 10	NECA Ed: NFPA 70E Update Course
Tuesday, March 17	Officers Meeting Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday - Wednesday March 24-25	District 2 Council Meeting
Wednesday - Saturday March 25-28	Eastern Region Conference
Wednesday, April 1	NECA Ed: Project Financials that Every PM Needs to Know
Tuesday, April 7	Industry :30 - Take Control of Your Material
Monday, April 20	NECA Golf Classic - Philly Cricket Club
Monday-Wednesday May 4-6	National Legislative Conference
Thursday, May 7	Sporting Clays Event - Lehigh Valley
Monday - Wednesday May 18-20	NECA National Safety Professionals Conference (NSPC)
Tuesday - Thursday May 19-21	Council on Industrial Relations
Thursday, May 21	NECA Ed: Change Order Bootcamp & Scheduling from an EC Perspective
Tuesday - Wednesday June 2-3	NECA Ed: NEC Update Course
Wednesday - Friday June 10-12	Academy Annual Meeting
Monday - Wednesday June 15-17	Future Leaders Conference

Tuesday, June 16	Officers Meeting Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 18	Ronald E. Smallwood Scholarship Recipient Luncheon
Tuesday, June 23	Contractor Appreciation Golf Outing Union League Liberty Hill
Thursday, July 2	Joint Committee Meeting - Day at the Phillies
Tuesday-Thursday July 7-9	Eastern Region Managers Meeting
Thursday, July 9	Industry :30 - The State of AI in Electrical Contracting
Monday - Wednesday July 20-22	Electri Council Meeting
Saturday - Friday July 25-31	National Training Institute
Thursday, July 30	Industry :30 - What to Do When OSHA Shows Up
Wednesday - Thursday August 11-13	District 2 Council Meeting
Thursday, August 13	Executive Education Session: Understanding Construction Accounting
Tuesday-Thursday August 25-27	Eastern Region Managers Meeting
Friday, August 28	Project Excellence Awards Deadline
Thursday, September 10	NECA Ed: From Bidding to Building - Using Your Estimate as a Project Management Tool
Thursday - Friday September 17-18	Board of Directors/Trustees Retreat The Logan Inn, New Hope, PA
Sunday - Wednesday October 4-7	NECA Convention/Trade Show
Tuesday, October 13	Executive Education Session: Preconstruction Planning
Wednesday, October 21	NECA Ed: Effective Time Management
Tuesday, October 27	Board of Directors Meeting, Annual Membership Meeting, Project Excellence Awards, Safety Awards Recognition Ceremony
Thursday, November 5	Industry :30 - The Current State of Financial Markets

Thursday, November 12	NECA Ed: Project & Field Management Introduction - The Necessary Skills for Success and Presentation Skills
Tuesday - Thursday November 17-19	Council on Industrial Relations
Saturday, December 5	Holiday Dinner Meeting The Bellevue Hotel
Wednesday, December 9	Executive Education Session: Crew Level Production Planning
Tuesday, December 15	Industry :30 - What Unionized Contractors Need to Know about the Changing Legal Landscape



The Chapter is planning several events in Philadelphia throughout 2026 to coincide with the nation's "America 250" celebrations. Keep an eye out for more information, as we look forward to celebrating our nation's 250th anniversary with you!

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