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Welcome to NECA 2014 Chicago

"NECA 2014 Chicago is the ideal environment to learn about new technologies and best practices that will streamline the job and create more profit. Unparalleled education, business development sessions, face-to-face networking opportunities with industry colleagues, and the industry's largest trade show all in one location creates a priceless opportunity for everyone in your company. We are proud to welcome NECA back to the Windy City."

—David Witz

*Continental Electrical Construction Company
Chicago & Cook County Chapter President*



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The Winds of Change

In addition to the innovations in education and networking that inspired planning for NECA 2014 Chicago, there are also a few logistical changes from our recent conventions and trade shows that you need to know about. Primarily, the schedule for the final day is different, with the NECA Show running from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Tuesday, September 30, and the Closing General Session following at 1:15pm.

Also new this year: the Closing Celebration will include drink tickets and a food voucher with full registration. There will also be a cash bar available.

Tickets for the Opening Reception and Closing Celebration will be provided with full convention registration. A limited number of a la carte tickets for these events will be available for purchase on-site, first-come, first-served based on availability.



The electrical contracting industry is always changing. NECA provides the education needed to keep your company on top.

Education is the lifeblood of our industry. What we know today is not enough knowledge for tomorrow, and what we will learn tomorrow is a necessity for our future as successful NECA contractors. The NECA convention provides the educational opportunities to keep the lifeblood flowing.

—Todd Mikec, *Lighthouse Electric Company*



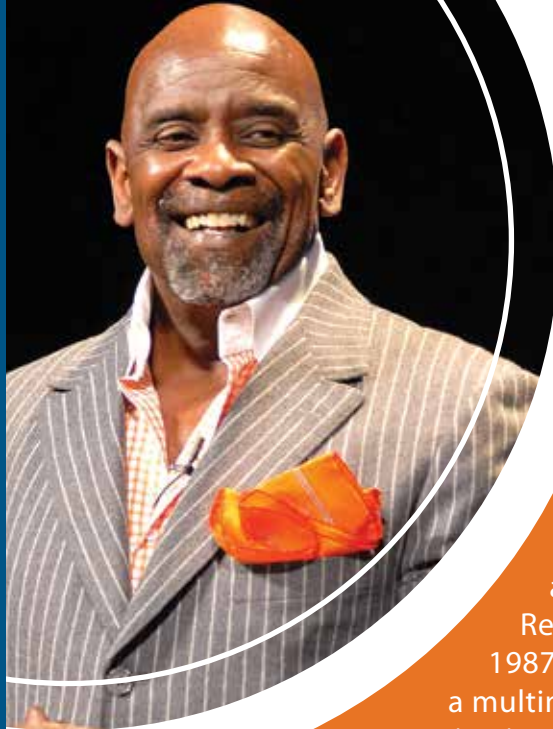


This year attend courses on:

- Business Management
- Leadership and Communications
- Project Management
- Standards and Safety
- Technology, Process, and Innovation

Choose from our in-depth pre-convention education, convention education and technical workshops to attend courses on a variety of topics to help grow your business.





Opening General Session

CHRIS GARDNER

Businessman, Philanthropist, Motivational Speaker

Sunday, September 27 • 10:15 am

Six years before founding his own brokerage firm, Chris Gardner was “fighting, scratching, and crawling my way out of the gutter with a baby on my back.”

The subject of the blockbuster memoir and film “The Pursuit of Happyness,” he worked through homelessness and single fatherhood to gain an internship at Dean Witter Reynolds and later became one of Bear Stearns’ top earners. In 1987, he established Gardner Rich & Co. in Chicago. Today, he is a multimillionaire, international businessman, philanthropist, and motivational speaker, sharing what he has learned and why passion is prerequisite for success. Catch his passion at our Opening General Session. Gardner will sign his book in the NECA booth on the Show floor after he speaks. Books will be available for purchase.

Labor Relations Special Session

Monday, September 29 • 10:00am

Workforce development continues to shape our evolving industry. NECA will take a hard look at the labor relations issues that matter to our members in a special session, bringing together the leaders that make decisions and tough choices that keep our industry moving forward.

Closing General Session

ROB O'NEILL

Former Navy SEAL Team Leader | Tuesday, September 30 • 1:15 pm

With most of his career shrouded in a classified cloak, Rob O'Neill kept America safe as he deployed more than a dozen times and held leadership roles in more than 400 combat missions in four different theaters of war. A Navy SEAL team leader, he trained more than 800 special operations and tactical operators, was involved in many of our nation's most important military actions, and earned more than 52 honors. In his talk to NECA conventioners, he'll translate his elite SEAL training and combat experience into high-impact, actionable insights on leadership, decision-making, operating in uncertain environments, and becoming the "best of the best."





The NECA Show

is the #1 event in the electrical construction industry. NECA is proud to present the largest gathering of manufacturers and distributors showcasing thousands of solutions contractors need to save time and money on the job, and grow their business. The trade show floor is a virtual classroom, providing the latest technological advances in such areas as power supply, security, tools, integrated building systems, lighting and controls, solar/PV, other energy markets, and so much more.

Be sure to attend any of the 19 **FREE** Technical Workshops. Each year, NECA partners with our exhibitors to bring the "best of the best" to you presented in classrooms situated on the NECA Show floor. 2014 will be no exception. Don't miss the Showstopper Showcase, the awards program sponsored by NECA and Electrical Contractor Magazine. See the newest products and services on the market today and be sure to see the 2014 winners.





Opening Reception

Explore Chicago's Past with NECA

Saturday, September 27 • 7:00–9:30 pm

NECA 2014 Chicago welcomes you at the Field Museum, one of the world's premier natural history museums, and the largest. It will be transformed into a lavish Roaring '20s scene that would make Jay Gatsby or Al Capone feel right at home, but the tribute to Chicago's past goes even further back — 65 million years back!

This glamorous evening will feature dueling pianos at the NECA Speakeasy, the celebrated art of cigar rolling, pictures with Sue (the largest, most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex fossil yet discovered), and more memories in the making. Dance to the swinging sounds of the Z Orchestra or showcase your own talents at karaoke surrounded by prehistoric finds and modern-day discoveries. You just might find yourself singing along with Sinatra: "Chicago is my kind of town!"

Tickets to the Opening Reception and Closing Celebration are included with full convention registration. A limited number of tickets for these events will be available for purchase on-site, first-come, first-served based on availability.



Closing Celebration

Jim Belushi and the Sacred Hearts Band

Tuesday, September 30 • Doors open at 6:30 • Band starts 8:15 pm

Those who like their Rhythm & Blues seasoned with a whole lot of soul and a Chicago-Memphis sound are in for a treat at our Closing Celebration. It's where you can enjoy good friends, good fun, good food — and great musical entertainment provided by Jim Belushi and the Sacred Hearts Band.

Jim Belushi is a performer. Not an actor, not a comedian, not a singer, but a performer. From the live stages of Second City and Saturday Night Live to the soundstages of "About Last Night", "K-9", "Mr. Destiny", "Return to Me," and "According to Jim", Belushi has been a favorite of film, television and stage audiences for more than 30 years. Since 2005, when he teamed up with the Sacred Hearts, the official house band for the House of Blues, Belushi has proven he can also hold a room as front man of his crowd-pleasing band with some of the best talent in the music industry backing him.

Audiences love to watch as Belushi sings, talks, flirts shamelessly, dances on table tops, and does at least one back flip every show. But, mostly, they love to listen.

Lifestyles

The Best of *The Second City*

Monday, September 29 • 10:00–11:30 pm

The Second City, America's first improvisational theater troupe, has helped launch the careers of countless stars, including Alan Arkin, Joan Rivers, Gilda Radner, John Belushi, John Candy, Catherine O'Hara, Eugene Levy, Mike Myers, Chris Farley, Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert and Steve Carell, just to name a few. This year's Lifestyles program is a revue featuring the best sketches from their stages, along with improv games that will allow the audience to make suggestions that the performers will spin into comedy gold.





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 26, 2014

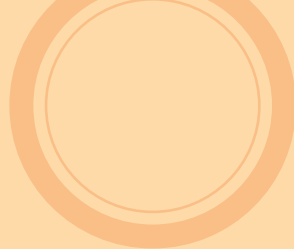
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Registration
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM Pre-Convention Education

Saturday, September 27, 2014

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM Registration
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Board of Governors Breakfast
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Board of Governors Meeting
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Pre-Convention Education
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Business Development Meeting
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM ELECTRI International Talent Initiative Competition/
Green Energy Challenge
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM NECA Student Chapter Job Fair
6:30 PM – 7:15 PM Presidents Reception
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM Opening Reception

Sunday, September 28, 2014

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Registration
8:00 AM – 8:50 AM Convention Education
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Safety Roundtable
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM Convention Education
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM Opening General Session
10:30 AM – 5:00 PM Showstopper Showcase



11:30 AM	–	5:00 PM	NECA Show/Technical Workshops
1:00 PM	–	2:30 PM	ELECTRI Council Meeting
2:00 PM	–	4:00 PM	Student Chapter Summit
6:00 PM	–	7:00 PM	Academy Reception <i>(invitation only)</i>
7:00 PM	–	8:30 PM	ELECTRI International Reception <i>(invitation only)</i>

Monday, September 29, 2014

7:00 AM	–	8:00 AM	Committee Breakfasts
7:30 AM	–	4:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM	–	8:50 AM	Convention Education
9:00 AM	–	9:50 AM	Convention Education
10:00 AM	–	11:30 AM	Labor Relations Special Session
10:00 AM	–	11:30 AM	Lifestyles
10:30 AM	–	4:00 PM	NECA Show/Technical Workshops
10:30 AM	–	4:00 PM	Showstopper Showcase
2:30 PM	–	4:00 PM	Women in NECA Meeting and Reception
4:00 PM	–	5:00 PM	Future Industry Leaders Reception <i>(invitation only)</i>

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

7:30 AM	–	2:30 PM	Registration
8:00 AM	–	8:50 AM	Convention Education
9:00 AM	–	1:00 PM	NECA Show/Technical Workshops
9:00 AM	–	1:00 PM	Showstopper Showcase
1:15 PM	–	2:30 PM	General Session
8:15 PM			Closing Celebration <i>(doors open at 6:30, band starts at 8:15)</i>



NECA Business Development Meeting

Saturday, September 27 • 1:00–3:00 PM

By popular demand, the business development meeting held annually at the convention will no longer be invitation only. Instead, the meeting is moving to Saturday afternoon so that all attendees can come and learn about where our industry is headed and how best to capture work opportunities. You will hear from leaders in the field who will discuss emerging technologies and growth strategies for electrical contractors.

If you want to stay ahead of the competition, you won't miss this event.



Women in NECA



*Monday, September 29
2:30–4:00 PM*

The WIN Roundtable at the NECA Convention is your time to connect with women working in the industry from across the country.

If you're a woman involved with the electrical contracting industry, WIN wants you to join us for this annual event on Monday, September 29 from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. A joint reception with NECA Future Leaders will be held immediately after the WIN Roundtable at 4:00 pm.

Student Chapters Job Fair

Saturday, September 27 • 3:00–5:00 PM

Finding capable managers is becoming an increasing challenge for all types of contractors. NECA Student Chapters encourages smart, capable young people who are studying construction management or related programs to consider careers in electrical contracting. NECA is pleased to announce its first Job Fair to be held as part of the Student Forum at the 2014 NECA Convention. This Job Fair is designed to expose students to a variety of employment opportunities within the electrical construction industry.

All NECA contractors who are looking for talent to fill full-time positions, interns, and/or full or part-time summer help are urged to join in the Job Fair, Saturday, September 27, from 3:00–5:00 pm right after the Green Energy Challenge Student Competition. Come meet this talented pool of bright students!

NECA 2014 HOUSING



- 1 **Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park**
200 N. Columbus Dr.
- 2 **Hyatt Regency Chicago**
131 E. Wacker Dr.
- 3 **Hyatt Regency McCormick Place**
2333 S. Martin Luther King Dr.
- 4 **InterContinental Chicago**
505 N. Michigan Ave.
- 5 **Palmer House**
17 E. Monroe St.
- 6 **Sheraton**
301 E. North Water St.

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A fee of \$155 for rooms not booked through CMR will apply.

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QUICK FACTS

What to wear: business casual, comfortable shoes recommended

The Field Museum: cocktail party serving heavy hors d'oeuvres; cocktail attire. Busing provided.

Closing Celebration: limited drink tickets with full registration then cash bar, concert attire

Airports: Chicago O'Hare and Midway

Taxi fare from Airport to Hotels: ranges from \$55 to \$60 (plus tip)

Name of Convention Center: McCormick Place West

Register online: www.necaconvention.org

Registration opens May 29, 2014

Early registration ends August 7, 2014

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