



# Limited Energy - Unlimited Potential

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*Training Today's Industry for Tomorrow's Technology*

## **IMPORTANT!** **New State Requirement**

Effective December 1, 2007 ALL individuals performing electrical work, included limited energy, are required to:

- ◆ Have a current Power Limited Technician License.
- OR
- ◆ Be registered with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry as an unlicensed worker.

We are enclosing an "Unlicensed Registration" form with this newsletter for your convenience. If you do not currently have a Power Limited Technician License, please fill out the top portion of this form and send it to the address listed at the top of this form along with your check for \$15.00 made payable to the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. This needs to be received by the State before the end of December 2007.

Workers who do not register may be in jeopardy of loosing their job. In addition, *"After January 1, 2008, work experience hours required to test for the Power Limited Technician exam will only be accepted or recognized if earned while registered as an unlicensed individual. Verified hours worked before January 1, 2008 will continue to be recognized and accepted"*.

This registration is valid for one year. If you remain unlicensed, you are required to register EVERY YEAR. The State will issue a card as your proof that you are a registered unlicensed worker. You need to carry that card with you in the event that you are requested to show proof of registration by a State employee or anyone else that may card you on the job.

More information can be found through a link on our website or on the State's website at:

[www.doli.state.mn.us/licensing\\_unlicensed\\_registered.html](http://www.doli.state.mn.us/licensing_unlicensed_registered.html)

Please note; this is a requirement of ALL unlicensed people working in the industry including union, non-union, and registered apprentices as per Minnesota Statute - 2007 Minnesota Session Laws, Chapter 140, Article 5, Section 20, Minnesota Rules 3800.3520.

## **The Answer Box**

*Please keep asking questions. Remember, the question you ask is probably something that someone else is wondering.*

**Question:** I am already a Journeyman Technician. I don't have a Power Limited Technician License and don't feel I really need one. Do I have to register with the State as unlicensed?



**Answer:** YES, it's in the best interest of everyone to register as an unlicensed worker if you don't have your Power Limited Technician License. The State has the authority to card workers to determine if they are licensed or registered as unlicensed. They also have the authority to notify you and your employer that you are not authorized to supervise work or work yourself. Just make the effort to register. Save you and your contractor from problems that could arise if you are not registered.

## **Power Limited Technician License Test Prep Class**

You may have a renewed interest in getting your Power Limited Technician License because of the new requirement to register as an unlicensed worker if you don't have your license. Or you may have already taken the license exam and were not successful. The class that we offer has experienced a 95% pass ratio in the past. Sign up if you will be scheduling yourself to test with the State. You will need the NEC 2005 Code Book as well as Mike Holt's "Understanding Low Voltage and Power-Limited Systems" book based on the 2005 National Electrical Code. If you don't already have these books, you may purchase them from our JATC. The NEC 2005 Code Book is \$48.00 and the Mike Holt book is \$44.00.

### **Fridley**

2 Saturdays - February 16 & 23, 2008

### **Rochester**

2 Saturdays - March 22 & 29, 2008

### **Duluth**

2 Saturdays - April 19 & 26, 2008

**REGISTER EARLY and let us know if you need books!** We are limiting the number of people for this class. Register by calling our office at 763-571-5922 or through our website at [www.statewidelea.org](http://www.statewidelea.org).

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## PLT License Continuing Education Classes

These classes are specifically designed for people who have their Power Limited Technician License and need to obtain the required continuing education credits for renewal. Our classes are approved by the State for total of 8 hours each and contain at least 2 hours of NEC Code. As you are aware, starting 2008, you will need 16 hours of continuing education credit for license renewal. This will require you to take 2 of our courses each renewal period. If you are employed by a contractor signatory to the Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy Agreement, you can register for continuing education classes with no classroom fee.

Other license holders can also register for this training. However, there is a \$100 fee for anyone not employed by a contractor signatory to the Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy Agreement. This includes any IBEW member who is employed under a "stand-alone" collective bargaining agreement.

### Continuing Education Class Schedule:

#### Fridley

Card Access	Jan. 8 & 10, 2008
Understanding PL Systems	Jan. 19, 2008
Fire Alarms	Jan. 29 & 31, 2008
Security Systems	Feb. 5 & 7, 2008
Fiber Optics	Feb. 16, 2008
Understanding PL Systems	Feb. 19 & 21, 2008
Basic CCTV	Mar. 4 & 6, 2008
Basic Paging Systems	Mar. 15, 2008
Local Area Networks	Mar. 17 & 24, 2008
Residential Audio/Video	Apr. 5, 2008
Card Access	Apr. 16 & 17, 2008
Security Systems	Apr. 19, 2008

#### Rochester

Understanding PL Systems	Feb. 9, 2008
Local Area Networks	Apr. 26, 2008

#### Duluth

Security Systems	Jan. 19, 2008
Understanding PL Systems	Mar. 29, 2008

Classes with two dates listed are weekday evening classes from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on BOTH evenings. Classes with one date listed are Saturday classes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. NEC code book, hard hat and safety glasses are needed for these classes.

You can register for any class on line through our website, [www.statewidelea.org](http://www.statewidelea.org) or call our office at 763-571-5922. Please remember, we need a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 25 students for any class.

Although you may be tempted to take a continuing education class in an area you already know, you will learn more and get more out of the class if you sign up for something that does not include what you do on your daily job. **Challenge yourself!**

## From Sam's Desk



The new requirement for Continuing Education credits for Power Limited Technician License renewal is 16 hours.

Within the coming months, I will be resubmitting all of our continuing education classes to the State, updating them from the 2005 to the new 2008 NEC code. Individual classes will remain 8 hours in length. In order to renew your Power Limited Technician License you will need to take two classes during every renewal period. I will also be submitting additional classes to BICSI as well for credit through their organization. Please check our website periodically in the future to find out when these classes will be available.

We know that many of you sent your license exam application to the State during their "open window of opportunity" where you did not need to have the required 36 months of experience prior to testing. If you have not already taken the Power Limited Technician License exam, you may want to get that taken care of before the State changes the exam and starts testing on the new 2008 NEC codes.

If you make us aware of your training needs, we will make every effort to accommodate you wherever possible.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

## BICSI Continuing Education Credit Class

Are you BICSI certified and in need of continuing education credits? This class will be of interest to you. Our "Telephony" class qualifies as 12 hours of continuing education credits toward your renewal of BICSI certification.

The class will be held on 3 consecutive Mondays, February 11, 18, and 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This class is being held ONLY at our Fridley facility. At the present time, we have not received requests for this type of class to be held in Rochester or Duluth. If the need arises, we can make this class available at a later date.

If you are interested in participating in this class, please register as soon as possible as classroom space will be limited to a maximum of 20 participants. Class will be cancelled if we do not have the minimum number of 10 people registered. Call our office at 763-571-5922 or register through our website at [www.statewidelea.org](http://www.statewidelea.org).