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Training Today's Industry for Tomorrow's Technology

Are you attempting BICSI Certification?

We will be teaching an "Information Transport Systems Installation" course that will help you attain your goal of BICSI certification. This course will be starting at our Fridley facility on Monday, September 10th and will continue for 10 consecutive Mondays from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The last class date for this course will be November 12th.

Only IBEW members signatory to the IBEW Limited Energy Agreement are able to participate in this class. There is no classroom fee, however; class participants will be required to purchase the book: **BICSI Information Transport Systems Installation, fourth edition.** The cost of this book, if purchased from our JATC is \$125. You may purchase this book from an alternate source if you prefer.

After you have completed our course, you will be able to test at the Iowa JATC. The fee for this test is dictated by the Iowa JATC and is to be paid directly to them.

Do not sign up for this class if you are not truly dedicated to furthering your education and attending every class. The instructor for this class wants you to expect a test **each week** and be prepared for approximately **8 hours of homework each week.** Lecture time will be the full 4 hours each class session.

If you are interested, **register soon!** **WHEN YOU ARE REGISTERING, PLEASE STATE IF YOU WILL BE PURCHASING THE BOOK FROM US.** We will only be ordering books for students requesting them.

Call us at 763-571-5922 to register. **The registration deadline is Monday, July 30th.**

St. Cloud 1st year Installer Apprenticeship Class

If you are scheduled for 1st year apprenticeship class and would prefer to attend in St. Cloud, this may be a possibility for you. We have a well qualified Instructor available for this location. The month of September will be in Fridley, but St. Cloud will be available starting October 1st through the end of the school year.

When you come to the required book/registration day in August, you will have the ability to let us know if you prefer to attend class in St. Cloud. The St. Cloud 1st year class will be held on Monday/Wednesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Power Limited Technician License Test Prep Class

You may have already taken the license test and not been successful or you've heard that a lot of people are not passing the License Test. The class that we offer has experienced a 95% pass ratio in the past. Sign up if you will be scheduling a 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

Tuesday & Thursday evenings
October 30, November 1, 6, & 8, 2007

Rochester

2 Saturdays - October 20 & 27, 2007

Duluth

2 Saturdays - December 1 & 8, 2007

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

The Answer Box

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

Question: I am a new IBEW member working under the Statewide Limited Energy Agreement as an Installer. I heard that school is starting in September. How do I sign up for class?



Answer: It's not as easy as simply signing up for class. You need to meet the qualifications for apprenticeship and indenture into the apprenticeship program. This is not the same as being sworn in as an IBEW member. To qualify you must apply for apprenticeship at our JATC, pay the \$20 application fee, be successful on the electrical industry aptitude test, pass the drug screen, submit your high school transcripts showing at least one credit of algebra, completed high school or have a GED, and be recommended for apprenticeship by your employing contractor. The last aptitude test date before the next school session begins is August 9th. Call us NOW if you want to qualify in time to start school this year.

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. All of the classes listed below contain at least 2 hours of NEC Code. 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

Fire Alarms	Aug .18, 2007
Understanding PL Systems	Aug. 21 & 23, 2007
Card Access	Sept. 18 & 19, 2007
Security Systems	Sept. 22, 2007
Fiber Optics	Oct. 10 & 11, 2007
Understanding PL Systems	Oct. 16 & 18, 2007
Basic CCTV	Oct. 23 & 24, 2007
Basic Paging Systems	Nov. 5 & 7, 2007
Local Area Networks	Nov. 17, 2007
Residential Audio/Video	Nov. 26 & 27, 2007
Card Access	Dec. 11 & 13, 2007
Security Systems	Dec. 15, 2007
Understanding PL Systems	Dec. 18 & 20, 2007

Rochester

Understanding PL Systems	Oct. 6, 2007
Fire Alarms	Dec. 8, 2007

Duluth

Understanding PL Systems	Sept. 29, 2007
Fiber Optics	Dec. 15, 2007

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 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

In June, Governor Tim Pawlenty approved the new requirement of 16 hours Continuing Education credits for Power Limited Technician license holders to renew their license. This new requirement will be effective December 1, 2007.

Our JATC is already a step ahead of the game. 4 hours of NEC code and 12 hours of technical training will be required to renew your license. All of our Continuing Education classes are approved by the State for at least 2 hour NEC code and 6 hours technical training. If you take 2 classes each renewal period you will have met your Continuing Education requirements.

The new 2008 NEC code books will be out soon. When they are available, we will be revising our classes and making more classes available to you. If there is anything you would like to see us teach in a continuing education class, please let me know. I will certainly try to accommodate your request.

Looking to Increase your Knowledge?

If you are working for a contractor signatory to the Limited Energy Agreement, you may be able to participate in a portion of the apprenticeship classes to increase your knowledge. You must be an IBEW member with a classification of Journey Installer or higher. Members who are still in the process of qualifying for apprenticeship may not attend these classes until qualifications have been met and you have become an indentured apprentice.

Please visit our website at www.statewidelea.org to see what is being taught and the dates. The full calendar is available for all 3 years of apprenticeship for the next school session. Please note, 1st year class is only being taught on Monday/Wednesday evenings at the Duluth, Rochester and St. Cloud locations. 3rd year is only being taught on Tuesday/Thursday evenings at the Duluth and Rochester locations. The course dates for all locations are the same as what's posted on the calendar for the Fridley location with the exception of 1st aid/CPR and the OSHA Construction Safety class. If you are interested in taking class in Duluth, Rochester or St. Cloud, please call our Fridley office at 763-571-5922 for these dates.

Please note; you must register for these classes at least 2 weeks prior to class date. We will let you know availability and what books will be needed along with the cost if you choose to purchase books from us.

Are you Unemployed & ready to get back to work?

The Statewide Limited Energy JATC has an “Out of Work” report available to all signatory contractors. This report contains the following information: Name of person, contact phone numbers, current classification, experience and training. Your home address and IBEW Local Union affiliation does not appear on this list.

The experience line simply shows what types of systems you have significant working experience with. Your prior employing contractors, etc. is *not* part of this report. If you want potential employers to have access to this type of information, you can submit a resume’ with the “Out of Work Survey”. The goal of this Survey is to ensure that accurate, thorough information is available so you can get back to work as soon as possible and contractors can readily get in touch with peoples who are part of this industry. If you submit your resume’ the report will show that we have your resume’ on file. You can update your resume’ as often as needed or withdraw it at any

time. The important thing is that you let us know when you are out of work so we can help you and potential employing contractors get in touch with each other.

The training line shows the certifications you posses. You can also list manufacturer certifications if you choose. We do not publish your Power Limited Technician License number. This number is for our records only. However, we do list if you have a valid license.

You are the industry’s best recruiter. If you know of anyone looking to make a career move, please send them to our JATC. We welcome the opportunity to help individuals start the qualification process and get employed.

We have contractors calling for our reports on a regular basis. We are currently receiving several contractor calls per day. Please help us expand the hiring pool with complete and accurate information. Thanks for your help!

NICET Prep Class

We will be holding 16 hour NICET Certification Prep Classes at our Fridley, Duluth and Rochester locations. This class will be held as follows:

Fridley:

October 2nd, 4th and 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Rochester:

Saturday, September 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Duluth:

Saturday, October 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This class is for people who want to prepare themselves to achieve NICET Certification.

Although there is no classroom fee, you will be required to have an NFPA 72 Code Book, 2002 edition (\$48), NEC Book, 2005 edition (\$48), and the NJATC’s Guide to Fire Alarm Systems (\$44). *Anyone wishing to purchase any of these books must let us know when registering for class.*

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.

Please note: The only classes available to the general public are the 8 hour continuing education classes used as continuing education credit for Power Limited Technician License renewal. Non-signatory participants in these classes are required to pay \$100 tuition to attend. *NICET Prep, PLT License Prep, Information Transport Systems, CCNA, and apprenticeship classes are NOT available to the general public.*