



# Limited Energy - Unlimited Potential

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

## Invitation to Contractors

We would like to take the opportunity to invite you to visit our website! Our website address can be found on the bottom of any of our newsletters.

If you have any comments, questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding our website; we would be glad to hear from you.

As a contractor, please keep in mind that the only signatory contractors listed on our website are those who have given up permission or requested that they be linked to our website. If your company is not part of our website, please call us with your website address and we will be glad to include your company as well.

We have information regarding apprenticeship as well as forms that can be used by contractors, apprentices and IBEW members – all posted on our website!

*We appreciate your assistance and input.*

## Cisco CCNA Class

We are an authorized training facility for people who desire to enroll in Cisco CCNA classes.

In the November 2004 newsletter, we asked that anyone interested in taking this class should call us to be scheduled. The response was overwhelming!

Due of the number of people requesting this training, we currently have three classes of students who are taking the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of CCNA.

We plan to make this class available this fall for our current technician apprentices who will be in their final year of school at that time.

As you are aware, Cisco has a 4 semester class that will prepare you to take the CCNA exam. At the present time, we are planning to have the second semester available this fall. Completion of the first semester will be required before a participant can register for the second.

## The Answer Box

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

**Question:** I have been watching your website and see a lot of the same classes being repeated for continuing education. Will you be offering any new classes?

**Answer:** **YES!** If you have watched our website from the beginning, you should have noticed that we have expended our continuing education classes to contain a larger variety of information. This is something that we will be continuing to do, but it is not a quick process. We need to research materials to put together a quality class, then we must get approval from the State Board of Electricity for that class before we can offer it. Also, each time we hold a continuing education class, the valuable student input has helped us refine and refresh that class. If you take the same class one year apart, you will notice a marked difference. **ALWAYS REMEMBER – This is your training facility. If there is a class you would like to see, let us know!**



**Question:** Who gets this newsletter?

**Answer:** This newsletter is mailed out to IBEW Members and Contractors. When a contractor hires a new field employee, the contractor is to send us information regarding this new employee so he/she can become part of the system. In the same respect, when the Union signs up a new contractor or when a contractor has had a change of name, address, or phone & fax number, we are to be notified of that as well. This allows our JATC to keep in contact with all parties concerned.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR Class

We will be holding a 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR class on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to take advantage of this training.

May 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be teaching 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and CPR will be taught on May 24<sup>th</sup>. You can call our JATC or register through our website.

Visit us at <http://www.statewidelea.org>

OPEIU Local 12



## From Jim's Desk

As you are aware, the current indentured technician apprenticeship program will be phased out as indentured

technicians complete their apprenticeship.

There seems to be a misconception that technician training is also going away. IT IS NOT!

We are continuing to develop technician training opportunities for the benefit of IBEW members and contractors who have a desire to learn. Technician training will be voluntary on a course by course basis.

We already have Cisco CCNA and computer fundamentals courses available. The development of a course to prepare you for NICET testing is in progress. We are also researching the requirements and cost of conducting classes to prepare you for BICSI testing.

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## Continuing Education Classes

If you are employed by a contractor who is signatory to the 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 signatory limited energy contractor.

### Continuing Education Class Schedule: FRIDLEY

March 19	Basic CCTV
March 22 & 23	Digital Video Recorders
April 9	Computer Fundamentals
April 12 & 19	Basic Security Systems
April 21 & 28	Basic Card Access
May 9 & 16	Basic Fire Alarm
May 21	Residential Audio/Video
May 25 & 26	Basic Paging Systems
June 4	Basic Networking
June 15 & 16	Smart Home Technology
June 21 & 28	Basic Fiber Optics
July 9	Basic CCTV
July 12 & 13	Digital Video Recorders
July 27 & 28	Residential Audio/Video

Classes with two dates listed are week day 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.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in registering for a class, you can register on line through our website or you can call our Fridley office. Please remember, we need a minimum of 10 participants and a maximum of 25 students for any class.

You will receive a phone call reminding you of your class two (2) days before the scheduled date if you provide us a phone number to contact you at. In the event that we do not have enough participants to hold the class, you will be notified of that as well and given options of other classes that you can register for.

When registering for class, **DON'T SHORT CHANGE YOURSELF**. Don't take a class you could teach just to get your continuing education credits. You will benefit most by taking a class that you plan to learn something from.

## NICET Training

We are currently working on becoming a training facility for NICET test preparation, but this process is not yet completed. We do however; want to make you aware of a NICET training opportunity.

The Minnesota Chapter of Automatic Fire Alarm Association will be holding a course to help you prepare for the NICET Level 1 & 2 test. This class will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in taking this class, you can get more information from their website at [www.MNAFAA.org](http://www.MNAFAA.org).

## Power Limited Technician License Test Preparation Class

We have received numerous requests from IBEW members asking for a class which will help to prepare you to take the Power Limited Technician License test.

For your benefit, we will be holding a class on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in registering for this class, you can either call our office at 763-571-5922 or register through our website of [www.statewidelea.org](http://www.statewidelea.org).

*Space is limited and we expect this class to fill up fast so please don't wait to register.*