



Limited Energy - Unlimited Potential

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The Answer Box

We would like to thank you for questions that were asked as a result of our first newsletter. This newsletter is our opportunity to answer your questions.

Question: I have finished school. Do I still need to turn in time cards?

Answer: YES. You will need to continue to turn in monthly apprenticeship time cards until you receive a letter from the JATC stating that you have been released and are no longer required to turn in time cards.

Question: I already graduated from the apprenticeship program. Do I still need to pay the \$30.00 apprenticeship fee?

Answer: YES, if you were still indentured (not yet released from the program) on July 1, 2003. We were invoiced by the Department of Labor and did already pay this fee for you. It is your responsibility to reimburse the JATC.

Question: If I'm laid off, can I still go to school?

Answer: Possibly. If you are attending class at the time that you were laid off, you need to continue to attend. You cannot quit attending school once you have started class. However, if you are not working when the session begins, you will not be able to attend classes for that session without permission of the Education Committee. (more below)

Question: I am not an indentured apprentice, but I was laid off and am an IBEW member. Will you let other contractors know that I am looking for work?

Answer: YES. If you call our office at 763-571-5922 and notify us that you are not working, we will place you on the "Out of Work" list that contractors can access. We will need your name, address, and contact phone numbers which may include your home phone number and/or cell phone. That information will be included on the list that is given to all contractors who are looking for people to employ.

Question: If I call you to get my name on the out of work report, is that all I need to do?

Answer: NO. You must also notify your Local Union and continue to look for work yourself as well. The out of work report is available to contractors. There is no hiring hall for Limited Energy and contractors are not required to hire off this list. For best results, you should call us to get your name on this report and call potential contractor employers as well.

We appreciate all your questions and welcome the opportunity to answer them. If you have any questions, please ask us. There may be someone else who is wondering the same thing but just hasn't asked yet.



Continuing Education

Do you have a Power Limited Technician License? If so, you are aware of the requirement regarding continuing education. What you may not be aware of is that our school offers classes that will allow you to meet this training requirement.

If you are an IBEW member working for a Limited Energy signatory contractor, there will be no classroom fee. There will only be a fee for student materials or books.

In November, you will be informed of the scheduled dates and what will be covered in these 8 hour training sessions. The schedule will include weekday evenings as well as Saturdays to allow you opportunity to make choices. It is our plan to have this training available every other month in the future.

If you know anyone who could benefit from this training, please have them call us.

Training Facilities

We are currently training at three different locations:

Duluth Fridley Rochester

The current session being held at the Fridley location started August 18th for 3rd year Installer and 5th year Technician classes. This session will be ending on December 23, 2003.

Duluth and Rochester facilities are currently holding 5th year Technician classes; along with 2nd and 3rd year Installer classes in Duluth. These classes began September 15th and are scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2004.

The next session will begin the week of January 12, 2004 for 1st and 2nd year Installer as well as 4th year Technician classes at all three training facilities.

From Jim's Desk



Apprentices: Do you know where your copy of the Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy Apprenticeship Standards is? You received one when you indentured. How long has it been since you read it?

These are questions you should be asking yourself, especially if you believe you are not getting what you feel you should be getting from your apprenticeship experience.

You will receive, from your educational experience, just what you put into it. Our instructors spend a lot of time outside the classroom in preparing themselves to teach the materials. In some cases, they are also instrumental in helping to develop the materials being used in the classroom.

When you put forth the effort by reading the materials, doing your homework, participating in class, you will be successful and receive the most value from your training.

Your personal success is up to you!

Vehicle for Sale

The Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy JATC has a vehicle for sale.

This is a white 1995 Chevy Astro Van with bucket seats, A/C and 121,920 miles. The back end of the van is set up so it can be used as a work vehicle.

If you are interested in purchasing this vehicle, please submit your SEALED bid to our office before Friday, November 28th. Send your bid to:



Minnesota Statewide Limited Energy JATC
452 Northco Drive, Suite 140
Fridley, MN 55432

Reasonable bids will be accepted. Please be sure to mark your envelope:

Sealed Vehicle Bid

The Value of Time Cards

Apprentices already know of the requirement for sending in monthly time cards showing the hours worked that month. But, do you know the cost of NOT sending them in or not getting them here "on time"?

As stated in the Apprenticeship Standards, an apprentice must remain at each classification for a minimum of 6 months and a minimum of 800 hours of "on-the-job" time as reported by "on time" time cards. Hours are not recorded or credited toward the minimum of 800 for late or missing time cards.

What that means is simply this:

- For every late or missing time card, your increase to the next classification is delayed by one month. This will cost an average of \$239.20 per month in lost wages.
- When this becomes three late or missing time cards, the cost is \$717.60 in lost wages plus the additional wages lost while you appear before the Education Committee.

The postage for sending in time cards ON TIME is \$.37. The final cost to you is your choice.

Next School Session

We are preparing for the next session of school which will start the week of January 12, 2004. This session will be 1st and 2nd year Installer training as well as 4th year Technician.

If you are to attend any of these classes, you will receive information and a questionnaire during the week of November 17th. You will be required to return the questionnaire by the first week of December to allow us adequate time to schedule instructors.

Tips on determining if you will be attending this session:

1st year classes will be attended by Installers who have not completed any of their apprenticeship schooling and have signed installer indenture papers.

2nd year classes will be attended by Installers who have successfully completed 1st year classes.

4th year classes will be attended by Technicians who have successfully completed the Installer apprenticeship AND have signed technician indenture papers. ***Please note, we strongly recommend that people who would like to indenture into the Technician Program talk to someone in authority at their place of employment. Once indenture papers are signed, a notification is sent to your contractor employer. That employer has ten (10) days to either accept you as a Technician or terminate your employment. It's a good idea to talk to your employer before making your decision to indenture or not.

If you feel you should have received notification to attend school, but do not receive it by November 21st, please call our office at 763-571-5922.