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Limited Energy - Unlimited Potential

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Training Today's Industry for Tomorrow's Technology

Continuing Education Classroom Fee

The Limited Energy Trust has determined that all continuing education participants must pay a classroom fee. The fee structure below is for an 8 hour class:

- \$25 IBEW Union Members employed by a contractor signatory to the MN Statewide Limited Energy Agreement.
- > \$25 IBEW Union Members currently laid off, but had been employed by a contractor signatory to the MN Statewide Limited Energy Agreement within the past 12 months.
- > \$25 Current office staff of contractor signatory to the MN Statewide Limited Energy Agreement.
- \$125 General public and IBEW Members who have not worked under the MN Statewide Limited Energy Agreement for over 1 year. This includes IBEW Members working under a "stand alone" Agreement.

Class fee is due upon registration. You may pay by cash or check. Very soon, we will have the ability to process credit card payments.

Only paid participants will be allowed to attend class. The class may be canceled if we do not have a minimum of 10 participants registered for class. You will be notified within 2 days of the scheduled class date of any cancelation as well as verification or reminder that you are scheduled for class.

Computer Fundamentals

If you missed this class the 1st time it was offered, you're in luck. We are offering Computer Fundamentals in October, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the evenings of the 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, and 26th.

This course will include training in the areas of XP Operating Systems, Microsoft Office and internet search engines. The fee is \$65.00 payable at the time you register.

The class size for this course is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 students due to the size of our computer lab. With the number of requests we've had to repeat class, it's sure to fill up fast.

PLT License Continuing Education Classes

The classes listed below are approved by the State for license renewal continuing education credits. If you are employed by a contractor signatory to the Limited Energy Agreement, you can register for these classes with a classroom fee of \$25 for each 8 hour class.

Other license holders may register for this training, but are required to pay a \$125 fee. This includes any IBEW member who is employed under a "stand-alone" collective bargaining agreement.

Continuing Education Class Schedule:

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Residential Audio/Video
Basic CCTV
Basic Card Access
Building Automation
Understanding PL Systems
Basic Security Systems
Basic Paging Systems
Basic Fire Alarms
Basic Card Access
Basic CCTV

September 26th
October 10th
October 13th & 15th
November 14th
November 17th & 19th
December 5th
December 15th & 17th
January 12th & 14th
January 30th

September 21st & 23rd

September 2009

Duluth CCTV

Rochester CCTV

November 21st

October 24th

Classes with two dates listed are on weekday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 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 many of these classes.

Register on-line at www.statewidelea.org or call our office at 763-571-5922. Classes without a minimum 10 participants may be canceled. You will be called within 2 days of the scheduled class date to confirm your participation or notify you of cancelation.

Although you may be tempted to take a continuing education class in your area of expertise, you will enjoy the class and learn more if you sign up for something that challenges you.

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From Sam's Desk

Since the time that our JATC separated from the inside electrical program, we have

continued to revise and improve the apprenticeship curriculum as well as making changes to improve your continuing education opportunities. Educational professionalism is of the utmost importance to us.

Likewise, it is also important for our JATC to project our school and this industry in a professional manner. In this effort, we have developed a new logo, which you can see at the top of this newsletter, and updated our look. We are also in the final stages, awaiting approval, on our new brochure promoting the Limited Energy industry.

We fully intend to promote our apprenticeship classes to architects, engineers, and others who have the responsibility of writing specifications for the bidding process so our students and graduates will receive the same consideration as other industry certifications.

We feel the education received in the apprenticeship program should qualify as equal to or better than other various industry certifications. It's time we promote ourselves as highly skilled, trained professionals. Our new logo and new brochure will help us do just that!

Networking/CCTV

This class is 20 hours long and has been approved for by the State for 16 hours of continuing education credits for your Power Limited Technician License renewal.

This class will include: Basic computer networking and networked CCTV systems, including DVR's; and will be held on December 2nd, 7th, 9th, 14th, and 16th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. The fee for this class is \$65.

The class size for this course is a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 students due to the size of our computer lab. No exceptions as we are limited by the size of our computer lab - so register early!

Apprenticeship - A great way to earn while you learn!

Power Limited Technician License Test Prep Class

If you are planning to take the license exam, consider taking our License Test prep class. The fee for this class is \$50. You need the NEC 2008 Code Book as well as Mike Holt's "Understanding Low Voltage and Power-Limited Systems" book based on the 2008 National Electrical Code. If you need these books, you may purchase them from our JATC. The NEC 2008 Code Book is \$70.00 and the Mike Holt book is \$44.00. This is a 16 hour training so please commit your schedule to the dates and times listed below when registering for class.

<u>Fridley</u> October 27th, 29th, November 3rd, 5th from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Tuesday & Thursday evenings).

REGISTER EARLY and let us know if you need books! This class is not open to the general public. 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.

<u>Ouestion</u>: I'm a contractor and just heard that the JATC can suspend one of my apprentices from work. Is that true?

<u>Answer</u>: Yes, but only if the apprentice is in violation of the Standards of Apprenticeship and would be done as disciplinary action as a result of the violation. The contractor will be notified with sufficient time to execute the suspension.

Telephony

The Telephony course qualifies for 10 hours of continuing education credits toward renewal of your Power Limited Technician License AND 12 hours of Bicsi continuing education credits.

The dates for this course are November 16th, 18th, and 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The fee for this course is \$40. Register early. This course always fills up early.

Principles of RF Communications

This course has been approved by the State for 16 hours of continuing education credit toward your Power Limited License renewal. It will include: Radio frequency fundamentals, principles of transmission, reception, antennas, signal levels, distribution, and system testing of broadband and MATV systems.

This class is offered on January 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th, and 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The fee for this class is \$65.

Please register early for class. Don't wait until the last minute to register! The last time this class was offered, it was canceled. At the last minute, several people attempted to register - too late - it had already been canceled.