



## MEMORANDUM

FROM: David Long, NECA CEO  
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TO: NECA Chapter Executives  
IBEW Business Managers

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The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) have been working with the current presidential administration to prepare for the infrastructure needs of our country, including the electrical infrastructure necessary to support the rapidly expanding electric vehicle industry. As an example, the Biden Build Back Better plan calls for the construction of 500,000 new Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) or charging stations. Discussions with the administration and congressional leaders have laid the foundation for unique opportunities for the IBEW and NECA contractors which include the need for training and certifying members in the installation and maintenance of EVSE systems for commercial, public, fleet, and residential applications.

The training program that is referenced in the administration's infrastructure plan is the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP). The inclusion of EVITP advanced training in an infrastructure bill signed by the president would be a major federal government commitment to safety, performance, and quality. It would be a considerable advantage to those who have the best training and greatest expertise and it would create billions of dollars of additional electrical construction projects.

To take the maximum advantage of this opportunity, your assistance is imperative to quickly accomplish two crucial objectives:

1. We need our NECA electrical contractors to sign the attached EVITP Approved Contractor Agreement and return it to EVITP as soon as possible. Contractors who sign the agreement will be added to the EVITP website under “find a contractor”, which will drive EVSE business to their company.
2. Work with your JATC to promptly deploy EVITP and graduate dozens of EVITP certified electricians this spring. More training information will be available in the near future, including online options for your members.

Both objectives are important as a critical mass of EVITP certified electricians and EVITP approved contractors is needed immediately in every state. Signing and returning the attached agreement is most important as it can be accomplished immediately. By completing the EVITP national map quickly, the more likely favorable legislation will be passed.

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