



MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are thrilled to announce the 10 exceptional candidates who have been nominated by their respective electrical contracting companies and selected to participate in the Bell Cohort of the prestigious NECA Innovation Institute (NII). These individuals continue to demonstrate outstanding contributions that advance innovation within their companies, making them perfect candidates for the year-long NII program. Their passion for pushing boundaries and embracing technological advancements is truly inspiring.

The 10 new candidates of the NECA Innovation Institute will kick off their transformative journey in Washington DC from August 23 – 24, 2023. Over the course of the next 12 months, they will embark on a comprehensive learning experience, designed to equip them with the knowledge, skills, and strategies needed to tackle the challenges of tomorrow. Through a combination of workshops, seminars, mentorship, and hands-on projects, they will dive deep into the world of innovation and cultivate a robust toolkit to drive positive change within their organizations.



The NII experience is not just about individual growth; it is about building a strong network of like-minded professionals. These candidates will have the opportunity to learn alongside their peers, sharing ideas, best practices, and lessons learned from their unique perspectives. The collaborative environment fosters creativity, encourages out-of-the-box thinking, and paves the way for groundbreaking solutions that will shape the future of the electrical contracting industry.

We extend our warmest congratulations to the Bell Cohort of the NECA Innovation Institute. Their dedication, expertise, and commitment to innovation have set them apart, and we are excited to witness the impact they will make in their respective companies and the industry as a whole. Their selection for this program is a testament to their exceptional contributions and their potential to lead the way in transforming the electrical contracting landscape. We wish them every success on their NII journey and look forward to celebrating their achievements.

Institute Candidate	Executive Sponsor	Company	Location
Colby Bruce	Frank Stewart	Stewart Electrical Contracting	Lawrence, MA
Tim Viau	Ed Witt, Jr.	Miller Electric Company	Jacksonville, FL
Matt Powell	Seth Zeller	Zeller Electric	Goodfield, IL
David Deschaine	Paul Mendoza	Alterman Electric	Austin, TX
Greg Nordin	Rob Heimann	Columbia River Electric Maintenance	Kennewick, WA
Brandon Douglas	Joe Myers	Pacific Electrical Contractors, Inc.	Medford, OR
Max Gallaway	Rita Baslock	Max Electric Inc.	Grandview, MO
Andrew Baker	Andy Sellers	Quality Electric, Inc.	Boise, ID
Vernie Herman	Jack Bellows	Vmax Electric Inc.	Bakersfield, CA
Chris Oeland	Justen Decker	Baker Electric	Escondido, CA

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INDUSTRY PIONEERS



"The NII experience has been exceptional. I've gotten to build amazing relationships that will last a lifetime. The program holds you accountable to getting things done."

Diya Peter

Operations Applications
 Director at Rosendin

NII Clarke Cohort, 2022

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"As technical as our business can get it's all about dealing with people, leading people and engaging with people."

Ed Witt Jr.

President and COO
 at Miller Electric



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Celebrate Your Innovators!

The **NECA Innovator of the Year** is awarded to an industry pioneer from a NECA member contractor who champions innovation and continuous improvement across their company and the entire NECA community.

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AROUND THE INDUSTRY



WHAT WE'RE READING

- [Development Tech: Three Trends in the Construction Market](#)
5/25/23, Forbes
- [New Study Reveals Building Owners are Driving Digital Project Delivery in Design and Construction](#)
5/8/23, Business Wire
- [Why ChatGPT Wants Contractors to Try AI](#)
5/24/23, Construction Dive



UPCOMING EVENTS

- [E2E Summit](#)
6/19/23 – 6/21/23 in San Diego, CA
- [NECA-BICSI Summit 2023](#)
6/26/23 – 6/28/23 in Denver, CO
- [Service & Maintenance Conference](#)
6/28/23-6/29/23 in Denver, CO

