



July 16, 2013

Dear Faculty Advisor:

I am pleased to invite you and your NECA Student Chapter members to attend the NECA Convention, October 12-15, 2013 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC. This Convention will bring together NECA chapters, university faculty advisors, and students involved in the NECA Student Chapter program. There are several events scheduled for students and faculty. This will also be an opportunity for other NECA chapters to learn more about the NECA Student Chapter program and ELECTRI International's Talent Initiative efforts.

Students participating in the Convention receive *\*complimentary* registration to attend NECA 2013 Washington DC. Throughout the week, they will be able to network with *current* industry leaders with whom they will soon be working as they enter internships, and ultimately, the electrical construction workforce. *Faculty Advisors are being charged a fee of \$395 to attend NECA 2013 Washington DC (see response form.)*

\* The programs and events below are being offered with the understanding that every student will attend an **orientation** at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center and will give NECA a minimum of two hours of his/her time to help with a particular staff assignment. The orientation will be held on **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am or at 2:30 pm**. Two sessions are being offered to accommodate early/late arrivals and those who plan on attending the Energy Forum. *Students who do not help with assignments may be subject to a registration fee.*

These NECA 2013 Washington DC programs are open to faculty and students (a \$1960 value):

- NECA Energy Forum – come and learn about evolving technologies in our industry and energy solutions.
- NECA Safety Forum – learn everything about latest safety trends.
- A Night at the Natural History Museum– Opening night reception to open the convention and trade show. (Cocktail attire required)
- Valuable management seminars to prepare for future leadership roles within the electrical construction industry. (See brochure for specific seminars)
- The general sessions, featuring exciting programs and speakers, such as General Michael Hayden, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and National Security Agency; an informative Labor Relations Session, and Bob Schieffer, Moderator of Face the Nation and CBS News Chief Washington Correspondent.
- Access to the NECA Trade Show, where students can explore the offerings of the industry's largest gathering of manufacturers and distributors. Please visit the NECA Booth #1201
- The Showstopper Showcase (Formerly New & Featured Products Room), positioned front-center on the trade show floor, where students can see the latest industry products and tools.
- Technical Workshops, featuring the latest information and hands-on technical expertise of some of the industry's top experts, being held on the show floor.
- Lunches on the show floor, where students can mingle with NECA's current industry leaders.
- The Closing Celebration featuring Phil Vassar.

The **Student Chapter Summit** will be held on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm followed by a reception. Roundtable discussions are being planned for this year's Summit.

Per student request we are also holding the second "**Speed Interviewing Event**" on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm. This year, it will be held separate from the Summit for those students interested in internships or job

opportunities. Please have your student bring copies of their resumes. More information about this event can be found attached.

All students not participating in the finals for the **Green Energy Challenge** are welcome to view the final team presentations. The GEC will take place on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. Also, there will be an area devoted to Student Competition Posters.

Students are also invited to the Women in NECA Forum (women only) on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm and the Future Leaders Industry reception, also on Monday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

When booking your hotel accommodations for the NECA Convention 2013, please call our housing agent CMR at 800-368-6322 or by booking online at [https://www.cmrhousing.com/NECA\\_C4/HandleReg.aspx?confNum=0&groupPasswd=STUD2013&redir=Welcome.aspx](https://www.cmrhousing.com/NECA_C4/HandleReg.aspx?confNum=0&groupPasswd=STUD2013&redir=Welcome.aspx). Once you have the site open, click on "Make a Reservation."

When speaking to the Customer Care Representative, please identify yourself as a student/faculty and inform them that you would like to be booked directly into the Student block.

There is limited availability and rooms should be booked as soon as possible. Any questions or concerns can be referred to [NECAHousing@cmrus.com](mailto:NECAHousing@cmrus.com). **Rooms must be booked by September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013** (based on availability).

A full agenda is attached with all Student Chapter Activities during the NECA Convention. The Students' schedule of assignments will be sent as we get closer to date. For more general Convention information, please visit: <http://www.necaconvention.org/>

Also attached is a Student Chapter Activities Response Form. Please complete the form (one for each student attending & one per faculty advisor) and send it back to my attention by **September 16<sup>th</sup>**. All forms must be completed in its entirety in order to finalize schedule of assignments and for logistic purposes.

Please contact Wanessa Alves at 301-215-4532 (direct) or 240-498-4751 (cell) or by email at [wa@necanet.org](mailto:wa@necanet.org) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the NECA Student Chapter Activities. We look forward to enhancing opportunities for students at the NECA Convention and further developing our student chapter program.

We look forward to seeing you in Washington DC!

Sincerely,

Wanessa Alves  
Director, Student Chapter Relations

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#### **NECA STUDENT CHAPTERS:**

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