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## Western Electrical Contractors Association (WECA) Receives College Credit Recommendation for Its Low Voltage Electrical Apprenticeship Program

Rancho Cordova, CA – Western Electrical Contractors Association announced today that its Low Voltage Electrical Apprenticeship program has received a college credit recommendation from the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS).

This benefit provides learners the ability to gain access to college credit for completion of this three-year apprenticeship program by using the credit recommendation(s) set forth by NCCRS.

The Low Voltage Electrical Apprenticeship program joins WECA's Commercial Electrical and Residential Electrical Apprenticeship programs, which each previously received college credit recommendations from NCCRS in 2018.

"We're gratified to receive this college credit recommendation for our Low Voltage Electrical Apprenticeship program, which now joins our Commercial Electrical and Residential Electrical Apprenticeship Programs in giving our apprenticeship graduates a route towards receiving substantial college credits for the programs they've already completed at WECA," said Terry Seabury, WECA's Executive Director and CEO. "We appreciate the external validation that our comprehensive, competency-based curriculum featuring skilled teaching by credentialed instructors and technically-advanced, hands-on labs is of equivalent rigor to courses held at a traditional four-year college or university."

"NCCRS is pleased to recommend college credit for WECA's Low Voltage Electrical Apprenticeship program," NCCRS Director Lisa Sax Mahoney said. "Through our professional evaluations, we support the recognition of high-quality workforce training programs delivered by qualified organizations across the country."

Founded in 1973 by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS), located in Albany, New York, is an organization that

evaluates and establishes college credit recommendations for courses offered by government, industry, and other noncollegiate sponsors.

NCCRS collaborates with more than 1,500 organizations and institutions of higher education across the United States and beyond. NCCRS member organizations include state government agencies, apprenticeship sponsors, corporations, and community and faith-based organizations. A few long-standing members include the City of New York Police Department (NYPD), the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY), and Consolidated Edison. Since its inception, NCCRS has evaluated and recommended college credit for more than 5,200 courses, exams, and educational programs enabling individuals to gain access to college credit for successful completion of qualified learning.

Western Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. (WECA), is a nonprofit organization serving merit shop electrical contractors, their employees and the industry suppliers that support them. In California, WECA offers federal and state-approved Commercial, Residential, and Low Voltage (Voice Data Video and Fire Life Safety) Electrical Apprenticeship programs, a state-approved Electrician Trainee program, certification exam preparation classes, and state-approved continuing education classes for journeyperson electricians and low voltage technicians. In Arizona, WECA offers a federal and state-approved Commercial Electrical Apprenticeship program and continuing education classes for journeyperson electricians. WECA promotes workforce development for the electrical and low voltage fields across the Western United States.

For more information about NCCRS, visit <a href="https://www.nationalccrs.org/">https://www.nationalccrs.org/</a>.

For more information about WECA, visit <a href="https://www.goweca.com">www.goweca.com</a>

To view more about the college credit recommendations for this and WECA's other apprenticeship programs, please visit the <a href="https://www.nationalccrs.org/">WECA NCCRS Exhibit</a>.

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