

## INSIDE

How Western Electrical Contractors Association  
Serves Contractors, Apprentices, Students, and  
the Industry, and Develops  
Your Electrical Workforce  
Across the Western  
United States



# GUIDE FOR OFFICIALS WESTERN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

## WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



### Who We Are

Western Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. (WECA) is a nonprofit organization serving merit shop electrical, low voltage, and solar contractors, their employees, and the industry suppliers that support them.

### What We Do

WECA offers strong political and public affairs efforts, networking, specialized member services, apprenticeship and training, and workforce development in an effort to achieve its goal of promoting merit shop electrical contracting as the most valuable, qualified choice for the electrical construction industry. WECA promotes workforce development for the electrical and low voltage fields across the Western United States.

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 continuing education classes for journeyman electricians and low voltage technicians.

In Arizona, WECA offers a federal and state-approved Commercial Electrical Apprenticeship program and continuing education classes for journeyman electricians.

In Utah, WECA offers a Commercial Electrical Registered Apprenticeship that is both federally approved and recognized by the Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Professional Licensing.

WECA additionally shares its expertise nationwide via educational products and publications.

## POLITICAL ADVOCACY FOR THE MERIT SHOP CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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WECA focuses on the needs of electrical, low voltage, and solar contractors; apprentices, trainees, and journey workers in the Western United States. We are proud to represent thousands of electricians and technicians and hundreds of contractors.

Our members believe fair and open competition is the key to a robust and growing economy.

Our members embrace the idea that political action is not simply prudent but essential to preserving and enhancing their ability to pursue business opportunities in the public and private marketplace.

WECA's governmental affairs staff works to protect the rights of merit shop business owners and their employees throughout the West.

Concerns about climate change are rapidly changing the electrical marketplace with new state and federal emphasis and funding for EV charging, battery energy storage systems, and rapid replacement of carbon-based fuels with electric alternatives. WECA is committed to helping its member contractors and their employees contribute to clean energy initiatives in a free and open marketplace.



## WECA APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING CENTER LOCATIONS

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**SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA (HQ)**



**FRESNO, CALIFORNIA**



**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**



**RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**



**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**



**PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

## WECA APPROVALS

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### Apprenticeship Program Approvals:

- United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards for Electrician (signed by John Ladd, Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship, Employment and Training Administration)
- State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards for Electrician, Residential Wireman and Sound & Communication (Voice-Data-Video)
- United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, California for Electrician, Residential Wireman, and Sound Technician.
- United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, Arizona Apprenticeship Office Registration Agency for Electrician.
- United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, Utah for Electrician

### Other Approvals:

- State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Electrician Certification Unit for Electrician, Residential Wireman, Fire/Life Safety Technician, and Voice Data Video Technician Electrician Curriculum
- Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Professional Licensing for Utah Electrical Apprentice License
- National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS) college credit equivalency recommendations for WECA apprenticeship programs: Commercial, Residential, and Low Voltage Electrical in California, Arizona, Utah
- State of Idaho: Approved Apprentice Electrical Education Provider

## WECA APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

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WECA offers three state-approved electrical apprenticeship programs: Commercial Electrical, Residential Electrical, and Low Voltage (Sound and Communication System Installer: Voice Data Video and Fire Life Safety), at four training centers across the state of California. WECA has recently expanded and been approved to begin offering our Commercial Electrical Apprenticeship program in the states of Arizona and Utah.

Our experienced instructors, advanced learning technologies, and competency-based curriculum are helping to train and develop your electrical workforce of tomorrow. WECA makes concerted efforts to draw under-represented populations into its apprenticeship programs.

WECA Apprentices' school tuition costs are paid by the WECA Member Contractors who employ them. WECA Apprentices attend classes in an accelerated and intensive format consisting of full-time classroom training and hands-on labs for two consecutive weeks every five to six months. Each two-week session is equal to one semester.

Electrical contractors must be approved to train by WECA and agree to abide by state apprenticeship regulations before registering apprentices into one of our programs.



## WECA ELECTRICIAN TRAINEE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR CALIFORNIA - ANOTHER PATH TO CERTIFICATION

The organization also offers training opportunities for all electrical students, regardless of whether or not they work for a WECA Member Contractor, to learn the trade and comply with electrical certification requirements.

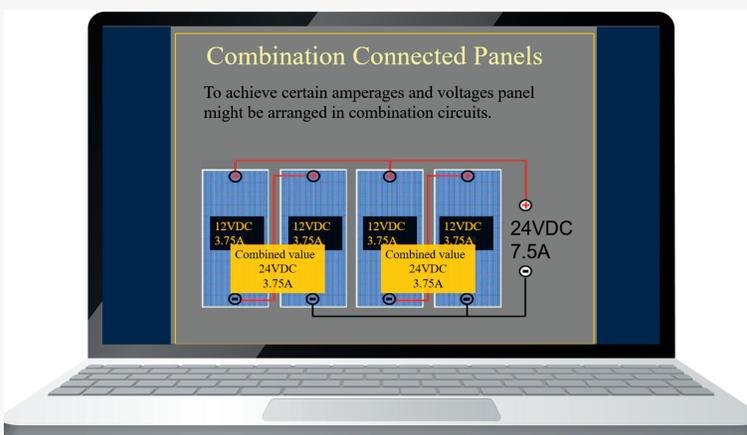
WECA offers its state-approved Electrician Trainee Program primarily online, allowing for maximum accessibility for students from all backgrounds, with choice of instructor-led or self-paced progression; hands-on labs or instructor-guided online interactive lab experiences; all taught by experienced electrical industry professionals, to help Electrician Trainees comply with California electrical certification requirements. WECA's GetWired program is a 4-year program leading to a an Electrician Trainee Program Certificate. Combined with on-the-job training hours, this is another viable path, like apprenticeship, to certification as a General or Residential Electrician in California.

## JOURNEY WORKER CONTINUING EDUCATION

WECA offers California state-approved courses to journey worker electricians and low voltage technicians, who must complete 32 hours of continuing education to renew their licenses.

## INDUSTRY EDUCATION

WECA additionally offers an electrical training program for non-electrician construction professionals called PE to PM (Project Engineer to Project Manager), and offers specialized courses, publications, educational seminars, and certifications to a nationwide audience.



## WECA BY THE NUMBERS

WECA currently serves, represents, develops, and advocates for the interests of:

- Over 400 Member Contractors from the electrical, low voltage, and solar industries, who employ thousands of industry workers across the Western United States
- Over 1400 Apprentices across three federally-and state-approved electrical apprenticeship programs for California, Arizona, and Utah
- Approximately 4,000 Electrician Trainees in California
- In any given year, WECA serves around 6,000 electrician trainees, journey worker continuing education students, and industry professionals across all non-apprenticeship programs



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