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Dear Member:

You know the California labor code that took effect January 1, 2006? These new labor code sections require that **“those persons who perform work as electrician for contractors licensed as Class C-10 electrical contractors” must be certified**. If an electrician is uncertified, and did not file an application to take the certification exam on or before December 31, 2005, or an electrician trainee, may work only if certain criteria are met. These include completing, or being enrolled in, an approved, sponsored classroom curriculum; being registered with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards; and working under the supervision of a certified electrician who only supervises one trainee.

The Independent Electrical Contractors Association of Southern California (IECA) strived to get these training courses started. There have been some unforeseen obstacles that we had overcome over the last several years. But everything involved and has been sorted out, the classes will begin in February at East Los Angeles Occupational Center, Los Angeles CA as listed on the enclosed flyer.

We hope to soon branch out to four other locations soon, enabling our members to attend a school close to their work or home.

We are also providing our members with the continuing certification that is also required by the state law and we provide these classes up and down the state depending on the enrollment for each class.

The benefits of having all your employees certified are numerous. They include lower insurance rates, lower workers compensation rates, safer and more knowledgeable employees, a loyal staff, and higher profits. If you have employees who are neither certified nor enrolled in school, the consequences are great. There is an increased chance of accidents, loss of production, and a loss in profits.

The Independent Electrical Contractors Association of Southern California (IECA) offers certification and an approved State of California Apprenticeship school with one of the best curriculums in the country. All we ask is that you remember that this school is on a first come, first served basis. Please fill out the information below to begin the process, and provide us with all your contact information

The only way to enroll in any apprenticeship school is to belong to an approved, sponsored curriculum. IECA has been sponsored by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). We have the best curriculum with the lowest cost involved.

While neither the CSLB nor the Sheriff is going to padlock the door to your business, they may have their own consequences for violating the new law, however with these labor codes, we expect that investigations will be done, it is just a matter of time. The Independent Electrical Contractors Association of Southern California (IECA) urges you to be prepared and get involved with our new apprenticeship school. This is a win-win for your company and your employees as knowledge is the best tool that we all can have to better our businesses and employees.

Sincerely,

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