NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS

FOR

Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committees

Representing

THE

National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc.

AND THE

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

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APPROVED AND CERTIFIED
BY THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP
Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations Part 29 outlines the requirements for registration of acceptable apprenticeship programs for federal purposes, and sets forth labor standards to safeguard the welfare of apprentices. Such registration may be by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, or by a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship as the appropriate body for approval of local apprenticeship programs for federal purposes. Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations Part 30 sets forth the requirements for equal employment opportunity in apprenticeship to which all registered apprenticeship programs must adhere.

The purpose of these National Guideline Standards is to provide policy and guidance to local JATCs in properly developing Apprenticeship Standards for Industry approval and subsequent Registration Agency acceptance. The National Guideline Standards, Selection Procedures and Affirmative Action Plan, developed by the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry (NJATC), are certified by the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship, as substantially conforming to the requirements of Title 29 CFR Parts 29 and 30. State Apprenticeship Agencies recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship to register local programs and/or local laws and regulations, may impose additional requirements that must be addressed in local Apprenticeship Standards.

Local Apprenticeship Standards developed from the NJATC’s Guideline Standards, must be properly registered, as per Industry Policy, by each JATC that undertakes to carry out an apprentice training program. Local Apprenticeship Standards represent the JATCs written plan delineating the terms and conditions for the recruitment, selection, employment, training, and supervision of apprentices as subscribed to by the JATC. Apprenticeship Standards must meet the requirements of the local Registration Agency.
[Insert OA Letter of Approval]
The mission of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee is to develop and standardize training to educate the members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association; insuring they are providing the Electrical Construction Industry with the most highly trained and highly skilled workforce possible.
Meeting the training needs of the Electrical Construction Industry is the primary objective of the NJATC. The foundation of our philosophy lies in a belief that training, and training alone, will determine the employability for members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA).

The NJATC believes that through qualify training programs the membership of the IBEW will be provided with the skills, knowledge and abilities necessary to maintain performance superiority. This exceptional efficiency will enable members of NECA to produce the highest quality of work – at the lowest possible cost.

The NJATC believes that only through quality training programs can the membership be afforded employment which will provide a high standard of living. The NJATC recognizes there are no shortcuts to becoming a competent journey-level craftsman. Only through meaningful standards, adopted by a highly structured program, devoted to appropriate guidance, personal commitment and consistent discipline, can this level of individual competency be accomplished.

The NJATC believes a uniform National Training Program is essential to provide the most highly skilled workers and the most productive craftsmen. It believes that National Skills Standards are necessary to establish meaningful benchmarks which will allow the work processes that a journeyman must demonstrate to be identifiable and consistent.

The NJATC believes that through its National Apprenticeship Programs, a clear-cut path for career development and occupational training is provided. The opportunities afforded are limited only by one’s interest and aptitude. Meaningful, industry-driven apprenticeship produces competent craftsmen and thus insures the continued availability of a highly skilled workforce at minimum or no cost to the taxpayers.

The NJATC believes it must continue to have a vision of the future while remaining faithful to its original commitment to meet training needs. Maintaining focus on this central objective—Quality Training—will lead the Electrical Construction Industry into a bright and prosperous future.

The NJATC recognizes that its reason for existence revolves around serving and assisting the members of the National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers at all levels—in all apprenticeship and training matters.
Whenever Apprenticeship Standards are initially adopted, or revised, there is a specific procedure that all IBEW/NECA Apprenticeship programs are to follow. From time-to-time there are various opinions shared on just how this is to take place when, in fact, there is only ONE accepted and correct procedure. This REGISTRATION POLICY is referred to in IBEW/NECA Category I Language, IBEW Basic Laws & Policies and Local Apprenticeship and Training Standards for the Electrical Construction Industry as follows:

**IBEW/NECA Category I Language**

Section 5.01… The local apprenticeship standards shall be in conformance with national guideline standards and industry policies to ensure that each apprentice has satisfactorily completed the NJATC required hours and course of study. All apprenticeship standards shall be registered with the NJATC before being submitted to the appropriate registration agency.

The JATC shall be responsible for the training of apprentices, journeymen, installers, technicians, and all others (intermediate journeymen, etc.).

**IBEW Basic Laws & Policies**

…The Constitution provides that each local union has the power to adopt, or subscribe to, an apprenticeship system or training program, as the conditions may require. However, such shall not conflict with applicable standards or policies of the IBEW. No apprenticeship program that is a fractional part of an apprenticeable occupation recognized by the IBEW will be created. Apprenticeship programs should have responsible and equal participation by the local union and employer. The International has apprenticeship standards in the utility, inside and outside construction, manufacturing, telecommunications, and other branches of the Brotherhood. Local unions seeking to establish new or revised apprenticeship standards SHALL submit the proposed standards to the International President before submitting them to a state, provincial, territorial, or federal registration agency. Any Inside or Outside Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) SHALL submit such proposed or revised standards to the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (NJATC) before submitting them to any Registration Agency.

Apprenticeship Standards are not to be changed at the drop-of-a-hat, or because someone “thinks” it would be a good idea to add this, or delete that. Standards are just what the name implies, a model that is to be followed by one and all. Certainly, they can be modified if necessary. However, any and all changes in a JATC’s registered Standards must be approved by the NJATC before said changes are actually submitted to the Registration Agency.

**Local Apprenticeship and Training Standards for the Electrical Construction Industry**

Section III – Duties of the JATC

A. The JATC shall, in conformity with the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee’s Standards and Policies and the local CBA, adopt and establish approved Standards governing the qualifications, selection, employment, education and training of all apprentices, and register such Standards with the Registration Agency. The JATC shall also be responsible for the training of Journeymen and others. (Such documents must be modified to comply with State regulations. All documents, including any modifications, must first be properly approved by the NJATC, after which, they must be approved and certified by the local Registration Agency before they are implemented).

If you are advised to alter your Standards, be sure the advising source is reliable and then ask that the specific requirements be submitted in writing. Do not accept the comments or recommendations of others as absolute fact. Finally, discuss the situation with the NJATC before you proceed with any modifications.
JOINTLY ADOPTED BY NJATC ON THIS __22ND_ DAY OF JUNE, __2011__.

________________/S/____________________________________ ___JUNE 14, 2011_____________________
EDWIN D. HILL, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, IBEW DATE

________________/S/_______________________________________JUNE 15, 2011_____________________
JOHN M. GRAU, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NECA DATE

________________/S/_______________________________________JUNE 22, 2011_____________________
MICHAEL I. CALLANAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NJATC DATE

CERTIFIED AND APPROVED BY:

________________/S/_______________________________________JULY 22, 2011____________
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, OFFICE OF APPRENTICESHIP DATE

BY: ____ JOHN V. LADD _____________________________ TITLE: __ADMINISTRATOR________

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