

The 595 Connection



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BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

I want to thank all 595 members who were able to make the recent special call meetings to vote on the contract recommendations for our Inside Agreements.

At the April 29th meeting at the Carpenter's 713 Hall in Hayward, members approved the recommended settlement, extending the Alameda Inside Construction Agreement by 3 years, with \$6.25 in new monies over the period of this extension. All members should have received copies of this agreement, and members can call the hall for copies if they were not received.

At the May 11 special call meeting at the Stockton JATC, members turned down a recommended settlement for the Calaveras and San Joaquin Counties Inside Construction Agreement. A negotiation meeting with NECA was set for May 26 as a result of this action, and a special call meeting in Stockton for May 27 was set to report on negotiations.

Because the current contract extension for the Stockton agreement expires June 1, 2010, I am



John Aguilera casts his ballot at the April 29 special call meeting over the Alameda County Inside Construction Agreement

hopeful that an agreement can be reached by May 31. The 595 team negotiating this agreement will do its best to reach an agreement the members can ratify. If we are unable to reach an agreement, the provisions of the agreement call for arbitration by the Council on Industrial Relations (CIR), which meets in September.

At both meetings, there was much lively discussion and exchange of opinions. This is crucial to our union democracy which is grounded in members participation.

My thanks to President Tieman

for his leadership in these meetings, as well as to the negotiating team members, trustees and professionals who were able to attend and assist in this process.

Advocating for Jobs, PLA and Projects

On May 6, at the request of Senator Barbara Boxer, I travelled to Washington, D.C., to testify before the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works.

There are maritime and aviation projects at the Port of Oakland that need federal funding and support, and as president of the port commission I was asked to speak on the Water Resources Development Act of 2010 (WRDA). This bill would authorize millions of needed funds for "shovel ready" projects across the country, as well as fund projects at the port.

It is not often that Labor finds itself on the same side of the table with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, but in the committee hearing, we were both advocating for WRDA. Many infrastructure

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projects need to be funded that will create jobs and generate economic activity that will continue to help lift our country out of the current recession. Along with the Chamber, the Association of General Contractors also testified on the need for WRDA authorization.

Sen. Boxer is a strong advocate for job creation, particularly union jobs and projects that will put union apprentices to work. In 2008, Sen. Boxer toured our San Leandro Apprenticeship Training Center, and saw first hand our training programs in new, green technologies.

During this visit, meetings with the U.S. Department of Transportation's legal staff and Gov. Schwarzenegger's D.C. office were also held. These meetings promoted the use of our Maritime and Aviation Project Labor Agreement (PLA) as well as seek support for the electrification of the port's berths to meet the clean air goals of California's AB 32 Global Warming Solutions Act.

What happens in our nation's capitol affects what happens in our jurisdiction. In mid-April, President Bob Tieman, COPE chair Greg Bonato, reps Tom Mullarkey and David Nelson also travelled to D.C. to lobby and advocate for building trades issues and legislation. These efforts will help our signatory contractors get projects that will put our members to work.

One special acknowledgement: Don Campbell, the Executive Director of NorCal-NECA, made time to visit the Department of Transportation's legal staff as part of our port's advocacy team. Don serves on the Social Justice Trust of the MAPLA, and he was able to speak for over 90 signatory contractors who support this project labor agreement. When our IBEW and NECA are able to work together to promote our union industry, we all benefit.

Vote, Vote, Vote!

In mid-May, an IBEW-COPE letter was sent with recommendations for the June 8 primary elections. All members and their families are urged to vote in this important election. There are many important initiatives and issues that will be decided, and just as members voted on the contract proposals, members need to vote in the primary elections.

Many 595 members have volunteered time and effort to make phone calls and help Labor's voice in this election. Many thanks to all volunteers, and special thanks to COPE chair Greg Bonato.

Welcome President Obama!

On May 26, President Obama toured the Solyndra project in Fremont. This new photovoltaic manufacturing facility is one of the premier projects of the administration's new green economy effort. The project was made possible by federal stimulus funds and loans, and some 3,000 union workers have been put to work because of this project.

During his visit, the president gave a major address on the

economy, which emphasized his commitment to building the foundations of economic growth, including manufacturing and green energy technology. It was my honor to be part of a labor delegation for the president's visit. Along with Local 595 member Joe Martinez, we

were able to meet Mr. Obama and thank him for efforts, which have helped many 595 members and their families.

The president's visit came on the heels of the announcement that Toyota and Tesla will partner to produce electric vehicles at the NUMMI facility. This is great news for our East Bay, and there are great hopes that a successful partnership will see many union jobs created.

On this very optimistic note generated by Obama's visit and the news about Toyota and Tesla, remember that we are:

Stronger, Working Together,



Victor Uno
Business Manager



On May 13, Business Manager Victor Uno testified before Sen. Barbara Boxer's Environment and Public Works Committee in Washington, D.C. Speaking on behalf of the Port of Oakland, Uno sought passage of the Water Resources Development Act of 2010. This bill would authorize critically needed infrastructure projects, creating hundreds of much needed construction projects.



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Organizing Report

IBEW 595 welcomes the following three "traveling" contractors who recently became signatory with us.

U.S. Electric is located in Brentwood. This HVAC controls contractor is doing a project at the Apple Data facility in Newark.

BOS Electric, a San Rafael electrical contractor, primarily concentrates on the high end residential market. They are currently doing a job in Berkeley.

Briggs Electric is from Carson City, Nevada. Briggs has a series of small jobs in multiple Target Stores in California. IBEW locals worked together to assist Briggs in the hopes that future work with the department store chain can be gained.

In the Stockton area, Cal Valley Solar became signatory in April. This contractor is signatory in Local 340 and will be doing residential and commercial PV work throughout the region. They are forming relationships and trying to secure work under PPA's (power purchase agreements). We wish them all the best in their endeavors; this is cer-

tainly a challenging environment for us as well as contractors.

A big thank you to Greg Boyd and Tracy Prezeau from our 9th District International Office for coming to our JATC to teach a COMET class for our 3rd and 5th year apprentices. In total, there were 34 in attendance and we all learned a thing or two about the importance of increasing our numbers and market share and how that is directly tied to our ability to collectively bargain for good wages and benefits.

COMET stands for Construction Organizing Membership Education Training and we should never forget the very first article of our constitution- "To organize all workers in the entire electrical industry in the United States and Canada, including all those in public utilities and electrical manufacturing, into local unions".



Advocating for a PLA at Alameda Point: David Nelson, Tom Mullarkey, Matt Maloon, Fred Meurer and Pat Quinn

Please do your part and talk to fellow electricians out there and share with them the benefits of union membership.

Local 595 has been working very hard politically and through the building trades to secure work for our members but we need membership involvement. It can be as simple as attending city council meetings, phone banking, or precinct walking. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the hall to sign up.

- Matt Maloon, Organizing Director

'Megabucks' Whitman - No to Super-Rich Buying Office!

Bob Balgenorth, President
State Building and Construction Trades

If you set out to write a script about two super-rich oligarchs running against each other for Governor of California, I don't see how you could come up with funnier, stranger, scarier, more fanatically right-wing and more ridiculously unworthy characters than the real ones in this year's Republican primary: super-rich Wall Street tycoon Meg Whitman and another super-rich oligarch Steve Poizner.

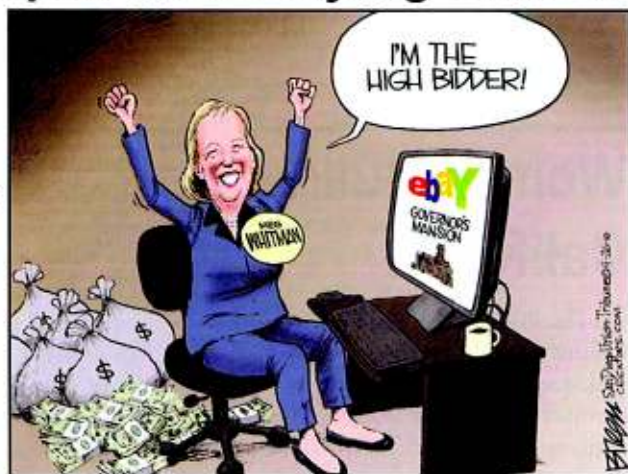
The Whitman-Poizner race is truly stranger than any fiction. Each is bragging about being far more vehemently pro-big business and anti-worker than Arnold Schwarzenegger! That's right. It's boiling down to the question of which candidate can be even worse for working people than Arnold!

According to the polls, Megabucks

Meg Whitman will probably win the primary. True, Poizner is, like Whitman, also a super-rich billionaire, but he's not quite as super-rich, and that fact has enabled Whitman to amass a huge campaign spending advantage in the past few months.

And it won't end with the primary. Whitman has got enough money to fill the airwaves from now to November, with hundreds of millions to spare.

She's already put \$59 million of her ill-gotten gains into her campaign. And in the first three months of this year, according to her campaign reports, she had already spent \$27 million, mostly on those TV ads.



That's about \$360,000 a day! That's \$15,000 an hour, non-stop, every hour of every day! California has never seen anything like it. But as stunning as that amount of money is, how Whitman came about getting all that dough is equally intriguing, and disturbing.

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Alameda JATC

Congratulations Grads!

On behalf of the JATC trustees, office staff and all of our instructors, I want to congratulate all graduates of our Spring 2010 class. After five years of school work and on-the-job training, we know



Apprentice Ethan Frank at the Solyndra project for Sprig Electric

that these graduates will be leaders in our industry. Our best wishes to Jason Bates, Jacob Brahmst, Perry Bryant, Christopher Corey, Daniel Davila, Ryan Eldridge, David Gamez, Kahlil Karn, Jason Marques, Garrett Nowak, Jesse Ortega, Tanya Pitts, Matthew Smith, Lael Thomas, and Mike Whitfield.

We look forward to our upcoming graduation ceremonies. This year's event will be held at the Claremont Hotel on June 19, 2010 in Berkeley. Please join us in wishing our recent graduates success as

they continue along their journey in the union electrical construction industry

New Class

With a positive work picture in Alameda county, a new class orientation was held for 20 applicants at the Training Center. On-the-job training assignments will begin for this group over the course of late spring and early summer, and classes will begin during the Fall semester, under the direction of Mel Switzer. Thank you in advance to the members of IBEW local 595 in welcoming this group to our industry.

Apprentice and JW Continuing Education classes are coming to a close the week of May 26, 2010. Our 10th bracket Spring class will be joining the 10th bracket Fall class of 2009 in the Alameda County Electrical JATC Completion Ceremony.

Special thanks to Les Bridge and Brian Deering for helping with much needed community outreach. Les and Brian helped at Hayward and Union City schools, along with an appearance at the Women Building California Conference in Oakland.



Training Director Byron Benton and Business Manager Victor Uno welcome a delegation from Vietnam. The training center has hosted international visitors from Australia, Russia and Japan.

Vietnam Delegation Visits Training Center

A distinguished delegation of trade union leaders and educators from Vietnam visited our training center on April 8. The U.S. and Vietnam normalized relations in 1995, and our two countries have seen increased trade, tourism and business relations. Recently, there have been increased exchanges of trade unionists, and the recent visit included leaders of the Vietnam General Confederation of Labor. There was great interest in our apprenticeship training system and our joint labor-management system that supports our programs.

In past years, delegations from Australia, Russia and Japan have also toured our training center.

- Byron Benton, Training Director

Women Building California

The 9th Annual Women Building California conference was held in Oakland on May 15-16 and Local 595 members were there in force. Since the conference was held in our own county, we were proud to have the largest delegation of any other union and several of our members served as workshop panelists.

Sponsored by the State Building and Construction Trades Council, this is the only multi-craft conference for women in the trades in the nation. Women came from nearly 50 different unions, 15 pre-apprenticeship programs, and 6 states to network and gain skills about working

effectively on the job, in their community, and in their union.

Patricia Shiu, Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) of the Department of Labor was a keynote speaker—the first time anyone from the DOL has attended this event. She spoke about the administration's reinvigorated efforts to ensure that women and minorities are working on federally-funded projects.

Local 595 helped sponsor the event's reception, held this year on the 21st floor of the Oakland Marriott—great food, jazz



595 members proudly displayed our banner at the conference.

and a fabulous view of Oakland, from the bay to the hills. Thanks to 595 members who led discussions and workshops: Mia Rivas, Tanya Pitts, Suzie Chan and Carol Toliver.

- Debra Chaplan, SBCTC

Stockton JATC

Greetings from 595East JATC!

I am pleased to announce that seventeen Stockton apprentices have passed the 595 journeyman exam and will be graduating on June 4th. I have every reason to believe these new journeyman are going to make a very positive impact on our future in the electrical industry. I would like to thank Bill Ulm, Robert Wilson, Dennis Daniels, and Tabatha Hoak, our instructors at the Stockton JATC and Joe Olguin, Al Spagnola, Mark Stoakes, and Bob Tuchsøn as CE and Lab Instructors.

Our congratulations to Chris Bedford, Martin Carranza, Clinton Castle, Shawn Crane, Rodolfo Diaz, Joshua Edwards, Rodolfo Fierro, Anthony Guerrero, John Leuenberger, Timothy Nightengale, Todd

Quaschnick, Martin Randisi, James Roach Jr., Jaemin Smith, Julio Souza, Brett Staley, and Joshua Welborn.

On another note, the work situation is steady, but two of our heavily employed jobs, Sprig Elect (Franklin Templeton Data Center) and Collins Electric (Kragen O'Riley warehouse) are winding down and we are looking to see what other employment opportunities are coming. We know the Lodi Generator will start sometime in the second half of this year and the Tracy Generator is on hold. K&W Electric has a fur-



Alan Miller, James Bohacek, and James Kettlehake built the substation at the Contra Costa Water Pumping Plant.

nace rebuild at the Tracy Glass plant which will help employment.

We will be generating C.E. class schedules for this fall and if there are any specific subjects the membership is interested in please call and let us know: (209) 462-0751

- Dave Brooks, Training Director



Kudos to 595 Wiremen working for Collins Electric at the O'Reilly Kragen project in Stockton -

Marcee Temple, Brandon Parsons, Julio Souza, Jose Martinez, George Bernardino, Bradley Smith, Cameron Faul, Ricky Lesui, Frank Quarles, Jim Moreno, Steve Slinker, Nathan Dimas, Aaron Morrow, Steve Guzman, Jodi Lizotte, Hoatatau Latu, Mike Bacci and Guy Lawson.



UA 342 Rep Obraj Van Buren and 595's Tom Mullarkey present a \$1,000.00 Scholarship to Leslie Ann Salvador, at the New Haven Schools Foundation luncheon on April 23, 2010.

Congratulations to the Proud Parents of Our Newest 595 Additions!

Ty and Davina McKinney are the proud parents of Gianna Grace McKinney, born 12/14/2009

Bradley and Heather Smith are the proud parents of Sydney Allison Smith, born 5/2/2010

Christopher and Leah Kirby are the proud parents of Margot Elizabeth Kirby, born 5/4/2010



595 Around the Bay...
 (clockwise from right): Luis Chavarria does streetlighting; Joe Jimenez and James Kettlehake in Stockton; Frank Keller readies wacker; Steve Wherry, Chuck Kanoho, Rich Fenton and Pete Pedersen at Eden Hospital; Tanya Pitts, Carlos Gomez, Steve Adams and Cary Schultz



Local 595 Members: Know Your Disability Benefits

Please note the following benefits may be available to you if you become ill or injured:

ALL MEMBERS : Please be sure to coordinate your State Disability or Workmen's Compensation Benefits with your doctor's office. If you were injured on the job and are covered under Workmen's Compensation Benefits, you may be eligible for a one time benefit of \$100 from the Union.

If you are a current dues paying

member of IBEW Local 595 and are currently under a doctor's care for illness or injury and have been off work a minimum of 30 days, the Union will pay your non-working dues during the time you are off not to exceed 24 months upon notification.

Book Status - If you are currently on the out-of-work list, and become disabled, you must provide a doctor's certificate/note which includes the start and approximate end date of your illness/injury and complete a Medical Leave form in person (if you are physically capable of doing so) to avoid striking off the book. Your book status will be maintained thru the end-date of the doctor's certificate/note.

MEMBER'S COVERED UNDER THE INSIDE WIREMEN AGREE- MENT:

Please be sure and contact the Local 595 Health & Welfare Trust Fund Office at 1-888-512-5863, (as well as the Union Office). They will provide you with information on the Health & Welfare Disability Benefits and the Long Term Disability Benefits that may be available to you (depending on your eligibility status with the Trust). These benefits may include extended Health & Welfare benefits after your dollar bank has been exhausted and a possible monetary benefit (up to \$100 per week) if you qualify. Questions? Call the Hall!

Delinquent Employer Notice

The following is a list of IBEW Local 595 – NECA, Northern California Chapter signatory contractors with pending delinquencies for unpaid contributions owed to the fringe benefit trust funds established for IBEW 595 members performing covered work. These funds include, but are not limited to the fol-

lowing: IBEW 595 Health & Welfare Trust, IBEW 595 Pension Trust, and IBEW 595 Vacation Trust. The Electrical Industry Service Corporation referred the delinquencies, some of which include unpaid contributions due for work months in 2009, to our office as Legal Counsel for the funds for col-

lection and the matters are at varying stages of settlement, litigation or enforcement of judgments.

This notice is for information purposes only.

1. ACS Controls
2. Ashburn Electrical
3. Barry Foster Electrical
4. Beaman's Electric
5. California Electric Inside Const.
6. California Electric Motor Shop

7. Columbia Electric West
8. Columbia Electric East
9. Crown Electric
10. Daoust Electric
11. EMT Lighting
12. Givens Electric
13. Groom Electric
14. Risso Electric
15. Souther Electric
16. Wilhite Electric
17. Wilson Electric

*Christine Hwang
 Trust Fund Attorney
 May 20, 2010*

Megabucks Meg...

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She was on the Board of Directors of Goldman Sachs, the giant banking firm that brought you the subprime meltdown. She had to resign from Goldman Sachs for not living up to its ethical standards. I didn't even know Goldman Sachs had ethical standards, but Meg still found a way to violate them.

Here's what Whitman, and other Wall Street gluttons, did. In exchange for steering eBay's banking business to Goldman, she received early insider tips from Goldman about new stock offerings. Then, she'd buy and quickly sell the stocks for huge profits.

That's what's called "Spinning." And after Meg and others did it, and made out like bandits, the SEC banned the practice.

So Meg made obscene profits, and Goldman Sachs execs made obscene profits, by basically ripping off the shareholders, including pension funds, she was supposed to be serving. That's why eBay's shareholders eventually sued her for misconduct.

Amazingly, she still sees no problem with any of it. Whitman actually said this when asked about it during the debate: "No, I did not do anything wrong. It was legal and standard practice." She conveniently ignores the huge settlement she paid to shareholders.

Now she wants to bring that management style to California government! Well, if she does, watch out taxpayers, and watch out, working people!

That's why the Building Trades has contributed \$1 million to an independent committee called California Working Families 2010, which we set up to help working people and their

unions fight back against these huge anti-worker war chests, and independently help candidates like Jerry Brown, and others, who actually care about working people. I have agreed to serve as a co-chair of this committee. Along with the Building Trades, the California Firefighters, SEIU, and individual working people and business people have contributed.

We have to have a counterweight to these ultra-rich, ultra-conservative, anti-worker, big business candidates. California Working Families 2010 is going to be that counterweight.

If we don't fight back and defeat Megabucks Meg, I'm certain that in a few years, we will be looking back on the Arnold Schwarzenegger years as the Good Old Days.

Volunteer for Action!

Call Tom Mullarkey at the Hall
(925) 556-0595

Retiree Club Report

As the summer of 2010 rapidly approaches, let me take this opportunity to make a plea to present and future retirees. If you are not a member already, come join the IBEW 595 Retirees Club. Applications for associate memberships are on hold, we need more 595 families to join!

Membership dues are only \$15 per year, and include all of the fun things we do, including monthly luncheons, a summer barbecue, a monthly newsletter, occasional trip giveaways, entertainment, and a Christmas luncheon, which always features a raffle, and entertainment, and which is being held this year for the first time at the Oakland Yacht Club. So far this year, for our three course catered luncheons, we have been able to keep the cost at only \$5 per member.

Upcoming trips this year include a production of "Barnum," plus "Peter Pan" and "Sunday's a Drag," both of which are in San Francisco. The biggest outing is coming in July, and features a seven-day trip north with stops in Humboldt Bay (with fireworks), a gondola excursion over the Redwoods, Oregon's Gold Coast, a jet boat ride on the Rogue River, and culminating with a musical at the Ashland Shakespeare festival.

When you're ready to join up, just call Linda Bratset at (510) 537-4129, or email her at LBRATSET@YAHOO.COM. Or, you can sometimes reach me at (925) 245-1876. We'd love to hear from you.

Les Bridge, President

Our Condolences to the Families of Our Recently Departed Members...

Clarence E McGibeny, passed on December 14, 2009, 88 years old and a member for 52 years.

Lincoln R Ogden passed on March 9, 2010, 87 years old and a member for 57 years.

Richard Buxton passed on March 17, 2010, 75 years old and a member for 43 years.

Frank T Jenkins passed on March 18, 2010, 91 years old and a member for 59 years.

Edward J Hallett, passed on March 25, 2010, 78 years old and a member for 53 years.

David Guerrero, passed on April 15, 2010, 55 years old and a member for 24 years.

Lawrence E Crumpacker passed on May 13, 2010, 60 years old and a member for 37 years.

Kenneth H Bishop, March 15, 2010, 87 years old and a member for 63 years.

Important Member Notices!

**General Membership Meeting
Thursday June 10, 2010, 6 PM**

Special Order of Business: Money Purchase Plan Educational Plan professionals will conduct an educational session on various MPP investment selections. Come early as hot dogs and hamburgers will be served starting at 5 PM!

July 6th Re-Sign Day Reminder

Mark your calendars: Due to the July 4th Holiday Weekend, Re-Sign Day will be on Tuesday, July 6, from 7 AM to Noon.



595 Members working for Redwood City Electric at the new Kaiser Hospital in Oakland.



Welcome President Obama!

President Obama toured the Solyndra project in Fremont on May 26, thanking union construction workers such as IBEW 595 member Joe Martinez and Local 6 apprentice Mike Krasilnikoff (right). The President said, "I want to give credit to those guys who have been building this facility so that we can put more people back to work and build more solar panels to send all across the country. Thank you for the great work that you are doing."



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June 3, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters working under Local 595 Inside Construction Agreements,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. Important news and updates are included in this insert.

Calaveras and San Joaquin Counties Inside Construction Agreement Extended Two Years

At the May 27, 2010, Special Call meeting at the Stockton JATC, members approved the following action:

1. **Extension of the Agreement:** 24 Month Agreement Extension, June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2012.
2. **Monies to be allocated:** \$1.75 over term of extension
 - Effective June 1, 2010: \$.10 in new monies. \$.05 is to be allocated to Health and Welfare and \$.05 is to be allocated to the San Joaquin/Calaveras Counties Labor Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC). This \$.05 in new monies will be matched by an Employer contribution of \$.05 to the LMCC for a total increase of \$.10 to the LMCC. (The LMCC funds prevailing wage compliance programs that have resulted in more work for signatory contractors and more jobs for Local 595 members.)
 - Effective December 1, 2010: \$.30 to be allocated to Health and Welfare
 - Effective June 1, 2011: \$.60 in new monies
 - Effective December 1, 2011: \$.75 in new monies

I want to acknowledge the participation of 595 members who attended the special call meetings as the final agreement reflects some of the important issues that were discussed. Many thanks to 595's negotiating team members Peter Magallanez, Marc Padilla, Dan Chivello and Tony Bertolucci for their efforts and support to achieve an agreement that will serve our union electrical industry for the next two years.

Pension Educational, Thursday, June 10, 6 PM General Membership Meeting, Dublin Hall


The Money Purchase Plan will be offering two new options for members to choose from. Because of the variety of investment options, a special educational by plan professionals will be held at our June 10 membership meeting. Please attend this important event!

Why are the Carpenters in St. Louis Attacking Our IBEW?

I am very sorry to report that the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 57 in St. Louis has been "organizing" non-union electrical contractors in direct competition with IBEW Local 1. Our IBEW was founded in St. Louis, and the Carpenters are giving these contractors a "safe haven" from IBEW organizing efforts. Because of this serious threat to all AFL-CIO unions, there is a Building Trades Unity Rally scheduled in St. Louis on June 15.

As you know, our IBEW has been fighting efforts of other unions trying to do more and more electrical work. The signing of contractors to non-IBEW agreements by the Carpenters is a shocking and disturbing escalation of a "turf war" that betrays our union principles and undermines the unity needed to advance the cause of *all* construction workers. We will be sending you more information and materials about this situation, and we will be asking for your efforts to send a message to the president of the Carpenters, Doug McCarron: You Do Your Work – We'll Do Ours!

Stronger, Working Together,



Victor Uno
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