

National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry

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<u>The Training Programs of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee</u> <u>for the Electrical Industry receive a one million dollar,</u> <u>five-year donation from the Fluke Corporation</u> *The "Fluke 1 Million" program establishes company as an NJATC Platinum Level Training Partner*

UPPER MARLBORO, **MD** – The National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry (NJATC) has entered into an agreement with Fluke Corporation, the global leader in portable electronic test and measurement technology, to create the Fluke 1 Million program to train the next generation of electrical union workers. Over the next five years, Fluke will donate \$1 million in cash, test equipment, and training support to enhance the IBEW/NECA training by adding state-of-the-art technology to the classroom.

The NJATC is a nonprofit organization founded by the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) to develop and standardize education in the electrical industry. The national Fluke 1 Million program establishes Fluke as an NJATC "Platinum Level" training partner and demonstrates its commitment to NJATC and IBEW-NECA training programs. Fluke 1 Million will add programs, resources and scholarships to NJATC curriculum, including:

- The Fluke Online Instrumentation and Control Academy, a new educational component that adds dynamic online training to the traditional mix of book learning, classroom and lab experience, creating a rich, blended learning model. The Fluke Online Instrumentation and Controls Academy will become mandatory training for all IBEW apprentices who earn credit for the NJATC Instrumentation Course, as well as all students who receive training under the umbrella of the IBEW Construction Wireman (CW) and Construction Electrician (CE) classifications. "This virtual academy will allow the factory floor to be brought to the student wherever they are, enabling them to be more acclimated to, and therefore more productive, in the industrial controls environment when they are presented with this opportunity," said Marty Riesberg the director of curriculum development for the NJATC.
- Fluke product endowments for local JATC classrooms and labs, provides Fluke test equipment to labs so students can train with best-in-class tools.
- Fluke National Training Institute (NTI) graduate and outstanding apprentice recognition programs rewards graduates of NTI instructor training with Fluke products.
- Fluke NTI Outstanding Graduate Scholarship program, which awards one graduate each year with a \$5,000 scholarship to be used to support the cost of their continuing participation at NTI.

"The NJATC has had a long time relationship with Fluke and this takes it to a whole new level. We could not be happier with such strong and lasting support," said NJATC Executive Director Michael Callanan."The NJATC strives to produce the very best training materials possible and we believe that this type of presentation of training materials is the future for how IBEW/NECA apprentices will learn their trade. We are grateful for the commitment from Fluke to help us achieve this goal."

"Fluke is a strong believer in the IBEW and NECA and we are committed to supporting the future of skills training in America," said Fluke Vice President of Marketing Clement Feng. "We have worked together with the NJATC in various ways for over ten years and I'm very happy to formally recognize the value of this great relationship."

About Fluke Corporation

Founded in 1948, Fluke Corporation is the world leader in compact, professional electronic test tools. Fluke tools deliver the testing and troubleshooting capabilities that are critical to keep commerce and industry running smoothly. Fluke customers are technicians, engineers, electricians, metrologists and building diagnostic professionals who install, troubleshoot and manage industrial, electrical and electronic equipment and calibration processes for quality control and building restoration. In the past five years, Fluke tools have won more than 50 industry awards, including *Test and Measurement World* Best in Test, *Control Engineering* Engineer's Choice and *Plant Engineering* Product of the Year.

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About NJATC

The NJATC is a nonprofit organization founded in 1941 by the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). The organization is committed to developing and standardizing education in the electrical industry to properly and effectively train members of NECA and the IBEW; providing the electrical construction industry with the most highly trained and skilled workforce possible. Since its inception, more than 325,000 apprentices have completed NJATC training programs and become competent Journeymen, making the organization one of the largest training and apprenticeship programs of its kind. For more information, go to www.njatc.org.

About National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)

NECA is the voice of the \$130 billion electrical construction industry that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the United States. NECA's national office and 119 local chapters advance the industry through advocacy, education, research, and standards development. For more information, visit <u>www.necanet.org</u>.

About The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

The IBEW is an international labor organization that has trained the most qualified electricians in the trade for more than 117 years. With approximately 725,000 members in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Republic of Panama, the IBEW has members in construction, utilities, manufacturing, telecommunications, broadcasting, railroads and government. For more information, visit <u>www.ibew.org</u>.