



MONDAY MORNING NEWS

Puget Sound Chapter • National Electrical Contractors Association



**MAY 25, 2020
MEETINGS**

No Meetings Scheduled

UPDATES TO FILING CERTIFIED PAYROLL

L&I is making some updates to increase validation plus speed up the filing process when filing/uploading certified payroll reports. The following updates will go live the evening of May 28th.

- **SSN validation.** Included are additional constraints and validation on the SSN to meet the law as outlined in [RCW 39.12.120](#), which requires the full 9-digit social security number of the employee. SSNs in the following format will not be accepted as per the Social Security Administration: Start with “9”, “666”, “000” or have “00” in positions 4-5 or have “0000” in positions 6-9.
- **New Trade Notes field.** This new field will allow users to provide additional information about the work being performed to include the corresponding federal Davis-Bacon trade and classification.
- **Updated XML Schema** that includes more detailed descriptions and validations to help ensure your XML file is set up correctly and matches the system requirements. It also includes the new tradeNotes element, located after the jobClass element.

To download the new schema click [here](#) (Open link using the Microsoft Edge browser.)

SAFETY MEETING APP – TIME TO RENEW

For the last several years, the Chapter has provided a subscription to our Members for the NECA “Safety Meeting App”. The APP provides one place to conduct and document safety meetings, along with inspections and documenting incidents. The annual renewal period for this service is upon us. Before we

renew the subscription for our Members, please respond to PSC, NECA Director of Safety, Justin Thayer. Let him know if your firm is interested in the single user or the multi-user option. You can also go to <https://www.necanet.org/neca-safety-meeting-app> to see what the APP has to offer. If you would like Justin or a representative from the NECA Safety Meeting APP to provide you with more information on the APP, please reach out to Justin at justin@necaseattle.org.

CYBERSECURITY MATURITY MODEL CERTIFICATION - NOTICE

While in the past contractors were personally responsible for certifying the strength of their cybersecurity protocols that would hold sensitive information associated with DOD projects, the new regulations instituted by the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) will require third-party certification (authorized by the CMMC Accreditation Body) of a contractor's compliance.

NECA recommends all contractors, who bid on or perform Department of Defense work, should immediately begin to learn the requirements and certification process required by this new regulation. In addition, contractors should identify a trusted third-party certifier to perform a review of their systems. The sooner contractors begin to understand and address this certification process, the better positioned they will be when formal RFIs and RFPs require various levels of certification.

To view the notice click [here](#)

ENTERPRISE OFFERS NECA MEMBERS EXCELLENT SERVICE AND A FREE FLEET ANALYSIS

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FLEET MANAGEMENT

WHAT ARE JAY INSLEE'S REELECTION CHANCES IN 2020?

With Governor Jay Inslee up for reelection this November, what are his chances of winning a third term? Inslee's slimmest margin of victory occurred when he was first elected governor in 2012, edging out former state Attorney General Rob McKenna 51% to 48%. He handily won reelection in 2016 over challenger Bill Bryant by a 54% to 45% margin.

According to recent data gleaned from polling firm SurveyUSA, 2020 could see him top even 2016's lofty numbers, leading the top four Republican candidates by over 20 points each.

Matched up against anti-tax activist Tim Eyman, Inslee currently holds a 60% to 31% lead in SurveyUSA's polling. The gaps between him and former Bothell Mayor Joshua Freed (57% to 30%), state Sen. Phil Fortunato (56% to 34%), and Republic Police Chief Loren Culp (56% to 31%) are similarly wide.

"It's an uphill battle for any Republican candidate to win statewide," Scott McClellan, a political analyst and former press secretary under President George W. Bush, said. "I would not run against Governor Inslee, and if somebody came to me and said, I'll pay you a million dollars, you know, I'd say you're wasting a million dollars."

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1927— Henry Ford and his son Edsel drive the 15 millionth Model T Ford out of their factory, marking the famous automobile's official last day of production. More than any other vehicle, the relatively affordable and efficient Model T was responsible for accelerating the automobile's introduction into American society during the first quarter of the 20th century. Introduced in October 1908, the Model T—also known as the "Tin Lizzie"—weighed some 1,200 pounds, with a 20-horsepower, four-cylinder engine. It got about 13 to 21 miles per gallon of gasoline and could travel up to 45 mph. Initially selling for around \$850 (around \$20,000 in today's dollars), the Model T would later sell for as little as \$260 (around \$6,000 today) for the basic no-extras model.



“I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it’s marked by the blood of those who died defending it.”

– John Thune

As of Friday, May 22nd, there are 246 JW on Book 1 and 118 JW on Book 2. There are currently 50 Commercial Apprentices, 0 S&C Apprentices, and 0 Residential Apprentices available for dispatch. There are 0 unfilled Commercial, 1 unfilled S&C and 0 unfilled Residential Apprentice requests.