

RBI SUPPORTS ANNUAL SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION



Waterloo, Ontario, Canada May 2013 - 24th Ontario Technological Skills Competition
RBI was pleased to support the enthusiastic annual Skills Canada / Ontario event by putting our Chevy Volt on display to draw attention to the ECAO / IBEW booth that was introducing the new Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP). Licensed as "RBI VOLT" the car fulfilled its mission to have many of the thousands of event attendees stop by for a look and ask questions about the new training initiative for electric vehicle charging infrastructure of which RBI participated in the NETCO Can-EVITP Curriculum Committee earlier this year.



Overview of Skills Canada – Ontario Programs/Competitions

Established in 1989, Skills Canada – Ontario is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the development of youth and the prosperity of industry in Ontario. Through a number of programs, competitions and events, we strive to promote the skilled trades and technologies as viable, first-choice career options for young people.

The Ontario Technological Skills Competition (OTSC) is Skills Canada- Ontario's cornerstone event and the largest of its kind in Canada, attracting over 1900 competitors from across the province. More than 60 contests in the skilled trades and technologies are offered at the competition to secondary and post- secondary students, including apprentices. 30,000 spectators take in an incredibly diverse array of contests, including carpentry, aircraft maintenance, culinary arts, robotics, electrical wiring, landscape design, 3D character animation, welding, and hairstyling. These contests allow participants to showcase their skills, talent and knowledge while providing them with networking opportunities with partners from industry, labour, government and education.

The 24th Ontario Technological Skills Competition was held May 6-8, in Waterloo, ON. In order to make this event a reality, \$7 million worth of tools, equipment, materials and supplies were generously donated by sponsoring organizations that understand and support the mandate of Skills Canada – Ontario. Hundreds of volunteers worked countless hours throughout the year to ensure that the contests ran smoothly and that the hosting facility, RIM Park and Manulife Financial Sportsplex, was prepared for the event.

http://www.skillsontario.com/images/pdf/overview_skills_canada_ontario



NEWS RELEASE

ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING PROGRAM (EVITP) AND NATIONAL ELECTRICAL TRADE COUNCIL (NETCO) ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF A CANADIAN EVITP TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED ELECTRICIANS

TORONTO, June 10, 2013 – The Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP)—a non-profit collaboration of industry partners in the USA providing training and certification for electricians installing Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE)—and the National Electrical Trade Council (NETCO)—the joint training arm of the Canadian Electrical Contractors Association (CECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, First District, Canada (IBEW)— today officially announce the launch of a Canadian EVITP training and certification program for qualified Construction Electricians (NOC 7241).

EVITP was established in the USA to provide the Electric Vehicle (EV) transportation sector of the electrical industry, and all stakeholders, with a structured platform to facilitate training and certification for the installation of EVSE across residential, commercial/public and fleet markets. The adaptation of the EVITP training and certification program for Canada was sponsored by NETCO on behalf of the electrical industry in Canada. This involved extensive research and development with subject-matter experts across Canada and the USA collaborating to:

- adapt the American curriculum and certification exam to the Canadian context;
- recognize EVITP as an independent, third-party certifying body;
- establish Canadian EVITP certification exam administration protocols;
- sponsor two regional EVITP Instructor Training, Phase 1, pilots in British Columbia (June 10-13, 2013) and Ontario (July 22-25, 2013);
- promote the establishment of EVITP National Training Centres in Canada; and,

- implement a communications strategy promoting the availability of EVITP training and certification for Canada.
“The Canadian Electrical Contractors Association (CECA) actively supports the development of the EV market in Canada and encourages electrical industry stakeholders to embrace emerging electrical technologies early,” said CECA President and NETCO Director Colin Campbell. “The EVITP training and certification program for Canada was developed with reference to the Canadian Electrical Code and the Interprovincial Standards Red Seal Program. It is an important milestone in addressing related workforce development.” Today, NETCO’s inaugural EVITP Instructor Training pilot is being hosted by the Electrical Joint Training Committee (EJTC) at its training centre, 1424 Broadway Street, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. EJTC is a partnership between IBEW, Local 213 and the Electrical Contractors Association of British Columbia. An Opening Ceremony is scheduled at 11 a.m. Andy Clevin, EJTC’s Training Director and member of NETCO’s National EVITP Advisory Committee, will serve as Master of Ceremony and speakers include Mayor Greg Moore, City of Port Coquitlam and Mike Farnworth, MLA, Port Coquitlam.

EVITP Instructor Training will eventually be available to all stakeholders, such as community colleges, through National Training Centres that will be accredited by the certifying body. With assistance from NETCO, EVITP plans on implementing this model in Canada ASAP following the pilot training sessions. In order to be eligible for EVITP Instructor Training, candidates must:

1. hold a Construction Electrician (NOC 7241) Certificate of Qualification. **and**
2. have a minimum of two years of full-time or four years of part-time documented experience in delivering electrical trade-related training (e.g., supplemental apprenticeship training, journey person training, safety training) or electrical apprenticeship or pre-apprenticeship training. Candidates who do not meet the minimum requirement shall be Mentored by a qualified EVITP trainer who will provide on-site coaching and support for the duration of the first training session delivered by the candidate Instructor. The EVITP Instructor credential shall be issued only upon recommendation of the Mentor. **and**
3. demonstrate that their sponsoring organization is committed to addressing the demand for EVITP training and certification in his/her jurisdiction in a timely manner.

About NETCO

The National Electrical Trade Council (NETCO) is the national voice of the electrical industry in Canada. NETCO is a joint Labour-Management partnership of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), First District, Canada and the Canadian Electrical Contractors Association (CECA). CECA represents over 8,000 electrical contractors across Canada who generate over \$5 billion in revenues and who directly employ 70,000 persons. IBEW Local Unions represent approximately 64,000 members in Canada and a significant proportion work as electrical journeymen and apprentices. NETCO’s mandate is to promote national standards, apprenticeship and journey person skills training in Canada with a particular focus on Red Seal electrical trades. For more information visit www.ceca.org/netco.



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