

Telecommunications Training Report



Local 164 Members attend Beast CIS Seminar

Local 164 has been invited to attend the 2006 NECA Convention in Boston, Mass. We will present our ability to educate our members in the electrical and telecommunications industries. Our theme this year will be technologies in building automation, networking and our capability to work together with constantly merging applications in both fields. The three day Expo enables Local 164 to show NECA contractors and their customers that working together not only can be accomplished, but also how it benefits our members and their customers as a whole. Technology will not wait for conflicting job scope issues to be settled nor will it hesitate to find other immediate sources to perform this type of work.

In the July issue of Cabling Installation & Maintenance magazine, an article entitled "Evolving methods for tomorrow's technologies" by Betsey Ziobron, - described a new approach to an age-old issue: how to improve the installation practices of copper and fiber in the horizontal pathways. As I have stated in many of my classes, "The hardest part of the job is correctly installing the right cable to the proper spot for termination". With that in mind, the industry is moving away from traditional installation methods and moving toward cable installation systems (CIS). This approach enables forward-thinking contractors to maximize installation profits. The article cites the technological advantages and standards compliance using CIS. I contacted the CIS leader in the industry Beast Cabling Systems and arranged a seminar with four of our contractors. Beast demonstrated its product, and I have convinced them to leave the CIS at the Training Academy for Local 164 to use. This will further establish Local 164 as a provider of the highest quality installation practices, perfectly positioning our contractors to capture the enormous growing market of the high-speed cabling infrastructures of today and tomorrow.

***Fraternally,
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