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## **TENDERING AND ESTIMATING COURSE**

The ECA is presenting a course on Estimating and Tendering for the electrical contractor on the following dates:

- Friday 3 October 2008
- Saturday 4 October 2008
- Sunday 5 October 2008

The course is tailor made for any sized business and is presented by Calli Pieterse, a Past President of the ECA(SA), and currently employed at one of the major electrical contractors in South Africa.

Calli has agreed to visit the East / South Cape region in order to share his many years of hands - on experience in the Electrical Industry with local electrical contractors.

We require a minimum of 10 persons to register for the course.

The venue would be determined depending on the response from the membership and will be presented in East London or Port Elizabeth or George.

The cost of attending the course is as follows:

- ECA members R1 500.00 per person
- Non ECA members R2 500.00 per person

The fee includes course notes, early morning and afternoon tea/coffee/biscuits as well as lunch on all 3 days.

Phone Danita @ 043 - 721 1558 or Michelle @ 041 - 363 1990 and book your place.  
Bookings will be confirmed once payment has been received.

Use this opportunity to find out first hand how to prepare a competitive tender.

## **COC COURSES**

2 very successful COC courses were presented by the ECA in Mossel Bay and Port Elizabeth during June 2008.

A total of 33 persons representing accredited persons, an electrical engineer as well as an AIA attended the courses, conducted by Cecil Lancaster, Regional Director from the Pretoria office.

Our thanks to Harry Muir of the Mossel Bay Round Table for the use of their facilities and also to Edwin Joshua, vice chairman of the branch for his hard work.

A big thank you to Johnny Cable of Clipsal for hosting the Port Elizabeth event and for the use of their state of the art equipment.

At the PE course, Barry Dawson of Schneider Electric very kindly expanded the knowledge of the attendees with a short, concise explanation on how to calculate prospective short circuit current.

Delegates were reminded to carefully consider the breaking capacity (KA rating) of a circuit breaker in its selection, to make sure that the breaking capacity exceeds the PSC at the point at which it is installed.

### **SELECTION OF POWER CABLES**

The South Cape branch of the SAIEE has requested the ECA to advise its members of a technical presentation to be held at the Wilderness Protea Hotel during the first or second week of August 2008.

Peter Harpestad is organizing the event which will focus on the following:-

- How to select an electrical cable- Low and Medium Voltage.
- Some technical and cost aspects of Medium Voltage XLPE and PILC electric cables.
- Some aspects of single core cables.
- Installation of electric cables.
- Testing of XLPE cables.

Should members be interested in attending kindly contact Peter at [peter.harpestad@telkomsa.net](mailto:peter.harpestad@telkomsa.net) or you could phone Michelle at the ECA office in Port Elizabeth @ 041 - 363 1990.

### **CONTRACT PRICE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS**

The ongoing problem with CPAP has also received attention at the highest level at JBCC with the Board appointing an industry expert to provide the following services:

- Monthly monitoring of price changes for each work group.
- Identifying monthly and/or annual anomalies and isolate the material/s responsible for these.
- Follow up where necessary with industry representatives (i.e. relevant suppliers).
- Assisting JBCC with further pricing research where needed to correct possible anomalies.

The ECA supports this initiative aimed at seeking a solution to a problem which has caused much hardship among its members over recent years.

The next JBCC technical committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3 September 2008 and a progress report will be tabled for consideration by the committee. Members will be kept informed of developments in this regard.

### **ECA MAJOR CONTRACTS MEETING**

The ECA invites all its major members to a meeting at Meadowdale on Thursday 6 August 2008 @ 18H00.

The larger electrical contractor has certain specific needs and problems associated with the type of projects in which they are involved with, and the ECA plays a vital role in ensuring that these problem areas are identified and resolved to the benefit of the member.

The question of under recovery of escalation on major projects is just one such problem facing members.

As a result the ECA is in the process of preparing a revised basket of materials for incorporation into the SEIFSA monthly price and index pages under a separate heading "Electrical Contracting Materials".

Charl Cilliers, an expert on contract price adjustment provisions, and employed by SEIFSA as their Economic and Commercial Services Co-ordinator, will be the guest speaker at the meeting.

Please diarise this date and phone Rucille @ (011) 392 0000 to confirm your attendance for purposes of seating and refreshments.

Kind regards

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