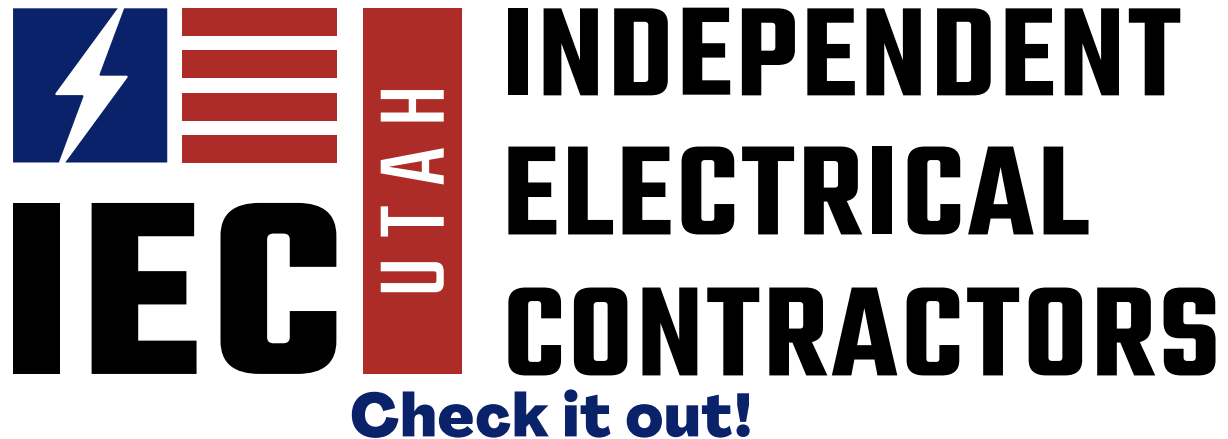


— July 2025 —

NEWSLETTER

“IEC of Utah members seek to strengthen and educate electrical professionals in Utah through respectful interactions with each other, intentional engagement with industry, and by boldly advocating with government and the public.”



Got a sweet ride? Classic or modern we want to see it!

IEC of Utah is excited to announce our FIRST EVER Car Show & Carnival! This family-friendly event is open to all — apprentices, instructors, members, families, and friends!

We're calling on all car lovers to show off those beauties! Whether you built it, restored it, or just love driving it — bring it out and let it shine.

Car Entry: \$20 donation

(It goes into the prize pool!)

Cash prizes + fun awards

Carnival fun for the whole fam!

Know someone with a cool car?
Send us their name and number —
we'll reach out!

Let's make this show unforgettable.
Remember — we can't have a car
show without CARS!



From the Desk of Sandi Monsen

Wow—what a year!

It's hard to believe, but this month marks one full year since I officially joined IEC of Utah as the Marketing and Community Engagement Director. I just want to say how incredibly grateful I am for the warm welcome I've received from the staff, our contractor members, and our amazing associate partners. You've made this such a meaningful experience for me.

When I started, my goal was simple: to help level up the organization—not just in growth, but in connection, culture, and impact. And I'm proud of the progress we've made together this year.

We've launched board-led committees that have helped us operate more effectively and have given our board members a greater sense of ownership in what we're building. I didn't want to grow just for the sake of numbers—I wanted to make sure our loyal, long-time members continued to feel supported and seen. That's why we've made a real effort to engage with contractors all over the state through personal visits, check-in phone calls, and plenty of lunches. Every contractor matters to us, and we want you to know it. This year, I'm excited to say we grew our contractor membership by 7 percent. Even more exciting, our associate membership increased by 52 percent—which is a huge testament to the value we're building together.

One of my favorite things to revamp was our Lunch & Learn series. From the beginning, I wanted these events to be focused on education, not sales pitches. We've hosted an educational Lunch & Learn every single month since I started, and the engagement and feedback have been incredible. These events are helping both our contractors and associates in a way that feels purposeful and productive—and we're just getting started.

We've also had a lot of fun along the way. Over the past year, we've held a Teacher Appreciation Dinner, a Holiday and Awards Party, our annual General Membership Meeting, a Graduation celebration, and a Trap Shoot that was an absolute hit.

On top of all that, we launched IEC Cares, a program that helps community members with minor electrical needs. We introduced Beyond the Curriculum to bring added value to our apprentices, and we've grown our social media presence to help spread the word about the amazing work our members are doing.

Now, if you're reading all this and feeling a little FOMO... that's because you should be! We've had an exciting, energizing year—and we want you to be a part of it.

So join a committee, attend a Lunch & Learn, or show up to one of our events. Our next big one is the Car Show & Carnival, and trust me, you won't want to miss it.

Finally, I just want to thank each of you. Your support, encouragement, and trust have made this the most fulfilling year of my professional life. I really do have my dream job, and it's because I get to work alongside people like you every single day. Here's to another year of growth, connection, and a whole lot of fun.

Sandi Monsen



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We did something cool!!



IEC Cares teamed up with instructors Meredith Balmforth, Ben Coffey (from Arco), and Border States to support the incredible work of **Tiny Tim's Foundation for Kids!**

Tiny Tim's creates handmade wooden toys that bring joy to children around the world—from villages in Zimbabwe to families right here at home. If you or your child has ever received one of their toys, you know how special they truly are.

Most of their volunteers are amazing retirees who want to give back, but they also welcome youth, community members, and even inmates who've shown good behavior.

They needed some electrical help, and our IEC instructors jumped at the chance to donate their time, while Border States generously provided all the materials. We even got a behind-the-scenes lesson on how their global mission is powered by heart and service.

Thank you, Tiny Tim's, for all you do! And thank you to Border States and our incredible IEC instructors for making this day so meaningful!

Want to help this incredible organization? It only takes a \$2 donation to make a car! The joy it could bring to a child's face is priceless! Donate on their website, in our profile or by using the QR code provided!!



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The purpose of IEC Cares is to provide our students and members with meaningful opportunities to give back to individuals and families in need throughout our community. Through IEC Cares, we will be accepting nominations for small community service projects — whether it's providing donated materials or performing journeyman-supervised electrical work.

Stay tuned for more details, and watch for the nomination form coming soon. If you know of a project or family in need, we want to hear from you!

IEC of Utah Cares — Because we believe in the power of giving back.

Contractor Member Spotlight: Intermountain Electronics

Earlier this year, we had the pleasure of visiting Intermountain Electronics (IE) at their headquarters in Price, Utah—and we were absolutely blown away. If you ever get the chance to tour their facility, do not pass it up. It is a jaw-dropping display of engineering, innovation, and efficiency.

Intermountain Electronics was founded in 1985 by John Houston to serve the coal mining industry. What started as a small repair shop working on electrical breakers and switchgear has grown into a national leader in custom electrical and automation solutions. Over nearly four decades, the company has expanded far beyond its mining roots, now serving industries such as oil and gas, power utilities, renewables, and even data centers.

With its headquarters still proudly based in Price, IE has become a cornerstone of economic growth in rural Utah. Their main campus has undergone significant expansions, now encompassing more than 150,000 square feet of advanced manufacturing space. Inside these walls, they design and build medium and low-voltage power distribution equipment, automation and control systems, process instrumentation skids, and custom electrical buildings—all engineered with operator experience in mind. The result? Smarter, safer, more reliable power systems for critical industries across the country.

Despite their growth into multiple states—including operations in Colorado, Illinois, and Ohio—Intermountain Electronics has remained deeply committed to its Utah roots.

They've partnered with USU Eastern to provide paid internships for local students in welding and electrical disciplines, helping to build the next generation of skilled tradespeople while supporting higher education in the community.

Their commitment to excellence hasn't gone unnoticed. Intermountain Electronics has been recognized as one of Utah's fastest-growing companies and was named "Company of the Year" by Utah Business. They've also been honored on the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing private companies in America. In 2023, the company announced a leadership transition as founder John Houston passed the CEO role to Bobby Houston, continuing the company's legacy as a family-led business.

It's rare to find a company that operates at such a high level of technical expertise while staying so grounded in community values. Intermountain Electronics exemplifies what it means to lead with innovation and heart—and we are proud to have them as part of the IEC of Utah family.



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Welcome New Contractor Members!

Black Label Electric
Jerett Electric
CEC Facilites Group
Encore Electric

Associate Member Spotlight: Milwaukee Tools

IEC of Utah Platinum Sponsor

Milwaukee Tool has been a longtime supporter of IEC of Utah and a valued Platinum-level sponsor. Whether it's raffle prizes for events, gifts for our apprentices, contributions to our office remodel, or sending experts to speak on safety and innovation—Milwaukee is always there when we need them. Their consistent generosity and partnership make a lasting impact on our members and our mission.

A Look at Milwaukee's History

Founded in 1924, Milwaukee Tool has spent the last century revolutionizing the power tool industry. The company got its start by creating a lightweight, one-handed drill for automotive giant Henry Ford, and quickly became known for developing durable, reliable tools tailored for professional trades. Today, Milwaukee leads the way in cordless innovation, jobsite lighting, PPE, and smart tool technology—always with a focus on safety, productivity, and performance.

Beyond tools and technology, Milwaukee's involvement with IEC of Utah speaks to their deeper commitment to workforce development and the skilled trades. They actively engage with our training programs, support our instructors, and help create meaningful opportunities for the next generation of electricians. Their investment in people—not just products—sets them apart and reinforces why Milwaukee Tool continues to be a trusted name on jobsites and in classrooms across Utah and the country. To learn more about Milwaukee's latest innovations or how they can support your team, reach out to your local Milwaukee representative—you'll be glad you did..



Welcome New Associate Members
Conduit
Quantum Lighting



IEC National Award Nominees Impact Award

IEC FUTURE IMPACT AWARD

IEC of Utah Nominee

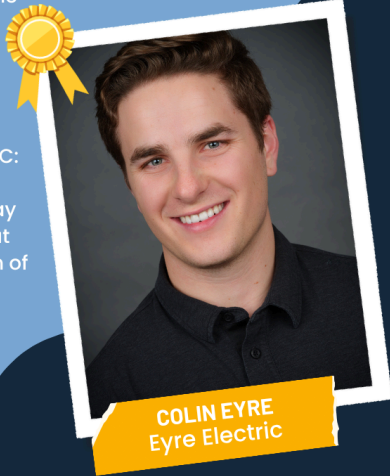
Colin is humble and kind. He is the kind of leader you want to go in the trenches with. His only interest is finding a better way, not in find blame.

-Andrew Burnett Eyre Electric

Colin embodies the spirit of the IEC: He is not only making an impact today but is clearly paving the way for tomorrow! I have no doubt that he represents the next generation of electrical professionals.

-Sandi Monsen IEC of Utah

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COLIN EYRE
Eyre Electric

IEC INDUSTRY IMPACT AWARD

IEC of Utah Nominee

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Ms. Balmforth's commitment to IEC and its apprentices is unwavering.
-Chrissy Skudera IEC National

She is not just a teacher-she is a force of inspiration.
-Ken Adams IEC of Utah

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MEREDITH BALMFORTH
Asst. Training Director

IEC of Utah and our Members are honored to be nominated for several 2025 IEC National Awards, celebrating the strength of our programs, members, and community impact. Winners will be announced at the SPARK Conference this fall—good luck to all the nominees!

IEC CONTRACTOR IMPACT AWARD

IEC of Utah Nominee

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These qualities—strong communication, reliability, kindness, and follow-through make him a trusted leader and a great representative of what IEC of Utah stands for.

-Alexis McPheeters Wasatch West Contracting

Bryce leads by example. His integrity, humility and unwavering dedication inspire everyone around him

-Ken Adams IEC of Utah

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BRYCE DIXON
Owner Sugarhouse Electric

IEC ALUMNI IMPACT AWARD

IEC of Utah Nominee

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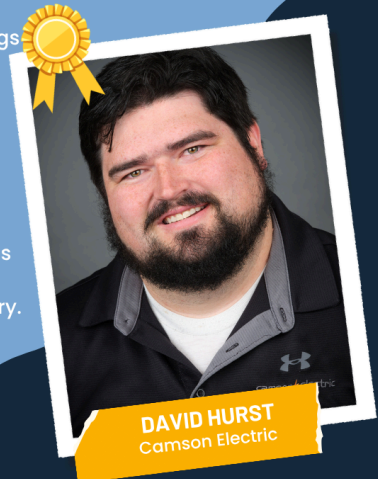
David's leadership style is characterized by authenticity, collaboration and a deep sense of purpose. He is a role model who brings people together, inspires action and leads by example.

-Spencer Campbell Camson Electric

As a graduate of IEC apprentice program, an instructor, a contractor member and Board member, David continually exemplifies what it means to be a leader, mentor, and ambassador for the electrical industry.

-Ken Adams IEC of Utah

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DAVID HURST
Camson Electric

Engage ~ Advocate ~ Respect

IEC National Award Nominees Individual Awards

IEC APPRENTICESHIP IMPACT AWARD

IEC of Utah Nominee

IEC of Utah has a Board and staff that not only strive for the best training product that can be offered year after year, but are also willing to share what they have developed to improve and enhance the National product for all our chapters.

-Gary Golka IEC National

IEC of Utah has done a tremendous job in helping me along with my career so far and continues to do so with new programs and instructors that are dedicated to the topics and students they teach.

-Kirk Mckeen IEC 4A apprentice

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IEC CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

IEC of Utah Nominee

Ken and Sandi are a power duo. The chapter is serving more people and expanding their location as a result.

-David Scott Regional Director IEC Mtn. West

The chapter has shown outstanding leadership, focus and commitment to growth.

-Rob Monson TenFold Advisors Business coach

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Join us at Spark to cheer on
your favorite nominees!

IEC CHAPTER EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

IEC of Utah Nominee

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Ken is a prince among men, a dedicated and capable leader, and a underrated gem in the IEC community

-Meredith Balmforth IEC of Utah

Ken's most commendable trait is his ability to collaborate effectively with colleagues and lead teams with confidence. He consistently demonstrates honesty, reliability and genuine concern for the well being of others.

-Ryan Taylor Taylor Electric

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IEC COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

IEC of Utah Nominee

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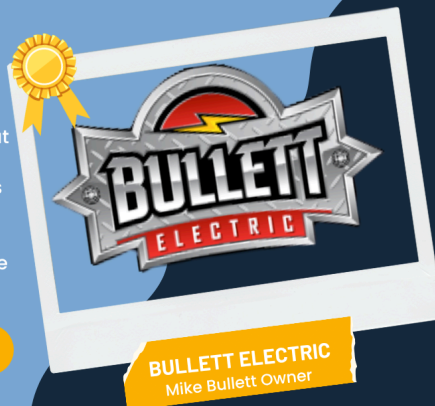
Bullett exemplifies what it means to serve the community, and we enthusiastically support their nomination.

-Deborah Jordan ARUP

Bullett doesn't just do great work-they use their skills and resources to lift others up and improve lives in a tangible, lasting way.

-Taylor Jackson Woodside Homes

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IEC INDUSTRY COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

IEC of Utah Nominee

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Their actions reflect the true spirit of service and responsibility...X3 doesn't just talk about making a difference, they do it!

-Scott Ward Wilkinson Electric

They set the gold standard for what it means to be a community partner.

-Sandi Monsen IEC of Utah

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IEC National Excellence in Construction Nominees



Megaplex Sundance Film Festival
Park City, UT
Sugarhouse Electric



Jensen + Sons St. George Parade of Homes
Eyre Electric



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Temple Lindon, UT
Wilkinson Electric

We are proud to have several of our contractors nominated for the 2025 IEC National Excellence in Construction Awards! Their projects showcase the skill, innovation, and craftsmanship that define IEC of Utah, and we love having the opportunity to highlight their incredible work on a national stage.

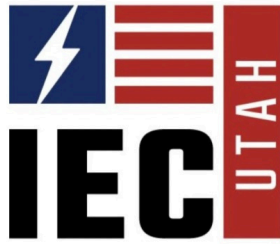


6th District Courthouse Manti, UT
Wilkinson Electric

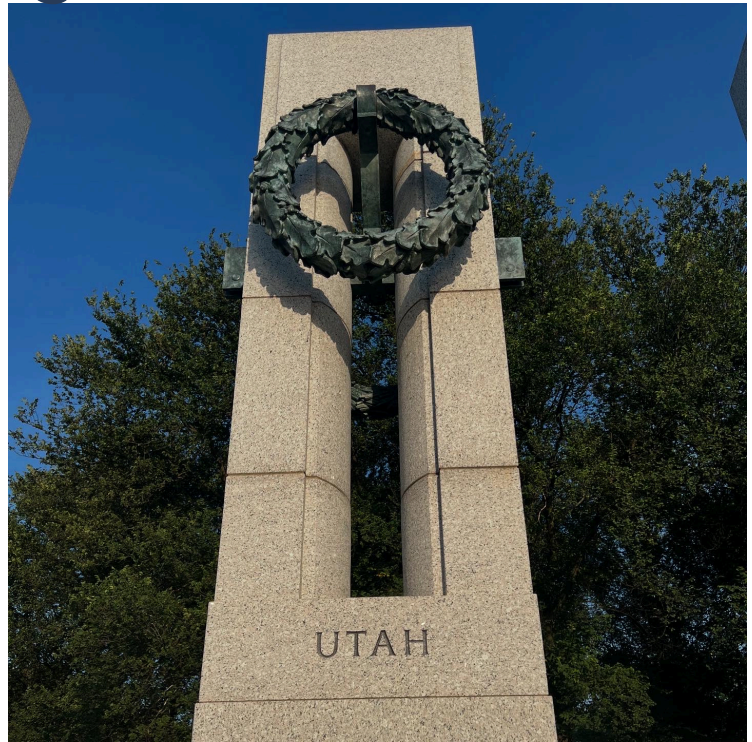


Wavetronix West Building
Wilkinson Electric

IEC National Policy Conference 2025



Kevin Hale
Chair, Government
Relations Committee |
Board Member
IEC of Utah



IEC of Utah was proud to participate in the 2025 IEC National Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., where members from across the country gathered to advocate for the merit shop industry. It was a powerful opportunity to meet with lawmakers, share our priorities, and ensure the voice of IEC contractors is heard on Capital Hill.



Members Only

Our new website features a members-only area where you'll have access to important, up-to-date safety information, recorded Lunch and Learns, along with many other essential features. If you need help logging in please contact us!



Back to School Night – August 21st | 4–8 PM

Get ready to kick off the new school year! All incoming and returning apprentices are invited to attend our Back to School Night.

What to Expect:

Pick up your books

Meet your instructors

Connect with safety vendors

Enter raffles and win prizes

Get all your questions answered before classes begin

When: Wednesday, August 21st

Where: IEC of Utah 7044 Commerce Park Dr Midvale, UT

Time: 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM



Check out our new Website!

We're excited to share that the IEC of Utah website has grown and improved to serve you better! With enhanced efficiency and a more user-friendly design, the site now offers a stronger focus on our contractor members and students.

Everything you need is now in one place, including our updated event calendar! Simply click on any event, and you'll be directed straight to the registration page.

Explore the new site today and experience the improvements firsthand! Click [HERE](#)

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Teacher Spotlight: Scott Ward

*1st Year Lead
Instructor*

Scott's journey with IEC began as an apprentice in 2007 at MTECH/UVU. In his 4th year, he received an IEC National scholarship, which inspired him to give back. He's been with IEC since 2011, dedicated to improving apprenticeship courses. With a Bachelor's and two Associate Degrees, Scott has been teaching 1st-year apprentices for 13 years, sharing his passion for the electrical trade.

We're incredibly lucky to have Scott leading IEC of Utah, where his dedication is shaping the future of our industry!

At Wilkinson Electric, where he's worked for 17 years, Scott is now the Senior Estimator and Business Development Manager, having bid on the largest projects in the company's 80-year history.

In his personal life, Scott has been married to his wife Jen for 23 years, and they have three kids: Ethan, Andrew, and Ashley. He also coaches high school baseball and enjoys snowboarding, longboarding, and the ocean. Fun fact: Scott has an impressive collection of baseball memorabilia, including dirt from many stadiums he's visited and a second base from Wrigley Field!



To see a full list of
current instructors click
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