



## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We are thrilled to unveil the five exceptional finalists for the prestigious 2024 NECA Innovator of the Year Award. These individuals have been chosen for their outstanding innovative mindset and remarkable contributions to both their respective companies and the NECA community at large. Their groundbreaking work has not only elevated their companies within the electrical industry but has also left a lasting impact on the construction industry overall. The selection process was rigorous, considering factors such as creativity, leadership, and the transformative nature of their contributions. These finalists stand as shining examples of excellence and dedication in the pursuit of innovation within electrical construction.

The anticipation builds as we eagerly await the announcement of the winner for the 2024 NECA Innovator of the Year during the upcoming 2024 MEP Innovation Conference, scheduled to take place from January 29 – 31, 2024 in the vibrant city of Orlando, Florida. This premier event is set to bring together visionaries and thought leaders from NECA (National Electrical Contractors Association), MCAA (Mechanical Contractors Association of America), and SMACNA (Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association) to explore the latest tech advancements, share insights, and celebrate innovation. The finalists will be honored at the conference, where the victor will be revealed, marking a pivotal moment in recognizing the outstanding achievements that have shaped the landscape of the electrical construction field. Join us in Orlando or stay dialed into NECA's social media as we announce NECA's 2024 Innovator of the Year and celebrate all of the remarkable individuals driving innovation within the NECA community.



**Brian Clark**  
Vice President and Director of Sales  
Sound Incorporated



**Adam Davis**  
VDC Project Manager  
Miller Electric



**Eric Harwood**  
Preconstruction and Prefabrication Division Manager  
Taft Electric Company



**Mark Lotspeich**  
Research and Efficiency Manager  
Dynalectric Oregon



**Collin Weiner**  
President  
CalEnergy Corporation

**Tauhira Ali**  
NECA Executive Director of Industry Innovation  
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## INDUSTRY PIONEERS



*Being an innovator means not just going with business as usual, but always striving to make the process better, more streamlined, more efficient, and ultimately more profitable or safer."*



**Colby Bruce**  
Operations Manager at Stewart Electric  
NII Bell Cohort  
2023 - 2024

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*"If you're not stretching, you're not growing, it's good to sometimes step outside your comfort zone and embrace what's somewhat uncomfortable."*

**Pete Mastrorocco**  
Senior Vice President, Education, Events, & Partnerships at NECA



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## Celebrate Your Innovators!

The NECA Innovator of the Year is awarded to an industry pioneer from a NECA member contractor who champions innovation and continuous improvement across their company and the entire NECA community.

Click/Scan to nominate an innovative team member today



## AROUND THE INDUSTRY



### WHAT WE'RE READING

- [2024 Engineering and Construction Industry Outlook](#)  
11/6/23, Deloitte Insights
- [AI, Robotics Dominate 2024's Construction Tech Forecast](#)  
1/10/24, Construction Dive
- [State of the Industry: Construction in 2024](#)  
1/12/24, ForConstructionPros.com



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- [MEP Innovation Conference](#)  
1/29/24 – 1/31/24 in Orlando, FL
- [Women in NECA & Future Leaders \(WINFL\) Leadership Conference](#)  
2/5/24 – 2/7/24 in Atlanta, GA
- [NECA Emerge Conference](#)  
4/15/24 – 4/17/24 in Las Vegas, NV

