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## **Oregon-Columbia NECA Chapter Announces New Executive Manager** *Todd Mustard Brings Government Affairs and Innovation Experience*

PORTLAND, Oregon — The Oregon-Columbia Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), which has served the electrical contracting industry in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington for more than 100 years, is announcing the hire of Todd Mustard as Executive Manager. He will begin the new position on May 20, 2023.

Mustard brings a wealth of experience to the role, having served as the Vice President of The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC) where he coordinated government affairs and worked with legislative coalitions of the Construction Employers of America, the Alliance for Industrial Efficiency, the Carbon Capture Coalition, and the Energy4Us Coalition.

He was also the staff liaison to the Government Affairs Committee and Innovation and Technology Committee and led TAUC's efforts in innovation and technology.

“Todd’s extensive and relevant experience in association management and government affairs is a perfect match for NECA’s mission as we continue to grow and serve our members,” said Sonja Rheume, President of the Oregon-Columbia NECA Board of Directors. “He brings a proven track record of understanding and responding to challenges and finding opportunities for members to succeed.”

Mustard is a longstanding member of the American Society of Association Executives and has a bachelor’s degree in international relations from the University of Oklahoma. He served on the Board of the AGC of California’s Construction Education Foundation from 2019-2022 and has organized TAUC’s Leadership Conference, Industrial Grade Innovation Conference and Expo, and State of the Union Construction Industry Forum. He lives in Portland with his wife, two sons, and their dog, Seneca.

Mustard replaces Timothy Gauthier, who is retiring after serving as the Executive Manager of Oregon-Columbia NECA since 1982. He is responsible for achieving labor relations support for six separate labor agreements with IBEW 48. He received numerous recognitions through his career, including the 1990 Robert L. Higgins Distinguished Service Award and 2013 LK Comstock Award, and in 1998 was inducted as a fellow into the Academy of Electrical Contracting. Tim also serves as President of a local construction charitable fund (BULL-

Business Union and Labor Leaders) that has raised over \$7 million for six children's charities in the Portland community.

“In his four decades at the helm of this NECA chapter, Tim has been an innovative and effective leader that has guided us through the ever-changing construction climate and positioned us to succeed well into the 21st century,” said Rheaume. “We appreciate all of the hard work he has dedicated to our mission and wish him a well-earned retirement.”

The Oregon-Columbia Chapter of NECA is committed to leading the union electrical industry in Oregon and Southwest Washington into the future. Working in partnership with the skilled electricians of the IBEW, we are dedicated to the following Vision and Mission statements.

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