Through NEIEP’s arrangement with AdvanceOnline Solutions, IUEC members can now earn both their OSHA 10 (10-hour) as well as their OSHA 30 (30-hour) cards by taking an online course.

- Students may register for the course by visiting the Online Training and Licensing page at neiep.org and clicking on the AdvanceOnline Solutions icon under the Table of Contents.

- Members may select and purchase a course ($72 for the 10-hour and $189.95 for the 30-hour) and will be reimbursed after passing the course.

- The online course offers the same training and same card upon completion as the classroom-delivered OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 training.

- Both the OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 online courses include exams that must be passed in order to receive a card.

- Students will have immediate access to a printable certificate to prove they have completed the course. A Valid US Department of Labor card will be mailed to each student.

- Students must spend a minimum of 10 hours in the OSHA 10 course and a minimum of 30 hours in the OSHA 30 course.

- In accordance with OSHA rules and regulations, students in either course are limited to 7.5 hours of course work per day. This means that students must log in on at least two different days to receive credit for the 10-hour course, and at least four different days to receive credit for the 30-hour course.

- Once a student has begun the training, he or she must complete and pass the course within six months.

- Two years after successfully completing the course and earning a card, students will be eligible to re-take the course (and again be reimbursed after passing).

Please be aware of the following information BEFORE you access and register for the course at neiep.org:

1. You must pay for the course up front.

2. Cost per student is $72.00 for OSHA and $189.95 for OSHA 30.

3. Please print a copy of your receipt for your records – you will need the receipt to submit your reimbursement request.

4. NEIEP will only reimburse you for this OSHA online course (no other online course offered by AdvanceOnline or any other provider will be reimbursed).

5. NEIEP will only reimburse you if you pass.

6. Once you pass the course, return to the OSHA training page at neiep.org to submit for reimbursement.

Once you have completed the course, you must submit your reimbursement request within 90 days.

If you have any questions, please contact NEIEP Support at support@neiep.org or (800) 228-8220

Over the last few months NEIEP has been working to make more forms and processes easier and more accessible. One important and recent improvement is that the Instructor Activation Form is now online, making it easier to access and use.

Previously an Area Coordinator or JAC member would have needed to submit a paper form and then wait for the instructor to receive, complete, and submit the employment packet before being notified that the instructor was active. In this new system, JAC members and Area Coordinators can now submit a request
Richard Loeb, Region 1, New York City and New Jersey

Education has, is and always will be the primary focus here at Local One. Educating our members is critical to our survival. Here in New York we not only battle another union that performs elevator work but a very formidable and growing non-union sector as well. It’s imperative that education is front and center at all times because it’s our education that separates us from “them.” Each year classes are built for our apprentices and Continuing Education classes are offered to our journeymen to provide them with an education that takes us to the top. Or does it? In many locals it may be enough but here in the big city it has become crystal clear that simply having the Cadillac of education programs isn’t enough. The competition is fierce and those who are content will be left behind. For us to not only stop the trend that has been building for years but reverse it, we have to focus on two things: Organizing and Education. Education at Local One is going to be taken to the next level. NEIEP offers an incredible amount of opportunities to our apprentices and journeymen to improve themselves so that they can become the best in the industry. Continuing Education classes need to be jammed packed both with those who just passed the mechanics exam and our seasoned vets as well. We acknowledge that our young apprentices are the future of this great organization and because of that education is front and center at all times.

I hope everybody has a safe and relaxing summer.

E. Ray Roche, Region 2, Northeast

I am happy to report that many new apprentices have been hired in Region 2. Instructors are back in the classroom teaching several RC100 Courses. Preparations for Spring Final Exams are underway. In addition, many Continuing Education classes for mechanics are being held for qualification and certification in CPR, Scaffolding, and Hydraulic Valve Labs, as well as Rigging and Signaling. A new recruitment for 2015 is wrapping up in Local 6 Pittsburgh. We continue to support the Helmets to Hardhats Program and work to place Veterans on local ranked hiring lists. The National NEIEP JAC Meeting, being held in July, will display all of the labs and materials available to each JAC for classroom and Continuing Education instruction. There were two Job Fairs this year, sponsored by local building trades and aimed at vocational and technical school students.

I would like to thank all Region 2 JAC Members for their hard work and support towards the education of Elevator Constructor Mechanics and Apprentices.

A safe summer vacation time to all.

Paul Johnson, Region 3, Southeast

Greetings from Region #3

As I write this article I have one open recruitment in Local #79 Little Rock. This will be my first recruitment using the online process, wish me luck!

The recruitment drive in Local #16 New Orleans is now completed, and by the time you read this Local #83 Tulsa will be completed also. The Welding Trailer is in Local #63 Oklahoma City and class is going well. I attended a Job Fair in Local #12 Kansas City and I would like to thank Ken Lee for all his help there.

Local #3 St. Louis is looking at running a recruitment in the very near future, and Local #124 Mobile is in good shape overall.

Ray McCann, Region 4, Midwest

As the school season comes to an end and summer approaches, preparations have already begun for the fall season. The economy seems to be turning favorable with the addition of the new hires in Region 4. Local 15 has just completed a recruitment and Locals 2, 55, and 132 are expected to begin their recruitments this fall. Local 2 hosted a NEIEP fair that showcased new and upcoming labs. Members were impressed as they saw, firsthand, the advancements that NEIEP has made and the opportunities that they have to offer, including the various certifications. Thanks again to the NEIEP staff for making the fair such a success.

 Whatever it takes to remind you to work and live safely, no matter the redundancy, please embrace. Enjoy and have a safe summer.

David G. Aranda, Region 5, Southwest

Finals have been administered and graded and everyone is ready for a well-deserved summer break before preparation of the fall semester begins.

We should recognize and thank all the Part-Time Administrators in each local that work under the direction and guidance of the NEIEP Area Coordinator and with the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. They are: Renée Sitton (21), John Bell (31), Lawrence “Rusty” Schumann (81), Samuel A. Parks (131), Charles J. Ramirez (133) and Matthew Johnson (140). These individuals have done an outstanding job representing NEIEP.

Recruitments have currently been completed in San Antonio and Albuquerque/
El Paso and are in the testing phase in Phoenix. All three used the new recruitment process which has streamlined the administration of the recruitment and allows for easier access by applicants. Anyone seeking an application for elevator apprenticeship can visit www.neiep.org and apply anytime at any site a recruitment is active.

In July NEIEP is holding its second JAC Seminar and Lab Showcase for all Joint Apprenticeship Committee members. All of NEIEP’s labs will be on display, allowing those in attendance to be updated on the latest policies and procedures, as well as visually encouraged to implement more of the NEIEP curriculum.

“To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions.”
-Benjamin Franklin

**Bobby Capuani, Region 6, Northwest**
Hello from Region 6! At this time we are holding recruitments in Idaho and Iowa. Both recruitments should be coming to a close by the end of June. Work seems to be picking up again which is a great thing. Please remember to take your time and work safely!

I would like to remind everyone to take advantage of all that NEIEP has to offer. There are numerous Continuing Education classes that can be taken online to brush up on your skills. Also, don’t forget that you can use your NEIEP classes as credits towards a college degree! Check the NEIEP website for the partnerships they have created with colleges and universities.

As the school season comes to an end, students will be taking finals and some will be taking their mechanics tests. Good luck to all! I wanted to take this time to thank all who were involved in making this a wonderful and successful school year!

Enjoy the summer.

**Steve Tsunemoto, Region 7, Hawaii and Pacific Islands**
Aloha from Hawaii,
The IUEC 126 Joint Apprenticeship Committee is currently in the midst of a new recruitment utilizing the new online application and tracking format through ICIMS. It’s been great not having to deal with paper applications and mailings. However, I’ve found navigating the website to be non-intuitive so I’d like to take this time to thank KristelHenry, CurtDevillers and Thomas Breindel for the assistance they have given us as we work through the initial stages of the online recruitment process. Thank you all for the manual, it’s been a lifesaver. We anticipate completing the interviews sometime during the second week of July.

We are sending three of our members to Basic Train the Trainer (BTTC) this year. It is encouraging to be approached by mechanics volunteering to become instructors. They may not realize it yet, but they will definitely improve their skills as mechanics by becoming instructors for NEIEP.

The last day of instruction here in Hawaii is May 22, 2015 (we follow the Honolulu Community College’s schedule), and we will soon be starting the Mechanic Review Eligibility Course (CE025) as we anticipate our mechanic exam in November.

**Ed Lackey, Region 9, Southern California**
Work has picked up in Los Angeles over the last year. Last May we ran a recruitment and created a hiring list of 544 prospective apprentices out of 1400 applications. The list was activated in October 2014. We have averaged 20 new hires per month, and have just passed the 200 mark.

The committee would like to discuss starting another new recruitment, even though there are over 300 on the list, and have put it on the agenda for June.

The Los Angeles area will have 44 people sitting for the Mechanics Exam. Next semester, starting in August, the Los Angeles area will have 224 apprentices in school. Half of that number will be students starting the 100 series classes.

Along with the spirited hiring and growing numbers of students, I would like to thank Earl Baker who was successful in gaining control of the Continuing Education required by the state of California for our licensing. Unfortunately, the state of California will not accept online classes for Continuing Education. Because of this, I have added 900 mechanics each year to my workload based on the 2 year period for licensing.

The Business Manager has informed me that during the summer months the rate of hiring will increase even more due to new projects coming online. I can only hope the other regions are doing as well as Local 18.

**Ron M. McKay, Region 10, Great Lakes**
Greetings from the Great Lakes Region!

Work in Michigan has been slowly improving, the result of which is a few additional new hires. These individuals will be expected to successfully complete the New Hire Probationary Program through NEIEP, good luck to them. The Probationary Program is a 72 hour course completed over six months and is full of important safety information that is essential for any employee working in potentially dangerous environments. It is incumbent on everyone associated with these probationary employees to make sure not only that they learn the material, but also that they practice it in the field.

As this school season draws to a close, committees, instructors and students must be making absolutely certain that all unit exams are successfully completed and attendance issues are resolved ahead of the Semester Final Exam administration. Don’t wait until the last minute as this creates headaches for all parties involved.

Local 85, Lansing Michigan, expects to open a new recruitment in early summer 2015. Please monitor the NEIEP website for news of the application period.

NEIEP is looking forward to meeting with all Local JAC committee members in July. New and exciting changes will be explained with an opportunity for questions and answers. Additionally, the entire range of NEIEP educational material will be displayed and demonstrated for attendees.

**Bob Duffy, Region 11, SEC**
The work in the Birmingham and surrounding area is finally picking up a little and another recruitment will be open for applications from May 20th- June 30th. This recruitment will be online only. The
Local 32 Atlanta area is also gearing up for another recruitment this summer due to a large stadium project on the horizon which has already spurred the hiring of over 50 probationary apprentices over the past year. Local 135 Charlotte is busy all around the towns on the outskirts of the city, but the bigger work in the city is looming large. Local 52 Norfolk, VA, has some work coming and a sufficient recruitment list in place, as does Local 51 Richmond/ Roanoke. To all, have a nice summer and work safely.

Curt Devillers, Region 12, New England
Hello from Region 12.

The Spring 2015 semester is behind us and the Fall 2015 semester is fast approaching. Thank you to all our instructors and students for another successful season in Region 12. This is the time to be building your Fall classes if you haven’t already done so. We recently conducted a recruitment with Local 4 in Maine and have established a Portland, Maine, recruitment list with 15 candidates. Thank you to that JAC for their support and assistance during the process. Take advantage of NEIEP’s Continuing Education classes and continue to improve yourself.

Frank Lopez, Region 14, Florida
Greetings from the Sunshine State!

Local 71 has opened their new NEIEP Training Building. It was perfect timing for the spring semester with over 101 probationary apprentices and three new 100 series classes. The work situation is looking strong with future projects on the books. Local 71 has just finished a recruiting drive with 180 new candidates.

Local 139 is looking to purchase their own building; they are also increasing the number of probationary apprentices and Year One Classes. I want to wish the best of luck to Local 139 in their pursuit of buying a building.

Local 74 is working hard on their new outdoor welding facility. They also created OSHA 30 and CPR classes for their members.

Local 49 has been working hard on fixing their classrooms and building; they’ve added new hardwood floors and are painting the walls for a better classroom appearance. All locations will be working hard on preparation for the fall semester.

Thanks to all NEIEP instructors, NEIEP staff, Part Time Administrators, Local Business Managers, Business Agents and JAC members. A special thanks to all Apprentices and to their Mechanics for their hard work.

Work Safe.

Local #48 is holding its own with work. They have one Year 1 class and one Year 2 class who are ready to sit for their final exams. Local #48 has one probationary apprentice who is working on his probationary course work, and they will have one apprentice who is eligible to sit for the Mechanic Examination this year. With the help of Earl Baker, West Virginia has accepted the new Continuing Education classes offered by NEIEP, which will allow IUEC members to get the required hours to carry an Elevator Journeyman license. I want to thank Kenny Caldwell, Dale Cummings, and Dennis Westover for instructing in Local #48 and also Ms. Kerri Leigh for keeping me straight with West Virginia.

In Local #10, work is great. At the present time Local #10 will have four Year 1 classes, five Year 2 classes, one Year 3 and one Year 4 class taking their final exams. Next semester it looks like we will have three Year 1 classes with three more coming on board in January of 2016, four Year 2 classes, five Year 3 classes, and one Year 4 class. Local #10 held seven Continuing Education classes throughout the year and has graduated 50 members through their welding class. Otis Elevator is now in the process of putting the Local #10 employees through OSHA 30 and CPR. Local #10 is hosting Oden Cowen, a Local #7 instructor, and having him instruct their welding class of 10 apprentices. I need to recognize and thank all of my instructors for a great job, as well as Ms. Gail and Ms. Lindell for their constant support.

I will be downloading and presenting the new Standards to the District of Columbia, States of Maryland and West Virginia.

Jeffrey L. Burns, Region 18, Midwest
In Region 18, the winter was NICE in Minnesota, Ohio State won it all in college football, the Kentucky Derby was a heck of a race, the Indy 500 was awesome and as a whole we raced to the end of another school year! With work picking up all over Region 18 we had about 235 students working their tails off to be the best Elevator Constructors they can be and a great group of instructors to keep the wheels from falling off. My hat is off to all students and instructors! With summer here, make sure you play safely. Working safely all year just to take dumb chances in the vacation months is not good. Stay safe and be smart!

July’s JAC NEIEP Fair should be well attended, as JAC members and IUEC leadership will get to see all the cool labs and equipment NEIEP has to offer. NEIEP will also showcase the new equipment and hold classes on the new procedures that we need to be up on to get the job done.

Hope you have a great summer and we’ll see everyone in a few months as the school year gets in gear.

Art Rodgers, Region 19, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Greensboro/Winston-Salem, & Memphis
Greetings from Region 19!

Employment finally seems to be steady in most of my locals, and job opportunities are still increasing in others. The future is looking brighter than it has in a long time.

It is great to report that the classrooms in Region 19 are starting to fill up with new apprentices. The New Hire and Safety programs have been a success in getting these new apprentices acclimated to the NEIEP website for online training. Classroom training is going well in all locations. I want to thank the instructors for their willingness to train our future constructor mechanics.

In the near future, welding will once again be available in Local 5. When it is, CE019 will be made available to our
members on the NEIEP website. This online safety course is a prerequisite for access to the welding booths.

NEIEP has been accredited by ANSI to be a third-party certifier for Signalperson and Riggers Level 1&2. Take advantage of this certification to work with cranes in the city of Philadelphia.

Thanks to all five of my JACs for requiring adherence to education standards that are second to none.

Finally, thanks to the NEIEP support staff for their patience and help throughout this school year.

Everyone play safely this summer, enjoy the time with your family and friends. They are who we do all this for.

Larry Engel, Region 20, Las Vegas, NV and San Diego, CA

Things in San Diego are going well. There are over fifty probationary apprentices working in the area. Las Vegas is still waiting for a few big jobs to start on the Strip. That should start the hiring of probationary apprentices there. Students are getting ready for their finals. We are still going strong with Continuing Education. The trouble shooting course, OSHA 10, and CPR seem to be the favorite classes here right now, but a lot of students are excited about the arrival of our new hydraulic valve simulator. They are ready to get into that course as well.

Scott McGinty, Region 21, Pacific Northwest

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest. Region 21 has been very busy in regard to work, hiring of new apprentices, and recruitment for prospective apprentices. The work outlook in Seattle makes the hiring of new apprentices appear eminent. Local 19 Seattle JAC completed a recruitment list for Western Washington in May of this year. Local 23 JAC in Portland, OR, completed a recruitment in February. Thanks to both committees for their dedication and cooperation throughout the entire recruitment process. Local 19 Spokane and Montana recruitments are currently underway as this article is being typed. The spring semester has been a busy one, and it is obvious that the fall 2015 semester will be even busier due to the amount of apprentices that are eligible for class. Continuing Education classes and other online courses are available for mechanics, and it behooves all IUEC mechanics to take advantage of the learning opportunities offered by a program that is second to none. NEIEP is committed to adapting to educational advancements as the industry changes. Students who participate in Continuing Education will be more valuable to themselves, their employers, and the industry as a whole. Our safety on the job is paramount to any other task performed in a day’s work, and if you approach each task with confidence and knowing you have the training and skills required, it makes it all that much easier to focus on safety. I would like to extend thanks to the office, IT, and warehouse staffs at NEIEP Head Quarters. Well wishes to all for a pleasant and safe summer.

NEW ONLINE INSTRUCTOR ACTIVATION FORM (continued)

online and then track its progress to completion.

The first step in activating a new or returning instructor is to complete an electronic request form on the NEIEP website. This is done by the JAC member or an AC. Rather than a lengthy form it is a series of fields, such as the instructor’s NSI and hire date, that when completed generate the form for the user. The form is then electronically submitted to NEIEP, and once it’s been processed the instructor is sent an employment packet in the mail. It is at this point that the person who has made the request to activate an instructor can, and should, track that request right on the NEIEP website. The requests are organized by local, and each will have a status that shows where in the process the instructor is:

- **Pending** - The request form has been sent to NEIEP
- **Employment Packet Sent** - An enrollment packet will be sent to the instructor
- **Completed Employment Packet** - The instructor will be activated in our system
- **Rejected** - Reasons for rejection vary. See the Admin Notes section for more information
- **Assigned Instructor Role** - Instructor is now authorized to begin teaching

If an AC or JAC member has questions, there is an “Admin Notes” section which explains why an instructor might have been put under a certain status. While this system does make a ton of information readily available, it is still up to the person making the request to make sure the process is complete. If the AC or the JAC member sees a status that they think is incorrect they should contact NEIEP as soon as possible. The NEIEP staff are always happy to help with, explain, or rectify any issues that may occur.

Overall, this system both improves and expands the old one. Instead of having to send multiple paper requests and then wait for each confirmation, the online system allows an AC or JAC member to track multiple instructor activations and quickly find out if there is a problem with any of the paperwork. Additionally, if paperwork is rejected or if an instructor doesn’t receive or loses their employment packet in the mail, the original request form can be resubmitted without having to be filled out all over again.

Please feel free to check out this new website feature, which can be found under the “Forms” tab, labeled “Instructor Activation Form.”
The National Elevator Industry Educational Program is pleased to announce initial efforts to further enhance the culture of safety for IUEC members nationwide. NEIEP is partnering with Hertz Equipment Rental to train instructors from the local unions to instruct members in safe, proper work with both aerial lifts as well as forklifts.

The first two sessions of instructor training for aerial and forklifts are set for August 24-28, 2015, at the NEIEP Headquarters in Attleboro Falls, MA. Two groups of participants will attend the training as follows:

- **Aerial Lift Training (Train the Trainer – Boom and Scissors Lift):** One full day. The training provided is in accordance with ANSI/SIA 92.6 for Self-Propelled Elevating Work Platforms (Scissor Lifts), and ANSI/SIA 92.5 Boom Supported Elevating Work Platforms (Boom Lifts).

- **Forklift Training (Train the Trainer – Warehouse and Rough Terrain):** One full day. The Forklift training provided is in accordance with OSHA 29CFR1910.178(I) inclusive of Rough Terrain Forklifts.

Upon successful completion of the course, each instructor will earn a Trainer Certificate and will be prepared to deliver Equipment Safe Operation Training to students in their locals.

Once locals have trained instructors available to lead courses, NEIEP will facilitate the delivery of equipment for training and practical assessment for members. For more information, please contact your NEIEP Area Coordinator.