

2025 National Training Institute

Installer/Technician Group “I/T Group” Agenda

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

I/T Participants are invited to attend Sunday events (including lunch and Opening/Welcome) if their travel schedule allows.

7:00 – 7:45 AM	Prayer/Worship Service – Eastern Michigan Univ.-G3, Auxiliary Gym
8:00 AM – Noon	Registration – Eastern Michigan Univ. G3
8:30 AM - Noon	Trade Show – Eastern Michigan Univ. G3
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch – Washtenaw Community College (WCC), Morris Lawrence Bldg., Atrium
1:00 – 4:30 PM	Late Registration –
1:00 – 2:45 PM	C/SC Group Opening Session – WCC, Morris Lawrence Bldg., Towsley Auditorium
1:00 – 2:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks – Todd Stafford
	State of the Industry – Todd Stafford
2:15 – 2:45	2025/2026 Grant Opportunities and Strategies for JATC/AJATCs – Andrea Crawford
	Join us for a comprehensive overview of current grant opportunities and strategies for training centers. Our presentation will provide critical insights into the evolving landscape of grant funding, highlighting key regions, potential service engagement, and anticipated grant availability for the upcoming year. We'll summarize the current federal and state grant environments, offer tips for training directors seeking to maximize their funding potential.
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Refreshment Break
3:00 – 5:00 PM	C/SC Group Opening – WCC, Morris Lawrence Bldg., Towsley Auditorium
3:00-4:15 PM	Worker Well-Being and Mental Health: Tackling High Rates of Stress, Injury, and Burnout – L. Joe (Joey) Shorter, Ph.D.
	This session addresses the critical issue of worker well-being and mental health in the construction industry. Participants will explore the causes and impacts of stress, injury, and burnout, and learn strategies to promote a healthier, safer workforce. Topics include mental health awareness, injury prevention, wellness programs, and creating a support jobsite culture. The session highlights practical approaches to improving morale, reducing absenteeism, and enhancing overall productivity through a proactive focus on employee well-being.
4:15-5:00 PM	Google Presentation - TBD
5:30 PM	Group Photograph – Eastern Michigan Univ. G3
5:45 PM	Opening of the 2025 National Training Institute – Eastern Michigan Univ., G3
	Dining for Dollars Voucher Program: Any participant (and family member) attending the Opening will receive a voucher worth \$25.00 for use at any participating local restaurant Monday through Thursday evening during NTI. You must be in attendance and seated in the arena to receive the voucher. Participating restaurants are listed on the App or the website's Event Guide.

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025

GENERAL SESSIONS – Washtenaw Community College (WCC), Morris Lawrence Bldg. (ML), Room 128

7:30 – 8:00 AM	Introductions and Explanation of I/T Group – Jim Simpson
8:00 – 8:45 AM	Installer/Technician Curriculum Updates – Jim Simpson and Heather Anderson
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Refreshment Break

9:00 – 10:15 AM	Installer/Technician Curriculum Updates (continued) - Jim Simpson and Heather Anderson
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 – 11:45 AM	Grants Readiness and Project/Program Design – Rebecca Dettore and Brooke Watkins This presentation explores what it means to be “grant ready” and how grant funding can benefit your JATC and your apprentices. We’ll cover key documents commonly requested by funders and share best practices to ensure your JATC is prepared to apply. Once you’re grant ready, we’ll discuss how to expand programming – from construction to wraparound services – and design grant-funded projects that align with your goals. Finally, we’ll examine how grant funding can support apprentice success and help long-term sustainability and growth in the electrical industry. Join us and learn how to unlock the potential of grants to strengthen your training efforts.
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch – WCC, ML Atrium <i>GENERAL SESSION – WCC, ML, Room 128</i>
12:45 – 1:30 PM	Training Partner Update/Process – Tony Frantel
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Outside Telecom Program – Jim Simpson
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Refreshment Break
2:15 – 3:30 PM	Technology Integration and Digital Transformation (Training and Change Management for Construction Tech Adoption) – L. Joe (Joey) Shorter, Ph.D. This session examines how to successfully implement technology and drive digital transformation in the construction industry. Participants will explore key tools such as BIM, drones, wearables, and AI, while learning best practices for training, change management, and workforce engagement. The session emphasizes aligning tech adoption with organizational goals, overcoming resistance to change, and building a culture that embraces innovation on and off the jobsite.
3:30 – 4:45 PM	I/T Craft Certification – Heather Anderson
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Wrap-Up
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Training Director/Assistant Training Director Reception – <i>WCC, ML Atrium</i>
<i>TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025</i>	
	<i>GENERAL SESSION – WCC, ML, Room 128</i>
7:30 – 8:45 AM	Tempo Communications – Oleg Fishel
8:45 - 9:00 AM	Refreshment Break
9:00 – 10:15 AM	Fluke Networks – David Ripple/Toffee Coleman
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 – 11:15 AM	Voltserver – Luke Getto
11:15 – 11:45 AM	Poe Texas – Tyler Andrews
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch – WCC, ML Atrium
12:45 – 2:00 PM	NECA - Jeff Beavers NECA VP - Chuck Fairchild
2:00 – 2:15 PM	Refreshment Break
2:15 – 3:00 PM	CML Hands-on Development – Marcus Burleson
3:00 – 3:30 PM	Brady Labels – Chris Gauthier
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Hubbel – Mark Cooney
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Roundtable Session/Wrap Up – Jim Simpson and Heather Anderson