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Updates on CECA advocacy efforts.

Prompt Payment

The federal government have revised the timelines for changes to federal Prompt Payment legislation, thanks to their priority focus on the COVID pandemic. Final approval is expected Fall of 2022. Provinces continue to introduce their own prompt payment legislation. Another province, Alberta, recently passed prompt payment legislation.

Impacts of Pre-project Investment & Quality of Documents Report

The project commissioned with Ryerson university to investigate the impact poor pre-project drawings and documentation have on the outcome of projects has been completed. As expected, the report confirms that the more accurate the information provided by the customer, the fewer change orders can be expected and the better the chance of meeting the project timelines. If you would like a copy of this report, please contact us.

Standardized Canadian Pre-Qualification Process

Work continues with implementing a standardized prequalification process in Canada similar to what was implemented in the UK and New Zealand. We are receiving mixed feedback if this is something that CECA should be spending time on. Some contractors feel that this is a waste of time. They feel that nothing will change. I remind everyone that these are the same comments we received prior to starting work on prompt payment lobby efforts.

Federal Funding for Hiring Apprentices

A new federal apprenticeship service is being launched to help small and medium sized contractors overcome barriers to hiring and providing training opportunities for first year apprentices. A link with more information is below.

https://canada.constructconnect.com/dcn/news/government/2022/06/feds-announce-247m-as-part-of-new-apprenticeship-service-for-smes

EHRC National Occupation Standards Project Complete

CECA was part of the steering committee with EHRC to work on National Occupational Standards, skills success profiles and job demands analyses. The results are now live on the EHRC website. Links are below

- Electricity Competency Framework Landing Page: https://electricityhr.ca/electricity-competency-framework/

- Employer Page: https://electricityhr.ca/electricity-competency-framework/employer-industry-skills-and-knowledge/
- Educator Page : https://electricityhr.ca/electricity-competency-framework/educator-competency-based-technical-training/
- Industry Skills: https://electricityhr.ca/electricity-competency-framework/industry-skills/

Training

As COVID restrictions are lifted and face to face classroom training resumes, our two main courses, Electrical Project Supervision and Construction Electrical Estimating, may be available in your area. Both courses have been converted to online versions and are currently being reviewed by our Subject Matter Experts. For more details, please contact us.

If you have any questions, please send an email to gxwhitty@ceca.org or call me at 416-491-2414.

Respectfully yours,

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