



**INDEPENDENT ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS  
- DAKOTAS, INC.  
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**U.S. Department of Labor Honors IEC-Dakotas**

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) has recognized Independent Electrical Contractors of the Dakotas (IEC-Dakotas) as a 21st Century Registered Apprenticeship Trailblazer and Innovator. IEC-Dakotas Executive Director Pam Fuhrer attended “Out Educate, Out Build, Out Innovate,” a National Education and Action Summit at DOL in Washington, D.C. on August 1, 2012. There, she was celebrated by Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis for being a leader in the National Registered Apprenticeship System.

“Out Educate, Out Build, Out Innovate” was held to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the signing of the National Apprenticeship Act. It highlighted the great role that Registered Apprenticeship has played in training the U.S. workforce for quality careers.

“IEC-Dakotas considers itself a leader in the online training of apprentices in the electrical field,” explained Fuhrer. “Through the online system, we believe we meet or exceed the challenge of producing qualified, professional electricians through the Registered Apprentice system. “

IEC-Dakotas was one of 70 programs recognized by DOL as a Registered Apprenticeship Trailblazer and Innovator. This honored innovative approaches of training workers from different areas of the U.S. in a wide variety of careers. IEC-Dakotas chapter has been training quality electricians for 65 years.

“We are very proud that IEC-Dakotas’ dedication and hard work in training young professionals pursuing a career in electrical systems contracting has been recognized,” stated IEC National Executive Vice President/CEO Thayer Long. “It’s an honor and privilege to work with such an extraordinary network of IEC chapters around the country.”