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Rice Electrical Services & Controls Leaves Local 57 To Become an IBEW Local One Signatory Contractor

ST. LOUIS – **Rice Electrical Services & Controls** has terminated its contract with the **Carpenters’ District Council (CDC) of Eastern Missouri** and its **Local 57** affiliate to become the newest signatory contractor with the **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local One**. Bridgeton-based Rice Electrical joined IBEW Local One on Sept. 4, 2013, a day after terminating its contract with CDC and Local 57. IBEW Local One is the oldest electrical union in the nation and was established in St. Louis in 1891. It has more than 150 signatory contractors serving residential, industrial and commercial customers.

Since it was founded in 2007 by the CDC as an electrical division, Local 57 has dropped from a high of 18 signatory contractors in 2009 to 10 contractors today, according to IBEW Local One.

“We are pleased to welcome Rice Electrical to the IBEW Local One family,” said **IBEW Business Manager Frank Jacobs**. “We will continue to reach out to all electrical contractors to become signatory to IBEW Local One and enjoy the full benefits of our highly skilled and safe workforce which is sustained through our industry-funded **St. Louis Electrical Industry Training Center** at no taxpayer expense. We fervently believe our wage and benefit package delivers enormous value in the proficient delivery of construction projects while supporting a strong middle class so vital to the nation’s continued economic recovery.”

Jacobs added that the size of IBEW Local 1’s workforce with more than 3,400 skilled electricians and communication technicians have helped a number of local electrical contractors gain work outside the St. Louis

area. “Our skills and safety are in abundance and travel well,” said Jacobs. “You’ll find our membership working on highly complex electrical projects from coast to coast.”

The training center is jointly operated by **St. Louis Area Electricians Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee** which includes members from IBEW Local One and the **St. Louis Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)**. It recently installed a 100-panel solar array atop the training center to create a practical teaching tool complementing a comprehensive “green” curriculum covering wind, solar, geothermal and biomass energy. The training center has also been Missouri’s leader provider of skilled electricians to install high voltage, communications & voice data, uninterrupted power supply (UPS), motor controls, alternative power supplies and other complex electrical needs.

Founded in 1953, Rice Electrical serves commercial, industrial and manufacturing industries. Learn more at www.riceelectricalservices.com.

IBEW Local One traces its roots to the first commercial use of electricity in the 1800s and represents more than 3,400 highly skilled electricians/communication technicians. It partners with St. Louis Chapter NECA to form the **Electrical Connection** (www.electricalconnection.org) to develop business opportunities for its members and advance Missouri’s energy future. Learn more about IBEW Local One at www.ibewlocal1.org.

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Editor’s note: **Rice Electrical Services & Controls** is located in Bridgeton, Mo. (63044)

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