As California transitions to a carbon neutral economy and transforms its energy system, the demand for energy storage and micro grids is expected to accelerate rapidly in the next several years. With it comes the need for a workforce that is well trained to meet evolving safety and technical challenges that come with the deployment of these new technologies.

The High Road Training Partnership project in energy storage and micro grids project, led by the statewide Labor Management Cooperation Committee (LMCC) of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), brings together electricians and their employers to ensure California’s electrical grid is resilient and prepared for the future of carbon neutral technology. Investing in energy storage technology and the electrical workforce is a critical step to ensuring California’s energy storage and micro grid technologies will meet statewide energy needs.

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- A strong, lasting statewide training partnership between industry employers and worker representatives that will work together to provide dynamic, evolving training and address other industry and workforce needs on an ongoing basis. LMCC represents a collaboration between 18,000 electricians (IBEW) and more than 2,800 commercial and industrial electrical contractors that employ them (NECA) in California.
- Nationally certified, advanced, specialized training on the safe and effective assembly, testing, commissioning, maintenance, repair, retrofitting, and decommissioning of energy storage and micro grid (ESM) systems.
- Expansion of training from 6 sites to 21 sites across the state, enabling hundreds more electricians in different locations in California to receive the training.

**KEY PARTNERS**

- California/Nevada IBEW-NECA Labor Management Cooperation Committee
- Joint Apprenticeship Training Centers across the state
- Energy Storage and Microgrid Training and Certification, Incorporated
- ICF, Incorporated