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ELECTRI CONNECTION

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About Us

ELECTRI International - The Foundation for Electrical Construction funds, conducts, coordinates and

ELECTRI Launches Series on Industrialization

ELECTRI International has released the first in a series of four white papers on topics pertaining to the **Industrialization of the Construction Industry**.

MCA Inc., under the leadership of Dr. Perry Daneshgari, President/CEO, is producing this series for ELECTRI.

Book One - Here and Now is available from ELECTRI and can be downloaded at <https://www.necanet.org/store/search-results/?sku=f3409>. The three subsequent texts will include **Benefits from Globalization & Industrialization, Foundation and Future, and Efficiency and Continuous Improvement**. These will be produced and released from 2015 to 2017.



The Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to ELECTRI Council member MCA Inc. for its generous *pro bono* contribution in support of the electrical construction industry.

Three Researchers Vie for ELECTRI Early Career Awards

When the ELECTRI Council meets in Chicago this July, its members will hear presentations from three young researchers, each hoping to be selected for an ELECTRI International Early Career Award. ELECTRI will make an unrestricted grant of up to \$9,000 to the home university of each winner.

The competition offers younger faculty members the opportunity to become engaged with ELECTRI and learn more about the electrical construction industry from its members. Winners will be required to produce a white paper for distribution to the electrical construction industry.

ELECTRI's Program Review Committee has selected three finalists for

monitors the industry's most critical research and commissions and delivers to the industry exemplary management education and supervisory training programs.



2015. Each researcher will make a 15-minute proposal presentation to the Council. This will be followed by a Council discussion and vote to select a maximum of two projects to fund. The 2015 finalists are:

Yongwei Shan, Oklahoma State University

Examining Opportunities for Mobile Information Technologies in Electrical Construction

Ben Bigelow, Texas A&M University

Exploring Where the Electrical Construction Workforce Comes From and Their Career Awareness

Anthony Perrenoud, University of Oklahoma

Electrical Contractors' Perception and Practices with Risk Management

For additional information about ELECTRI's Early Career Awards, visit www.electri.org or contact Deborah Halpern, Director of Operations at dhalpern@electri.org.

Help the EC Industry - Take a Ten-Minute Survey

The successful procurement of materials to a job site relies on many factors including smooth communications, accurate orders, and productive collaborations. One strategy to achieve greater success is **agile procurement**.

The goal of agile procurement is to reduce job site material handling and other waste rather than focusing upon reducing the cost of materials. In agile procurement, manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, and contractors come together to define common assumptions in terms of the business value, implementation risks, expenses (effort) and costs associated with procurement.

[We invite you to take a 10-minute survey](#) about your experiences with the procurement process including:

- PO procedures
- General allowances on labor agreements
- How and when you communicate with your suppliers
- Steps you take to improve the process.

This confidential survey, conducted by **Lonny Simonian, California Polytechnic State University--San Luis Obispo**, is part of a joint research effort sponsored by **ELECTRI International** and the **NAED Foundation's Channel Advantage Partnership**.

ELECTRI International
needs ten minutes
of your time for an
important research
survey about
your experience in
procuring materials
for the jobsite.

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this short
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Your responses, compiled with those of other participants, will be extremely helpful in developing best practices and ways to utilize agile project management.

Two Schools Want Their Passports Stamped

The ELECTRI Council will soon decide if the 2015 Student Passport will be awarded to The Pennsylvania State University or California Polytechnic State University.

ELECTRI International received outstanding proposals from the NECA Student Chapters at both of these schools. Their competition proposals describe why a grant from ELECTRI (up to \$20,000) will help bring electricity to an underserved community in the US or internationally. Whether it's Cal Poly or Penn State that gets its passport "stamped", both student teams have learned a great deal about electrical construction and getting mentored by NECA members as they designed their project's details.

The winning Student Chapter will be announced at the ELECTRI Council meeting in Chicago this July.



Kevin Clement, 2014
Student Passport
Initiative Finals.

ELECTRI Council Meeting: July 13-14, Chicago

For up-to-date meeting details visit the ELECTRI International website:

<http://www.electri.org/meetings/2015-electri-council-july-meeting>.

You can also contact Deborah Halpern, Director of Operations and University Relations at (310) 215-4539 or dhalpern@electri.org.



ELECTRI International is pleased to present an article and link that we hope you will find useful in your business. Our thanks to ELECTRI Council member Moss Adams, LLP (Everett, WA) for this informative piece.

A Focus on Risk

Over the next several issues of this newsletter, ELECTRI e-news will present a [series of articles and resources](#) from Council member **Moss Adams LLP**.

The series focuses on risk: where it comes from, what you can do about it, and how you can make it work to your advantage.

This first installment offers a discussion of why diversification is key when putting together a portfolio. It can lower risk and achieve equivalent rates of return or better than portfolios with less diversification. But how do you know if a portfolio is truly diversified? This selection from Moss Adams' *Insight* helps break that down.

How Well Do You Understand Tangible Property Regulations?

Do you own a building? Did you improve or repair it in the past ten years?

Do you know if you might be able to reap additional savings through new tangible property regulations?

ELECTRI Council member **Moss Adams LLP** advises you to act quickly.

In its publication *Insight*, Moss Adams staff looks at the analysis process and offers a quick rundown of the most essential information related to this change in accounting method.

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