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2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND EVENING AT THE RACES

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 18, 2008** and imagine the heart-stopping thrill of live horse racing while you wine and dine on a delicious gourmet dinner outdoors in the beautiful trackside tent. Tickets are \$120.00 per person. Members attending the AGM will receive a discounted rate of \$60.00 per person (see page 4 of newsletter for registration form).

The Annual General Meeting will take place at 3:00 p.m. in the Spartan Room of the Renaissance Toronto Airport Hotel located at 801 Dixon Road. If you require overnight accommodation, contact the Renaissance at 416.675.6100 or 1.800.668.1444. A block of rooms has been set up at ECAO group rate of \$174.00 per night. To guarantee availability, hotel reservations must be made before **Monday, May 19, 2008** as all rooms will be released on that date. If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Lyndsy Bartello at 416.675.3226 X300 or lbartello@ecao.org.

2008 INDUSTRY CONFERENCE ~ COSTA DEL SOL, SPAIN

For the first time in history, ECAO is excited to be holding its Annual Industry Conference in the Costa del Sol (“coast of the sun”) area of Spain. The conference will be held from **September 7- 13** at the **Hotel Guadalmina Spa & Golf Resort** located in Marbella (Malaga) Spain, an area known for its breathtaking scenery, beautiful beaches and historic culture. The educational seminars and social events will provide the delegates with an excellent opportunity to expand their knowledge of the electrical industry while exploring this exciting European destination.

Don't miss the deadline of **March 14, 2008** to qualify for the **Early Bird Draw** that will give two lucky registrants a chance to win an upgrade to a junior/deluxe suite valued up to \$1,980 CAD. Registration forms, hotel information, program updates and sponsorship opportunities are available on the ECAO website at www.ecao.org/events.asp. For additional information, please contact Lucy Roberts at lroberts@ecao.org or 416.675.3226 X312.

DEADLINE FOR MEMBER RECOGNITION AWARDS

Both The R.H. (Hugh) Carroll Safety Awards and the Douglas J. B Wright Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting held Wednesday, June 18, 2008. Winning recipients will be featured on the ECAO website and in ECAO's industry magazine *The Ontario Electrical Contractor*. The deadline for applications this year is **April 25, 2008**. Application procedures and forms are available on the "Member Recognition" page of ECAO website at www.ecao.org. For more information contact Lucy Roberts at lroberts@ecao.org or 416.675.3226 X312.

ECAO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DEADLINE

ECAO firmly believes in the importance of higher education and supports those who have a desire to succeed in the electrical industry. The ECAO Scholarship Program was created to financially support a child or ward of salaried employees of association member companies attending a recognized post secondary institution. Two candidates will be eligible to receive a scholarship of \$2,000 to assist them in their quest to further their education. Application procedures and forms are available on the "Member Recognition" page of the ECAO website at www.ecao.org. The deadline for applications is **July 15, 2008**. Winners will be featured in ECAO's industry magazine *The Ontario Electrical Contractor* and on the ECAO website.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONTRACTORS NETWORK WORKSHOPS

The Energy Efficiency Contractors Network (EECN) represents contractor associations and their service partners with an interest in delivering energy efficiency through contractors in Ontario. The EECN was created to provide contractors with information on technologies, techniques and incentive programs to help them design and deliver energy efficient products and services to the small to medium sized enterprise sector. The EECN Training Workshop has been developed by a training development subcontractor under the direction of EECN contractor association members and includes the following:

- Techniques used by energy management firms (EMFs) to identify potential energy efficiency (EE) opportunities, quantify the annual energy cost savings, and evaluate the capital investment.
- How to prepare and price a proposal for an EE retrofit package.
- Methods for quickly finding concise, comprehensive information on incentive programs offered by energy utilities and governments, applicable to specific building types and contractor trades, through an exclusive EECN online information portal.
- Background data on EE characteristics of specific building types and technologies that fit within the contractor's trade expertise.
- Meet local energy utility contacts.

Registration forms are enclosed for your convenience. For additional information, please contact Lucy Roberts at lroberts@ecao.org or 416.675.3226 X312.

CANADIAN UTILITIES EQUIPMENT AND ENGINEERING SHOW

The bi-annual Canadian Utilities Equipment and Engineering Show (CUEE), is scheduled for **May 13-14, 2008** in the International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga. CUEE is the market place for utility products and services and with over 300 exhibits, is Canada's largest and most important transmission, distribution and equipment trade show. CUEE is honoured by Tradeshow Week as one of the 50 largest tradeshow in Canada. For exhibit and sponsorship opportunities, contact Kevin LeGallais at 416.938.1063 or cuee.sales@gmail.com or visit www.cuee.ca.

13TH ANNUAL SPRINGFEST IS BACK IN THE NORTH BUILDING!

Springfest is an exclusive one-day event of educational seminars and table top exhibits for building owners, property managers, facility managers and others responsible for building maintenance and facility operations. Admission to Springfest is free, by invitation, and is strictly restricted to 1,500 owners, managers, engineer, and operations professionals responsible for office, industrial, condominium, apartment, medical, educational, retail, and institutional buildings.

Free seminars and meetings will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon for property managers of office, condominium apartment, social housing, industrial, government, medical, hotel and educational buildings. The expositions will be on the Lower Level of the **Metro Toronto Convention Centre** North Building, Constitution Hall on **Wednesday, April 9, 2008**. Be sure to visit the ECAO booth. For more information, visit www.pmexpo.com/springfest/.

NEW DISCOUNT PROGRAMS FOR MEMBERS

The Member Services Committee of ECAO is continuously working to provide the members with value-added and discount programs. ECAO is pleased to announce a new program that will give the members affordable accommodation for their mobile workers. **Residence & Conference Centers** is a collaboration of Colleges and Universities across Canada who have partnered up with ECAO to offer affordable accommodation with full facilities and complementary continental breakfast and more at a rate of \$54.95 per two-bedroom suite per night, plus tax. For more information, contact the Sales & Marketing office at 519.568.8798 or via email at info@stayrcc.com or visit their website at www.checkintothecentre.com.

Enclosed in this mailing are your **NEW Marks Work Wearhouse** discounts cards. Please replace your older cards with this new version. As a result of recent changes at Marks Work Wearhouse, the terms of our national arrangement have changed slightly. The result is a more defined list of products that the corporate discount applies too. The discount also applies to any customized workwear ordered with your corporate logo embroidered on it. If you would like additional cards or have any questions, please contact Lyndsy Bartello at 416.675.3226 X300 or lbartello@ecao.org.

ECAO WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Alberici Constructors Ltd. ~ Burlington, ON ~ Hamilton Member ~ Accredited Representative: Sean Thibeault.

BAS Electrical Installations ~ Hamilton, ON ~ Hamilton Member ~ Accredited Representative: Greg Kilner.

Lumvex Electric Inc. ~ Ottawa, ON ~ Ottawa Member ~ Accredited Representative: Bernard Mercier.

General Cable Company ~ North York, ON ~ Associate Member ~ Representative: David Barnes.

GP Garrick Electric ~ Rockland, ON ~ Ottawa Member ~ Accredited Representatives: Rick Guitard/
Garth Walker.

Hunt Electric ~ Kinburn, ON ~ Ottawa Member ~ Accredited Representative: Pat/Janet Hunt.

MPG Limited ~ Windsor, ON ~ Windsor Member ~ Accredited Representative: Glenn Gault.

Switch Electric Limited ~ Brampton, ON ~ Greater Toronto Member ~ Accredited Representative: George Mavrou.

Tevelec Limited ~ Mississauga, ON ~ Associate Member ~ Representative: Patricia Martin.

Trydan Systems Inc. ~ Barrie, ON ~ Greater Toronto Member ~ Accredited Representative: Sion Jones.

2008 Annual General Meeting and Evening at the Races



Date:	Wednesday, June 18, 2008
Time:	3:00 p.m. ~ Annual General Meeting, Spartan Room Renaissance Toronto Airport Hotel 801 Dixon Road, Toronto
	5:30 p.m. ~ Buses depart from Renaissance
	6:00 p.m. ~ Cocktails/Dinner, Woodbine Racetrack
	6:30 p.m. ~ Races Begin
	10:30 p.m. ~ Last Race
	10:45 p.m. ~ Buses return to Renaissance
Price:	\$60.00/\$120.00 per person (AGM Attendees/Non Attendees) (Includes gourmet buffet dinner with wine, transportation, taxes and gratuities.)
Accommodation:	If you require overnight accommodation, please contact the Renaissance Toronto Airport Hotel at 416.675.6100 or 1.800.668.1444 and quote the ECAO rate of \$174.00 per night. Rooms will be released May 19, 2008.

Names: _____
(ATTACH LIST IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED)

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

No. of Tickets: _____ X \$60.00 per person (AGM Attendees) = \$ _____

No. of Tickets: _____ X \$120.00 per person (Non Attendees) = \$ _____

Name: _____	Amount: _____
Signature: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> M/C <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque
Card #: _____	Exp.: _____ / _____

Fax your form to: 416.675.7736

Send cheques payable to: *Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario*
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