



# National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry

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## **Electrical Training Receives Million Dollar Commitment from Greenlee Tools**

**UPPER MARLBORO, MD** – The National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry (NJATC) announced a \$1 million commitment from Greenlee -- a Textron Company (NYSE: TXT) and global provider of tools for the electrical industry -- to help train the next generation of union electrical workers.

Over the next five years, Greenlee support will help create state-of-the-art classrooms in NJATC training facilities nationwide. Of particular note will be the development of two new academies -- the *Greenlee -Safety Academy* and the *Greenlee Safety and Productivity Enhancement Academy* – which will add the dynamism of online learning to the traditional mix of text and lab experience.

Said Marty Riesberg director of curriculum development for the NJATC, “The intent of these academies is to reinforce the material presented within the NJATC curriculum with online real-world applications. This will help to bridge the gap between theories learned in the classroom and real-world application that should be learned on the job.”

Also supported by the Greenlee commitment will be product endowments, allowing students to train with best-in-class tools and equipment. As well, a Greenlee Scholarship & Awards Program will annually reward top graduates of the National Training Institute (NTI) instructor training program.

Said Doug Eichner, Greenlee general manager, electrical division, “Greenlee recognizes the importance of training and is proud to partner with the NJATC in support of our future electrical workers. We look forward to a long and productive partnership.”

### **About Greenlee Textron**

Greenlee is known as a global leader in the professional tool category. The Rockford, Illinois-based company develops high quality innovative products distinguished by customer-driven design and differentiated by supply chain excellence. Greenlee also leverages its powerful brands such as Greenlee Communications, Greenlee Utility, Sherman+Reilly™, and Klauke® in the electrical, construction and maintenance markets worldwide. More information is available at [www.greenlee.com](http://www.greenlee.com)

### **About NJATC**

The NJATC is a nonprofit organization founded in 1941 by the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). The organization is committed to developing and standardizing education in the electrical industry to properly and effectively train members of NECA and the IBEW; providing the electrical construction industry with the most highly trained and skilled workforce possible. Since its inception, more than 325,000 apprentices have completed NJATC training programs and become competent Journeymen, making the organization one of the largest training and apprenticeship programs of its kind. For more information, go to [www.njatc.org](http://www.njatc.org).

### **About National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)**

NECA is the voice of the \$130 billion electrical construction industry that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the United States. NECA's national office and 119 local chapters advance the industry through advocacy, education, research, and standards development. For more information, visit [www.necanet.org](http://www.necanet.org).

### **About The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)**

The IBEW is an international labor organization that has trained the most qualified electricians in the trade for more than 117 years. With approximately 725,000 members in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Republic of Panama, the IBEW has members in construction, utilities, manufacturing, telecommunications, broadcasting, railroads and government. For more information, visit [www.ibew.org](http://www.ibew.org).

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