

# Washington State IBEW 2022 Priorities

## The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

*Representing over 25,000 electrical workers throughout Washington State. Our workers include residential, commercial, and industrial electricians, marine electricians, appliance repair people, linemen, inspectors, tree trimmers, broadcast, telecom, call center workers and many more.*



IBEW has been a willing and effective partner on every major environmental policy that has passed in the last six years (CETA, LCFS, the Climate Commitment Act, among others).

IBEW believes that protecting our environment and expanding our industry are not mutually exclusive priorities.

We are committed to a greener future for our families and Washington State and to policies that provide for our climate commitments and the expansion of our industry through adoption of policy that provides for both.

*Build it Green, Build it Here*

## IBEW was founded on

*November 28, 1891*

# Data Center Incentivization

Data center construction, maintenance and updates are a critical part of our industry and economy in this state. These projects create career pathways, through our apprenticeship programs, fund local communities and fuel economic growth. The belief that these projects will be built here due to cheaper electricity is no longer true. Many states have successfully incentivized data center construction within their borders and, as a result, Washington is leaving a lot of jobs and money on the table. It is essential that we incentivize these industries to build new data centers and expand existing ones here. Data from three electrical contractors (out of nearly 30) shows that over three million hours has been worked on these projects, earning those workers over \$225 million in wages and benefits. This is a very conservative estimate. These wages are spent in the community, further funding schools, libraries, roads, and other local government projects.



## Data Centers

Washington state is competing with 34 other states to entice companies to build and expand here. This multi-billion-dollar industry is already providing positive economic results in our communities. Apprenticeship opportunities are created when industries invest here. Building and maintaining these facilities creates pathways to family wage careers and futures in our industry. This work does not end when the construction is completed. This technology constantly needs to be updated, creating even more opportunities in our industry long after construction is complete.

Incentivizing these companies to continue to invest in Washington State is a top priority for IBEW, the Washington State Labor Council, and the Washington Building Construction Trades Council. As a direct result of this construction, a new electrical training center is currently under construction in East Wenatchee that will educate the future of our industry and provide the classroom component of our state-registered apprenticeship for apprentices in that area. Apprenticeship opportunities in rural Washington are expanding as a direct result of this construction, maintenance, and updates. These careers help keep our state strong with family wage careers as a result.

***IBEW is committed to helping create legislation that will bring more career opportunities to our state and Data Center Incentivization is already a proven job and career creator.***

## Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP)

*EVITP is not a union versus non-union program.*

*Licensed Electricians can use this training for continuing education to renew licenses.*



### EVITP is a Safety Solution

*Protecting the public by ensuring that the electrical workers that install EV equipment have been properly and recently trained on the load calculations and ratings of all equipment to provide a safe and reliable product to the public.*

*Performance and Reliability*

*Risk and Liability Reduction*

EVITP (Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program) is a training program developed by automobile manufacturers, utilities, energy storage device manufacturers, electrical contractors, state and local electrical inspectors, the national fire protection agency and electrical workers that incorporates technical requirements, safety imperatives and performance integrity for the installation of EVSE (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment or EV charging stations, electric recharging points, charging points).

EVITP is a one-of-a-kind, brand neutral, non-profit, national EV industry collaborative training program created by stakeholders in the electric vehicle industry that provides curriculum to Electrical Industry Training Centers and community colleges across the United States on the proper installation of EVSE.

Charging stations are a necessary step in the transition to cleaner electric cars and no national standards exist for the buildout of the complementary support network. EVITP ensures that federal investment provided for the installation of EVSE, whether residential, commercial, or industrial is performed safely by electrical industry professionals

Improperly installed EVSE is a fire hazard in all applications. EVITP credentialing requirements ensure that installers are highly skilled in identifying and responding to conditions that require special installation procedures.

***IBEW is committed to helping pass legislation that will enact EVITP to safely and timely meet our climate commitment goals and to provide reliability.***

# Permitting Reform

Barriers within the permitting and siting processes in Washington State continue to inhibit job creation, stifle economic development, and threaten the state's compliance with transformation energy policy and its successful and equitable transition to a competitive clean energy economy.

By supporting improvements to state and local siting processes and backing tax incentives tiered directly to strong labor standards, IBEW has an opportunity to lead the state into a clean energy future.

***IBEW is working to drive union jobs and monetary investments to the state by supporting legislation to streamline the siting and permitting processes and incentivize development that will help Washington comply with the Clean Energy Transformation Act, Clean Fuels, and Cap and Trade.***



## ***Build it Green, Build it Here***

IBEW stands by its commitment to enhance emerging technologies, build green projects, protecting our environment and train the emerging future of our industry through apprenticeship and to build and power the infrastructure needed to meet the challenges of climate change.

Apprenticeship is the bedrock of our industry. We actively support state-registered apprenticeships and bettering this state through creating career opportunities in all industries.



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Mike is passionate about economic development and helping to create more opportunities in the Trades through registered apprenticeship programs, which he does every opportunity he gets through his work with IBEW and as President of his local Building Trades Council in Longview.

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IBEW Local 191 represents over 2400 electrical workers in 9 counties in NW, Central and Northern Washington state in various classifications, ranging from commercial and industrial electricians, residential electricians, low voltage technicians and appliance repair people, to name a few.



IBEW 46 represents roughly 6,400 workers in 4 counties (Clallam, King, Kitsap, and Jefferson), in a variety of different scopes of work: from Shipyards to TV stations, to Highrise and residential construction.



IBEW Local 77 represents over 8,300 members in WA, Northern Idaho, and a small part of Montana. Our members primarily work within the utilities, including gas, electric, hydro, and Nuclear, everything from generation to delivery, and their supporting classifications.



IBEW Local 48 represents around 5,400 members total, with approximately 4,100 members in Northwest Oregon and approximately 1,300 members Southwest Washington. Our members work in a wide variety of fields, including inside electrical construction, telecommunications, broadcasting, electrical manufacturing, maintenance and marine.



IBEW Local 76 has approximately 1300 members with Construction, residential, Marine and Sound and Comm. We also represent Tacoma School district Electricians, LNI Inspectors, West Rock paper mill maintenance Electricians, ADT, Tyco, and Johnson Controls. IBEW Local 76 has a 6 County jurisdiction and serves Pierce, Thurston, Lewis, Grays Harbor, Mason, and Pacific County.



The Certified Electrical Workers of Washington (CEWW) represents 6 IBEW construction locals throughout the state, representing nearly 11,000 workers. The CEWW engages in very specific legislation, as well as large environmental policies to ensure a just transition for workers.