



## The changing landscape of Portland and NECA/IBEW Local 48

What's in a name? Many of the local hot spots have gone through several changes. The home of the Timbers soccer team, for instance - it started as Multnomah Stadium, then Civic Stadium, then PGE Park, next it was Jeld-Wen Field and now it's currently Providence Park. The Rose Garden Arena is now the Moda Center. These two Portland landmarks may have changed their monikers, but they've always been a source of entertainment.

Not only has NECA/IBEW Local 48 been a part of these landmarks' histories, but the partnership also went through similar changes.



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In 2011, The Barnes Labor Management Cooperation Committee became the Barnes-Allison Labor Management Cooperation Committee to honor Hugh "Buzz" Allison who passed away earlier that year. H.D. Buzz Allison helped establish the original training center on Killingsworth. Along with owning three electric companies, Buzz also held prominent positions on both local and national NECA boards, as well as volunteering his time and resources to the Portland Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, and the West Women's Hotel for battered women.

In the same year, NECA/IBEW Local 48 members, EC Company and Cherry City Electric helped the newly named and renovated Jeld-Wen Field open in time for the home season.

A year later, NECA/IBEW Local 48 underwent another internal change. After being faced with cutbacks and closures of some wood products manufacturing facilities in the Kelso-Longview area, IBEW Local 970 merged with Local 48. Since 1924, Local 970 provided a skilled workforce that maintained, supported and upgraded the regions' Columbia River ports and its pulp paper mills, and sawmills. While

international trade remained vital to the region, forest industries suffered and closures resulted in the merger.



*Providence Park, home of the Timbers soccer team*

Though the name and members may change, NECA/IBEW Local 48 will continue to stand for excellent, innovative and superior electrical work as they have for more than 100 years!

## The Future of the Electrical Field

On July 4, 2016, the Juno NASA space probe entered the planet Jupiter's orbit. Launched on August 5, 2011, the probe made its 5 year, 460 million mile journey thanks to three solar array wings, the largest ever used on a planetary probe.

Once only existing in science fiction novels, advanced solar technology is becoming common-place, as is wind power, hydroelectric, biomass and wave power. As the electrical field and its technology grows and advances, NECA/IBEW Local 48 will continue to make sure it's members stand on the forefront of the industry.

As NECA/IBEW Local 48 looks to the future, it's reassuring to know that the partnership's long and stable history provides a solid foundation for our members as they move forward. Recessions, economic booms, depressions, shifts in industry focuses and more, have all been weathered before.



*NECA/IBEW solar installation on earth*



*Solar energy critical in space*