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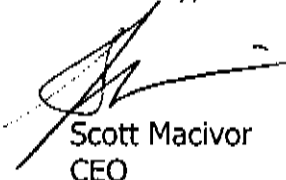
Re: Electrical Contractor & Master Electrician Licensing Regulation

The Ontario Construction Secretariat (OCS) is supportive of the efforts of the Electrical Safety Authority and the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services to develop regulations to implement a new provincial licensing system for electrical contractors and master electricians. The development of a uniform provincial system will undoubtedly result in more consistent training and improved public safety.

As an industry-based body, the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) is well-positioned to draw on the support and cooperation of the electrical industry which, in turn, will help ensure the objectives of province-wide licensing are achieved. ESA's expanded authority will allow them to leverage their site inspections to ensure compliance with training and certification requirements, WSIB certification, and tax liabilities. This cohesive approach will improve compliance and reduce the impacts of poorly trained workers, electrical safety hazards and the underground economy. While there will be revenue advantages to governments and government agencies, there will also be direct benefits to the legitimate electrical industry.

The implementation of province-wide licensing of electrical contractors, master electricians and electricians in the compulsory electrical trades, administered by ESA, is consistent with recommendations made by OCS to mitigate the impact of the underground economy. We believe industry has a significant role and responsibility to play in enforcing statutory requirements and maintaining a level playing field. We congratulate ESA in achieving this role for the electrical industry and wish you success in this important initiative.

Sincerely,



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