

Nomination for Jessica Looman:

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) is a National Trade Association and the leading voice of the \$202 billion electrical contracting industry that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S. NECA collectively represents over 4,000 electrical contractor members served by 118 local Chapters across the country.

NECA strongly supports the nomination of Jessica Looman to be the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division (WHD) of the U.S. Department of Labor. In her role as Principal Deputy Administrator, Looman has taken swift actions against who have attempted to improperly classifies as worker as an “independent contractor” to undercut their own labor costs to underbid on construction contracts, expanded employer assistance to increase compliance, transparency and accountability with DOL programs and initiatives. Under her leadership, the WHD proposed a rule to strengthen and modernize federal Davis-Bacon and Related Acts regulations that will modernizing the system to better serve in the 21st century, vigorously enforced and support prevailing wage standards will benefit the federal government as well as play a central role in expanding a well-trained, highly skilled, and productive construction workforce.

Ms. Looman has a proven record as the former Executive Director of the Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council, Looman has always prioritized a level playing field for contractors, and her accomplished experience as the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce and Assistant and Deputy Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor has driven economic progress for both labor and industry. We urge bipartisan support for her nomination as well as a swift confirmation by the Senate.