



2025 | Summer Edition

Welcome to the Summer Edition of Contract Services' Newsletter!

As the sun shines longer and stronger, summer brings both excitement and important reminders. Working in the Southern California heat isn't just a challenge — it's a safety concern. That's why this edition features a timely spotlight on *Heat Illness Prevention*.

Make sure you're familiar with [Safety Bulletin #35 – Safety Considerations for the Prevention of Outdoor Heat Illness](#) and the [Safety & Health Awareness Sheet — Indoor Heat Illness Prevention in California](#), which outline essential guidelines for recognizing and preventing heat-related illness on set and on location. Knowing the signs and taking preventative measures can make all the difference.

Let's dive into the summer newsletter:

- Grounded in Our Past, Focused on the Future - Celebrating 60 Years of Contract Services
- Updated Safety Bulletins Available
 - Revised: Safety Bulletin #36 (UAS); Safety Bulletin #25 (Camera Cranes); and Addendums #8A, #22A, #23A & #25A (Power Line Distance Requirements)
 - Added: Safety Bulletin #36A (FAA Rules & Regulations)
- Strengthening Our Connection to the Industry: A Focus on Outreach
- Contract Services on the Road
 - 2025 Cine Gear Expo LA
 - IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting
 - Hollywood CPR Student Presentation
- Welcoming the Next Generation: Local 40 Apprenticeship Program
- Important Update for Drivers: Medical Certification Reporting is Changing

Grounded in Our Past, Focused on the Future — Celebrating 60 Years of Contract Services

This year marks a major milestone:
60 years of Contract Services
supporting the motion picture and
television production industry!



Established in 1965 to manage the Industry Experience Roster, we've since become a cornerstone for safety, training, and workforce development across Hollywood and beyond.

Over the decades, we've launched key initiatives like the [Safety Pass Program](#), worked alongside the Industry-Wide Labor-Management Safety Committee to draft the [COVID-19 Return-to-Work White Paper](#), and helped craft the [Safety Bulletins](#) that crews rely on every day.

Today, innovation is central to our core mission. With the launch of the [Industry Hub](#) and the redesigned

Portal in 2023, we've modernized how tens of thousands of Industry Professionals manage their roster status, training compliance, and more — all in one streamlined platform.

As we honor our legacy, we're focused on our future — continuing to meet new challenges and keeping the industry's workforce safe, informed, and thriving.

To learn more about our 60th Anniversary, click [here](#).

Updated Safety Bulletins Available

The Industry-Wide Labor-Management Safety Committee has recently updated several Safety Bulletins.

- **Safety Bulletin #25** (Camera Cranes) was updated with new subheadings and more explicit procedures on how to safely set up and use camera-mounted jibs, booms, and cranes.
- **Addendum #8A, #22A, #23A & #25A** (Power Line Distance Requirements) has been streamlined to be more user-friendly.
- **Safety Bulletin #36** (Recommended Guidelines for Safely Working Around Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) a.k.a. Drones) was updated to reflect regulatory changes at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding drones used at night, over people, and indoors.
- **Addendum #36A** (Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Rules & Regulations) provides details for drone categories and required conditions for operation outlined in FAA regulations.

Visit our [website](#) or download our mobile app ([CS Access](#)) to view all safety Bulletins, Awareness Sheets and other resources.

Strengthening Our Connection to the Industry: A Focus on Outreach

At Contract Services, we're always looking for ways to better serve the motion picture and television production industry. One of our top priorities is improving the overall experience for the Industry Professionals, Producers, and union partners who rely on our services every day.

That's why we're placing a renewed focus on **clear communication, stronger engagement, and better access to the information people need to succeed.**

From understanding training requirements to navigating the roster process or new safety initiatives, our goal is to make every interaction with Contract Services more transparent, supportive, and user-friendly.



To help drive this work, we've welcomed Monica Rohleder to the team to lead our expanded **Industry Outreach** work.

"Our job is to listen, simplify, and connect," said Monica Rohleder, Director of Industry Outreach. "We want every interaction with Contract Services to feel seamless and supportive. That means clearer communication, stronger partnerships, and transparent processes—so every Industry Professional and partner has a positive experience."

This renewed outreach effort is already underway — through improved resources, clearer messaging, and more responsive communication. We're identifying where information gaps exist and creating practical solutions to close them. We're also working to deepen our relationships across the industry to better understand evolving needs and provide support that's timely, accurate, and accessible.

We'd love to hear from you! For more information or to share feedback, contact us at outreach@csatf.org.

Contract Services on the Road

2025 CINE GEAR EXPO LA

In early June, Contract Services attended the

annual Cine Gear Expo at the Universal Studios Lot. This expo brought together creatives, technicians and more to learn about the cinematic community. Over the two-day event, our staff met with hundreds of Industry Professionals and others who stopped by our booth. Our team helped attendees navigate questions and understand core components of the Contract Services process. The topics ranged from an



explanation of the rosters, how to navigate the Industry Hub and Portal, where to start to take online training courses, how to submit reimbursements, and so much more.

“Participating in events like Cine Gear give us an opportunity to meet Industry Professionals where they are in their journey with us — whether they’re new to Contract Services or have been working with us for years. We’re able to break down some of our more complex areas and set individuals up for greater success. It is important for us to be a part of these industry events, to bring the organization to life for them” says Monica Rohleder, Director of Industry Outreach.

IATSE LOCAL 728 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

In May, Contract Services joined IATSE Local 728 at their monthly meeting to review relevant topics with their members. This gave us an opportunity to go through new stipend and reimbursements available to them with the ETCP certification program and answer questions regarding the latest updates to their roster requirements. We appreciate the invitation from Local 728 and welcome more opportunities to visit our partners in the future.

HOLLYWOOD CPR STUDENT PRESENTATION

We also had the opportunity to speak with current Hollywood CPR students. The Hollywood CPR program, in partnership with West Los Angeles College, trains students in craft departments essential to film and television production. Students who successfully complete the program have a pathway to placement on the Industry Experience Roster. During our presentation, we took the students through the Contract Services process, specifically how to access services available to them as students and how to apply for the Industry Experience Roster upon completion of the program. Our goal was to make sure they know how to engage with Contract Services and ask the important questions that can help them navigate the next steps in their entertainment industry career.

If you'd like Contract Services to join an upcoming event hosted by your organization, please reach out to outreach@csatf.org.

Welcoming the Next Generation: Local 40 Apprenticeship Program



In May, our campus buzzed with activity as we welcomed hundreds of applicants to the Local 40 Wireman Apprenticeship program.

For those selected, the IBEW Local 40 Wireman (Electrician) Apprenticeship Program is a five-year journey that combines classroom learning with roughly 8,000 hours of on-the-job training. We were thrilled to welcome

over 440 applicants who showed up ready to take their first step, which is an aptitude test.

Those who pass the test will return in July for individual interviews. Applicants who make it through that step will be placed on a dispatch list, paving the way for hands-on training and ultimately a career in the motion picture industry.

As host of the Local 40 Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC), Contract Services is proud to play a role in building the next generation of motion picture electrical workers.

In addition to the Local 40 Electrical Apprenticeship Program, we also host a similar program for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Mechanics. For more information about our apprenticeship programs, [click here](#).

Important Update for Drivers: Medical Certification Reporting is Changing

On June 23, 2025, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) National Registry II (NRII) rule went into effect which requires [Local 399 Drivers](#) working under the Black Book to submit a Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) to verify Medical Certification status.

California and a few other states haven't rolled out the new process yet. However, **if you are a driver on**

the Roster and your Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) is **expiring soon**, Contract Services still requires a copy of your MVR. This means you'll need to submit your new MEC to the CA Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or your State Driver Licensing Agency (SDLA) to get your MVR updated.

For more information, please visit our [Medical Exams for Local #399 webpage](#) or reach out to us directly:



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