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- I am a journeyman plumber, I have been plumbing for 4.5 years I am currently unemployed
- I am a low voltage data comm. network installer. Install voice/data cable infrastucture. I have been a member of the IBEW for 19 years. I am currently employed.
- I am a journeyman commercial electrician and have been in the trade for 25 years. I have been out of work now for almost 1 year. I WANT to GET BACK TO WORK!!! Get off your asses down there in Salem and make it happen!!!
- I've been a union electrician for ten years. Local 280 Currently I am out of work like over 50% of my local....
- Estimator for Electrical contractor 15 years Journeyman elec. for 2 years employed
- I am an I.B. E.W. electrician. I have been doing electrical for almost 17 years. I am currently employed at the INL in southeast Idaho. I am on the road working away from my home and family in order to keep my home.
- I have been in the skilled trades for the better part of thirty years and obtained training in the armed forces for such. In the past I have applied to county, city, and state positions and could not apply my experience or vetrans preference points for positions or licenses because I have been out of the military too long. I thought, once a veteran; always a veteran but not so in Oregon.
- Working - HVAC Technician
- Supervising electrician and I have been in this field for over 13 years
- I am a licensed limited energy electrician. I had been working for over thirty years. Because of this economy I have been forced into retirement. I still keep up my license and occasionally work in the winter months, But due to too little work, I have worked only two months in the last three years.
- I have been an electrician for 20+ years, including military service. I am currently 48yrs old. I always vote. I have work for many years in the high tech industries, I have run my own electrical shop and functioned as a training agent for electrical apprentices. I have run service vans, built condos, custom homes, and worked in industrial plants. Due to the hostile tax environment and a preventable recession (people that caused this have walked free with even more of our money) I have closed the doors to my business of 9 years. After one year of unenjoyment (unemployment benefits) I have found a job as a signing supervisor and electrician for a new green company.
- I am an electrician and employed for now but would also like to start up my own business if the costs of opening up a company were not so high and it seems like everybody has their hand out wanting money.
- I am employed as an industrial electrician, I have been working continuously in the trade since 1987. Thank you for initiating this "ground level" survey, Representative Richardson.

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- Plumbing Contractor, Dave at A Better Plumbing Compant
- I am an electrician working in Prineville for my dad . I am a 3rd generation worker in our company who is worried about my future in the small buisness world that i was brought up in.If something doesnt change in oregon i believe the only workers here will be government workers
- I am an electrician licensed in both Oregon and Idaho and have been in this trade for 21 years. Currently I am unemployed.
- A proud member of Local 48 for thirty years. Currently employed (one of nthe lucky ones). Over 700 of my brothers and sisters are not. Undeniably the worst work scenario in my lifetime.
- electrician 35 years unemployed.
- Licensed electrician -15 years Electrical inspector -21 years Oregon resident - 62 years Retired July 2009 -City of Portland Experienced wide range of construction; residential, commerial, industrial.
- I am a union electrician, have worked this trade for 15 years and have been in the construction trades for 35 years. I am employed part time if at all right now. I have been trying to get my Oregon Signing supervisor's electrical license but have not passed the test yet. I need that license to open my own electrical contracting shop, however it is an extremely difficult test with a very low percentage of applicants that pass. It seems ridiculous that the test is so hard to pass, as you need this license to do basic house wiring or build nuclear reactors. I was apprentice of the year in 1999 in local 46 (Seattle) and have a degree in construction management as an electrical superintendent from the University of Washington, but I can't open an electrical shop without having that license. perhaps there should be degrees of licensing for homes, small commercial and large industrial construction, not 1 license that covers all levels of electrical construction.
- I am an employed union electrician and have been doing it for the past 10 years.
- Electrician 35 years unemployed
- install hvacr 20 years
- I'm a Journeyman Plumber, a Contractor a few years ago who only did Public Works jobs because I know what I'm doing and could compete with the largest shops in Oregon as low bid and still make great money. The people that complain about "paper work and unfair competition" are mostly incompetent and I've been doing this for about 30 years so I should be working and not waiting for the bankers to stop protecting thier bonus's and start lending.
- I am a manager of a small plumbing LLC. I have been in the plumbing industry for nearly fifteen years and have had my company for almost a year.
- I grew right here in Douglas County. I started in high school(summers) setting concrete forms.

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Then worked on a big farm. Then went to college full time for one year. Got drafted. Worked setting ceramic tile for a while. Worked in the mills for a short time. Then went through an apprenticeship and became an electrician. Through the years I have been active in my community. I have volunteered in numerous areas and for a few years I had the largest Boy Scout troop in Douglas County. Now I am unemployed and have been except for some short jobs for almost a year. For the one job I did have I had to go to Utah for.

- traditionally, anytime I have spoken out the truth or the reality of what our base problems are, there is always some clever person out there who will use me as a platform to boost their popularity regardless of the harm that is caused by it. People are afraid of being single out and ostracised so they get behind the mocker and say "hear, hear", and then of course when you open this door, you put yourself up for the government or some other self seeking individual to scrutinize and make an example out of you, unfortunately there seems to be no way to avoid that. I have been a plumber for 30 years not including the years as a slave laborer for my contractor father. I have tried operating my own business several times but find I dont handle all the associated stress of phone calls and regulations and customer relations well. I have lost money 3 times attempting this and find I do beter just installing plumbing, that never seems to be enough and people always want more, whether employer or customer, do it faster, do it cheaper. Here again I beleive the priorites have gone astray. Even with this, I try to keep a small part time company going in case I find a nitch and can make a living out of that. I am an older person now and cant do all the demanding physical elements of every aspect of plumbing, though I have a lot of experience and education. Still I am not suited for office work so I have to compete with others that are 10 and 20 or even 30 years younger than me. I only had 3 months of employment in 2009 and I dont believe the current construction environment

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will work its way back to a healthy situation for 2 or 3 years so I have signed up to return to college, again, and broaden my options. That still leaves me with the problem of living expenses and borrowing , again, to pay for school. Fortunately I don't have any debt but if it were not for relatives I would be in major difficulty now. It took all the money I could make as a plumber to raise a family but am now divorced, don't own a home and have no money in the bank, don't have credit cards and don't have endless piles of things bought with them. I don't spend money on alcohol or cigarettes or drugs or entertainments of various kinds so I don't consider myself an irresponsible person. The extra money I do get I usually put towards something that I can repair and possibly resell. In conclusion, I don't want to see a bunch of government regulation or more spending, but because the average person is led by "herd" mentality, most of the wealth is going to a smaller and smaller percentage of the population. We need to divert those huge sums back into the society and steer people towards fulfilling occupations, After all, who of us could not have an outstanding life at a top income of one million a year? Kenburnsroy@gmail.com

- We are Deschutes Plumbing Company, Inc. Located in Bend. We have been in business here for 15 years. We focus on service and remodel, that's why we're still here today, we did not have all our eggs in the new residential construction basket. In 2006 we had 4 full time journeymen plumbers, one person in the office full time, and one person running the crew and doing bids. We did close to \$1 Million in 2006. Since then we had to let 2 plumbers go. Our business is down approximately 60%. We see some new government jobs coming into the area (as a result of the stimulus money), however, they are scooped up by union shops, paying the prevailing wage.
- I'm a small electrical contractor in eastern Oregon. We do all kinds of electrical work from

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service call to light industrial projects

- I have been in the HVAC trade for 40 years. I have seen the above trends happening for a

number of years now, We need very strict licensing procedures just as plumbers and electricians to get the public confidence back in the trade. We have many guys working out of

the back of their truck and I for one know this is not possible to do They basically are working

for tomorrow's supper and will not be in business long to the dismay of all the customers that

invested in them and now have to rely on them for warranty work and end up paying someone

else when they are gone. I recently left the residential side and went back heavy commercial

where your qualifications are appreciated.

- I am a project manager for a large Portland based electrical contractor. I have been in this

industry for 17 years. I was a machinist for Boeing in Gresham Or , before I was laid off in

1993. The job I held went to an overseas company.

- I live in Idaho but part of our jurisdiction is a small part of Oregon. I am currently working and

living out of town. This has been my situation for most of the last two years. I am an Electrician.

- I am a partial small business owner in the low voltage field of work. Mainly for phones, data

systems, and audio video systems. Our company was family started in 1990, I have worked full

time since 1995, paid for all my schooling in the apprentice program just to be fully legal to

work here. We still employ 10 people and have only had to layoff 1 person in 2009. Our business is barely staying afloat, but taxes, fees and certain expenses just to be legal in the

state are one of our biggest killers!

- I am currently unemployed and exploring obtaining my own contractor's license. I was a union

plumbing foreman for 8 years. I have been in construction for 12 years.

- I am a sheep, ant and worker bee, that you wouldn't survive without my taxes!

- I am an electrician currently working in manufacturing.

- I am a stationary engineer and material inspector

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- I owned a small electrical company Little Electric LLC out of Warrenton Oregon. I was a union low voltage electrician for local 48 and worked for Wadsworth Electric from 2000-2004 then Wadsworth was purchased by EC Company from Portland and I continued to work for them until 2006 when Little Electric was established. I have seen the construction in this area come do a dead stop and has been that way for about 8 months now. I recently had to close my shop and go back to Wadsworth electric which is now owned again by the original owners, I do project managing, estimating and installations for Wadsworth Electric and i'm very involved with the community and projects that go on around this area.
- electrical license, work in healthcare
- I am a plumber and have made a decent living for 30 years my employer is holding his own but times are very tough many workers are out of work as you know. my hope is that things will change its not the workers falt it is the goverments they have failed to keep the bank in check loaning money when it should not have been done. IE letting pepole live beyond there means.
- I am a native Oregonian, and proud member for 15+ years of the IBEW, local 48. I am currently employed. I appreciate the oppurtunity to take part in this survey.
- I have been an electrician for 5 years. I work for a small non-union contractor that does primarily industrial work. Our mainstay has been the work from manufacturing facilities, not new construction. If Oregon doesn't change to a business freindly environment, the industry will leave.
- mechanical trade 18 yrs. full time employed. Ive worked on state and private sector, but ive always lived according to the lessor amount. Fast growth is not healthy. the growth of a healthy business is simular to a healthy family, slow and steadfast.
- I'm a female high voltage electrician, employed by the Federal Govt. for 25 yrs.
- I have been a plumber for 23 years. I am unemployed!

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• I work in the semi conductor industry for 10 years. Im currently working. In the ten years I have been here I have seen many lay offs. I would have to say that i know my turn will come someday. I worked through some construction projetcts and here all the work is done by union contractors. They are fine to work with. It makes me uneasy to think that They will all be getting a pension for there many years of work. My situation is a little different. I have worked in a trade all of my life. very little of that was spent working for a union. I have had companys that were generous by giving me profit sharing and I contributed to my 401 K. Right now that does not look so good. It is a concern of mine that I simply will not be able to retire. The home that Im purchasing from the bank is turning out to be not the investment I thought it was. I see meth being delt in the neighborhood and when I bring it to the attention of the police the responce is "what do you want us to do about it?" While im on that subject I believe that this fellow that lives two houses from me in a fully subsadized house has no real job, yet he has enough money to go boating in the summer and send his family to europe on vacation. I see in the future for me that I will not be able to afford health care and I will be worth too much to qualify for the free stuff. I will still be living in this home that Im trying to pay off all while meth heads walking up and down the street turn my neighborhood into a getto. I find it very sad indeed that it fine with our elected officials to allow meth to be so previlent in our community at the same time you can not even mention God in our schools. P.S beliving in and supporting legislation for Global warming (i mean cliamate change) is just about the straw that will break the camels back. Makeing desisions on junk science is not logical. Oh one more little fact that I

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find appalling is that Washington DC area unemployment rate is way less than the national average. They can tax us and tax us until pretty soon there will not be anything left to tax. It is

ok to contact me. if you have any questions about my views.pat 503-740-3191.Thanks for asking.

- I'm a one man nonunion electrical contractor, my father and I have had the business since 1964.

I'm currently employed.

- I am electrician, 9 years in this trade, currently employed by electrical contractor.

- I am an electrician. I've been licensed in the state of Oregon since 1999. Currently employed.

- My name is Richard Smith I have been employed by Christenson Electric as a superintendent/foreman/PM and a member of local 48 union for more than 30 years until 4 weeks

ago. As of right now I am unemployed. The job market for construction - commercial and

industrial is not looking very good. WE NEED TO BRING NEW BUSINESSES TO OREGON

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- I am a Journeyman electrician who takes pride in his work and works very hard to deliver a

quality service. I also have an associates in engineering technology and I am continuously take

classes to benefit my trade and myself. Oregon laws have benefited my trade and the community by making sure that there is quality craftsman and quality work being done. Matter

of fact I believe that the laws should be more strict concerning licensing the trades.

This

insures quality and wages. I have been in the trade for 12 years and was laid off after the

current crisis but was fortunate to find another job in the trade.

- I am an instructor in the trades. I have been involved in construction for 20 years in Oregon and Washington.

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- A General Journeyman Electrician and a member of LU 48 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. I do electrical work, train apprentices and teach Safety Classes, all for LU 48 and other locals in Oregon and Washington. I have been in the trade for almost 30 years and this is the worst economic climate I have seen in Oregon. In the past 1 and 1/2 years I have managed to work almost half of the time. This is severely straining my ability to provide for my family and pay for education at the U fo O for my son. Help is needed and I don't understgand while the State and the Federal Government is taking so long to get the ball rolling!
- As a native Oregonion, I am an electrician, who has worked in a manufacturing plant for 23 years, in the trenches. I am still fully employed. I have a Batchelors of Science in Business Administration, but could not tolerate the politics associated with the management focus. I appreciate the blue collar, real people, who work with me, and have a great disdain seeing what organized labor has done on the trades in this state. Now to see the hold that the Teachers Unions, and Service Unions that represent our civil servants is very troubling. The impact that their influence had on the recent election is very telling. I am only thankful that the USSCOTUS recent ruling my have some impact on that mix.
- Electrical Contractor since 1998 Barely surviving
- I am currently the head project manager for an electrical firm in Bend, namely Summit Electric, Inc. I have recently accepted an offer to be the CEO and President of the company effective in late March 2010. We are heavily involved in commercial, industrial, and government contracting projects.
- I am a maintenance Supervisor for a Canadian Company called Flakeboard that purchased six manufacturing facilities from Weyerhaeuser, Flakeboard manufacters and laminates composite

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panels (MDF & Particleboard). I have been in maintenance and Construction for 23 years. I

worked as a welder and journeyman pipefitter in the Willamette valley and Port of Portland, I

carry an Oregon LMPJ Electrical licence and I am currently located in another manufacturing

facility in Simboro, Louisiana. I have family that is construction company owners in Oregon,

and I constantly amazed by the devastation that is currently going on in Oregon. and the

foreclosure rate is another story in its self.

- Plumbing Contractor, 20 years with a CCB license, currently about \$400,000 annual gross.

Also, we run a 501-c-3 doing humanitarian and Gospel work, primarily in India, one million per

year in receipts.

- 51 year old male. Electrician.

- I am employed at an Electrical apprenticeship training program as an instructor. I have been

an electrician over 25 years.

- LME and LEA electrical license holder. Have worked in high tech for 25 years. In '94 i have a

small concrete business on the side. It was easy back then to get licensed/bonded/insured.

Now its a nightmare of gov crap geared for the big guys. I am an engineer at intel as a contractor.

- I was an electrician for 40 years and have been retired for the past 6 years.

- I am a general journeyman electrician. I have been in this trade for 9 years, after leaving the

timber industry. I am currently working as needed for my employer. I might work 1 week a

month.

- Electrician 15 years reduced hours

- Electrical installations For 32 years. Currently employer by KBR, Working in Iraq

- I'm an electrician with temporary employment on a prevailing wage job. I have had about 5

months of employment in the last two years. I've been in this trade for 35 years and conditions

have deteriorated terribly since Bush took office and gutted our economy.

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- I am a small electrical contractor. I do troubleshooting and repair work. Small additions and residential commercial construction on a small scale. I have been an electrician for 50 years. I am also retired from a major west coast utility and on social security and medicare. I would be bankrupt without them. The increases in insurance and bonding rates have crippled my business.
- I am a Master electrician. Usually I do anything in the trade. Guess what? The politicians have given everything to Banks, Unions, and the people who screwed up the country. Rewards for screwing all of us that pay the taxes and make it go. They have broken the machine, and now want to make us a Socialistic Nation. Which has never worked. What's wrong with the good American way of a day's work for a day's pay? I have no work, and not much vision of anything coming for a number of years.
- I am a journeyman plumber with local 290. I'm well trained to install pipe for the conveyance of waste and, water. I also install fixtures for use in public and private locations. I've been a plumber for almost 9 years. I have been unemployed since the banks and, federal reserve misshandled monies preventing construction loans.
- retired but still teach at the local level
- I am a low voltage contractor installing phone systems and data cabling.
- union electrician, almost 20 years, unemployed last 6 months
- I am a union electrician for eight years. I have worked on housing, new commercial and remodel, tenant improvement and industrial work. Currently I am employed with M&W electric.
- electrical contractor. working now as plant electrician do to my former employer not paying health benefits by constantly blaming office personnel on not getting my benefits. I was working for AC&E electric out of salem doing school construction, davis bacon, but no benefits and not getting properly paid. had to work with unlicensed electricians also. this caused much stress and grief having to lie about licenses etc...

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- Construction electrician. 30 years. Working when there is work.
- I'm a licensed electrician. I manage an electrical and controls department. I have been with the same company for 20+ years. I hire contracting and equipment manufactures on a regular basis. Just for the record, I am a registered Democrat and I do not believe you can grow government without first growing private business.
- I am a journeymen electrician and have been in the trade for 30 years. I am the company foreman and because of the passage of Measure 66/67 our shop is scheduled to close in the next month or so.
- I am the service department manager for a HVAC and controls contractor. I have been in the trade since 1978. We have noticed a 20% drop in our business in the last 6 months but have refocused our efforts and things are going well at this time. These are valueable times for forward thinking because just getting by doesn't work anymore.
- Electrician....15 years employed.
- 30+ years HVAC and refrigeration work gas /hydronics /boilers/ Electrical. active duty USAF for 12.5 YRS and 17.5 YRS ANG & USAF RES. I currently work for the Springfield School District #19 as the HVAC/R tech.
- I am Union Plumber. I have been involved with this trade for nearly 16 years, as we are a family business. Right now I am employed but am looking at other options to secure my future outside the construction industry. I do not see the construction industry in Central Oregon as a viable way to maintain a living. I personally do not see wages or benefits in this industry capable of sustaining even a middle class living. With little or no requirements for individuals to start a construction company we have/are experienced/ing a dramatic saturation of construction companies. If people want to work for free or run their business like a corner lemonade stand let them. I still believe in the free market and know the benefits of healthy

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competition but when a person can make a better living waiting tables than being a plumber or

electrician than something is defiantly wrong

- I am a union electrician of 9 years plus. Luckily I've been employed by the same contractor my

whole tenure and have been recieving moderate hours worked but never know if there will be

work the next work week or day for that matter. There are no positive projects to look coward

to or count on and that is scary. There are so many people I know that are out of work because of this economic drought that we all should be obligated to solve the problem together

and not just short term but permanently so this never happens again to the heart and soul of

Oregon and the rest of america

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- I am a electrical contractor I have one employee some times two we all are taking days off !!

we are the non working employed , still have jobs but dont work that much I have been an

electrician for 30 years and a contractor 20 years

- I am a HVAC Contractor I have worked in the fiels for 18 years. Do pirmary large new construction but have been doing small resadental jobs to keep the bills paid because no one

can compete with the out of state contractors. Large project going on right now that I didn't

get 3 Oregon Contractors out of 20 or so. Thats the problem Oregon people should work on

Oregon projects first.!!

- I am a union electrician, I normally work in commercial and industrial facilities, I have been an

electrician for 11 years. I am one of the fortunate FEW to actually be working currently.

- I am a union journeyman electrician and been for 6 years and at the moment unemployed.

- I am a Construction Electrician. I am a member of IBEW Local 48, and have been for 12 years.

I am currently laid off due to lack of work, on unemployment and not creating much demand.

- Journeyman Plumber, 14 years, I am still working, and for that I thank God.

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- Rich Cole, Electrician, 24 yrs. Head Electrician at Frank Lumber.
- I am a state licensed limited energy technician who has been installing and servicing limited energy systems, in Oregon, for over 30 years.
- SEMI-RETIRED ELECTRICIAN FOR OVER 50 YEARS
- Union LEA (Electrical Tech.) 20 years, lots of unemployment, currently part time...
- I am a journeyman plumber, working in the service industry diagnosing, repairing, and replacing existing pipe, fixtures, and waste piping. I also install water, waste, and gas piping for new commercial, residential, industrial applications.
- I AM AN ELECTRICIAN AND HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 34 YEARS. I AM CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BUT AM ONLY WORKING ABOUT 16 HOURS ON AVERAGE A WEEK.
- I am a construction electrician. I have been in the trade for 34 years and am currently working on a project that will complete in the fall of 2010.
- I am a union electrician, am currently employed, and have been steadily for 13 years.
- electrical i have been doing it for 14 years and as right now i am employed but i am not getting my 40 hours a week but i consider my self lucky to even have a job in this time and age
- electrician, I wire everything from house to industrial plants
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- I am a local 48 commercial and industrial electrician and have been so for 10 years. I normally perform all necessary electrical work in and around large buildings, but have most recently been an electrical forman on the Oregon Iron Works streetcar project. I am currently employed with Maranatha Electric.
- I am presently self-employed as an electrical contractor with no employees doing mainly small commercial/ industrial work. I subcontract under a larger company part of the time and have been self employed for around eight years. I have been doing this type of work since I got out of the Navy in 1981. I am presently working a full five days or 5 1/2 per week.
- Communication systems, for 30 years including power, signal, construction, roads, access, siting and maintenance.

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- I am a electrical contractor. I have been contracting for nearly 20 years. The grass reed we breathe from is at the waterline and we are praying no one puts their thumb over it! So yeah we are struggling. We lost 250K in 09 now 66 & 67 will require an even greater loss so to say the least salt was poored on the wound.
- I am a 53 yr. old communications technician (I install and maintain phone systems, voicemail etc..) I also install computer networks and thier wiring which requires an oregon low voltage license.I have been in this industry for 17 years now after induring 3 different wood industry mill closures through the 1980's and early 1990's. This recession has been devistating to my industry, as we serve mostly small to medium businesses and they just dont have the money to spend. I have seen our office reduced from 9 to 3 employees (I am the only tech left) and the loss of several local competitors My industry is on life support (as are many) and employment/business growth is the solution we need in our IV's
- 1991 to 2007 I was an electrical contractor, 2007 to present I am now an employee in the same field. My current employment situation is about 1000 hours per year, higher taxes are not going to help that either
- Small business labor and training contractor. Provide environmental labor and training to construction contractors. 14 years,,, barely keeping the company in the black due to the current economy. employed
- Electrical contractor
- Electrician. 25 years. Some work, some unemployment.
- Limited energy electrician since Aug 1989 and unemployed since July 2009
- I have worked in commercial construction for 21 years and as you already know it is pretty slim pickins out there.I am also a buisness owner who has a hard time competing with all the illegals doing construction work and seems to be sactioned by our Gov.
- I am a superintendent in the hvac for 30 years and I am working
- I'm a Buildings Trade Journeyman Steamfitter for UA Local 290. I have been in the

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construction trade for 26 years; the last 17 in my current field. Work has been very slow this past 18 months in Oregon. I've been lucky to be dispatched to a multiple state company that has been doing what the can to keep me working. Still was on unemployment off/on for 12 weeks in 2009.

- I am retired from IBEW local 48 (Electrical union) I ran against David Wu on the Constitution Party ticket in 2004 and 2006 and may do so again, as we are fast becoming the "I tried to tell you this was coming" party -Dean Wolf

- I am Steven Wiege, I own Damascus Communications a small firm which sells, installs and repairs voice, data and video equipment for commercial and industrial companies. I have been doing this for over 40 years in the Portland area after leaving the Bell system. I am past President of IEC Oregon and IEC National, Independent Electrical Contractors. I am Vice-Chair of the Boring CPO, I sit on the JATC 1099 Trust and have served on the JATC 1099 for over 10 years. I am currently working but not being paid for as many hours as I work, I would like to be busier working for pay and less busy working on getting the next project. Last year my firm was down 75% from prior years due to the economy.

- Plumbing contractor in Medford for 30 years. I do entirely commercial and industrial public money projects. Our business is decimated. very few projects are available to bid on. We have laid off our entire 8 man crew as we cannot get jobs. I am close to having to shut the doors.

- I have been a electrician for 40 years. I owned my own house wiring shop for 25 years. I employed from 4 to 8 people during that time. We wired upper end type homes, Street of Dreams kind of homes. I sold the business (Metzger Electric) 3 years ago to a larger company that was looking for a small house wiring shop that could actually make money wiring the

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larger homes. The men that went there from Metzger Electric are still working for them even

through this difficult economy. I am now retired, serving The Lord and waiting for the spring

chinook season to get underway.

- wife of a electrician...there is no respect for the american worker....after five years of working

at a sawmill...one person from the "office" can take your job away just like that...stupid

- I am a journey man plumbing contractor and sole proprietor. I have been a business owner for

eleven years. The need for my services flattened out at the end of 2008 and hasn't recovered

I make just enough to cover daily existence for a family of four

- I'm a union electrician in Portland. I've been in the trade for nearly 30 years, working with the

tools the entire time. I've been unemployed for over a year.

- Commercial, Industrial Electrician, since 1989. Unemployed

- Electrical journeyman 1962 til 1978 in the IBEW Electrical contractor 1978-1986 non-union

Electrical inspector 1986-2000 in Washington County. Currently semi-retired part time for cities

of Beaverton, Tigard. and King City. As a secretary of the Electrical Inspectors Association I

traveled six NW states incl Alaska and am familiar with status of our industry in these areas

- 59 year old business owner for 25 years as a subcontractor dealing in residential and commercial projects. Currently working full time with 18 employees.

- i am paul newton i have been an electrician, electrical inspector for a city in calif. and in

klamath falls or. for 40+ years now unemployed as of 12-31-09. voluntary layoff . have also

worked as equip. operator for breif time, some work under the davis-bacon act.

- I have been an electrician for nearly 25 years, mainly in the commercial and industrial building

side. I have also spent many years as an estimator and project manager. I have been out of

work for nearly 9 months now, I have checked with all of the local unions on the west coast

only to find no work available in the near future. Many projects on hold mainly for funding

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issues, I have also sent many resumes out to contractors for management work through out the west and as far east as Colorado. Something needs to change to get construction workers back to work, building roads are great but that leaves most of the construction trades out of work. We need buildings being built and remodeled.

- I am a Pipefitter for over 23 years I have been in a management position for at least 13 of

these years, Currently unemployed as of January 2010.

- I am a Union electrician on the Oregon Coast. I have been in the trade for over 20 years and

this current economy is as bad as I have ever seen it.

- I am an unemployed machine control system designer with over 20 years of experience in the

business world. I like to look at problems from a wide angle view to avoid getting caught up in

party politics. I am truly disappointed in my country's representatives on both sides of the

aisle. Politicians need to stop using the "elect me" issues that divide our country such as homosexuality and abortion and have the courage to take on the real problems that are killing

our country such as endless wars, job loss, and lack of universal health care. Many baby boomers only work to get insurance coverage. Just imagine the jobs that would be available if

millions of baby boomers could retire now instead of later. Think about it! Our country is

depending on you.

- I am a journeyman wireman through Local 48 IBEW. I've been unemployed since February of

last year with a short time taken to work on the wind farms in eastern Oregon. I've been

union my entire career of eight years and take pride in knowing that my education is valuable

and the means of sustaining my livelihood. I would love the opportunity to do more "green"

work here in Oregon and hope that individuals like yourself can make that a reality.

- I am a general contractor and have been in business for the past 38 yrs doing both commercial

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and residential construction. I have had as many as 15 employees and 2009 has been our worst year ever. I now have 4 employees and the future looks bleak. Betz const Inc Hood River Or

- I am a union electrician. Ive been an electrician for 25 years. I am currently unemployed. I worked part time at Lane Community College last year for 6 mos. as a maintenance electrician.
- I am an electrician, commercially licensed in OR & WA. I have worked on new commercial/industrial/multi-family construction for 16yrs. I am currently unemployed and have been since July of 2009.
- I am a union construction electrician of 30 years. I was on track for early retirement before this liquidity fiasco, with a home, \$75,000 in an annuity, exemplary health insurance for my family, a \$70k salary for an honorable career building American high rise hotels, bridges and power plants. ALL of which is gone. I am unemployed since January 09 and can't get a job at half wages. am struggling to avoid bankruptcy with a debt management company assistance and unemployment compensation. My American Dream is being scuttled by soulless corporations descibed by Thomas Jefferson, and unstatesmanlike politicians who pusilanimously follow after the company paid touts and short sighted deregulation and free-not-fair-market policies. Please forgive my bitterness. I appreciate you who are seeking plurality and wisdom, meaning, knowledge of things as they truly are. I am here, ready to take up my tools. My family may suffer, and dreams may be held in abeyance. My skills may get rusty because unemployment compensation is too much to get financial aid for schooling and I'm not teaching apprentices to replace me when I'm gone. But, I believe, when the trillions spent on corporate salaries are

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more in line with true human needs, and wisdom is not judged by the making of much money,

America will again honor and uphold those founding virtues which brought us so far as the

envy of the world and the hope of humanity. The only question is, how far and how hard must

we fall before we are humbled? How much must we(the poor) suffer before that alignment

shifts, and, will it be a peaceful shift? History does not bear record of many examples of power

grasping hands relinquishing resource sucking ability, benevolently. It can't happen here,.... can

it?

- I am a licensed Oregon Electrical Supervisor and have been performing electrical work through

the IBEW for 37 years, starting with a Union apprenticeship in Dec. 1972. I am currently

unemployed and have been for 10 months.

- I am an construction Electrician of 32+ years. I have been non-union for 14 1/2 yrs. & converted to the IBEW union for the remaining years. The Union is a positive influence for all

labor (benefiting union & non-union alike) and for society's living standards. All persons are

hurting here (I've been laid-off and out of work now for 11 months) I have worked hard for my

family & neighborhood (volunteer). I am insulted at how so many self-gratifying people have

been permitted to rip-off the public, State & Federal governments by those who have been

elected to represent me AND the public at large. You have been voted into this position of

servitude & work for us. I am insulted at how my Federal & State representatives have Squandered MY tax dollars. I support and intend to replace all of you at your respective reelection

time. I vote NO-CONFIDENCE in any of you in Salem.

- I am a licensed Journey & Supervising electrician (34 years). I became an A level Electrical

Inspector (15 years). I went to work for the State of Oregon for about 7 years after an industrail accident working with serveral different hats, electrician/internim

mgr/supervisor/State EI. Was injured in April of 2000, working light duty while hopefully

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recrouping, I was privy to corruption taking place within ODOT. After trying to talk to them and stop the events taking place, I blew the whistle (whistle blower) to BOLI, but BOLI, DOJ, DAS, and others have too many high profile employees who sleep in the same bed of corruption, thus they utilized my injury to rid of me and I was black-balled from working for the State government. They willingly broke their own laws ORS 659A.040 so I could not continue working for them in numerous jobs I was qualified for.

- I am a licensed electrician here in Oregon. I have been an electrician for 12 years. Six of those years were in California as a Plant Journeyman. When I came to Oregon I was disgusted that the only license I qualified to sit for the test on was a maintenance electrician. This greatly reduced my ability to provide for my family. Electricity is no more complicated here in Oregon than it is in the rest of the world, only the red tape in Salem is. There is no practical way to transition from a LME type license to a Plant Journeyman without completely starting over as an apprentice. Does that make sense? Food for thought. This is just one example, but I am sure the rest of the BCD requirements are similar. If you want to jump start the economy here, simplify. Stop trying to generate revenue by creating barriers that can be enforced, punished and fined. Simplify the regulations to encourage growth and generate revenue through a new tax base that is happy to come do business here Oregon.
- I'm a HVAC controls technician (since 1986), a full time employee who also has a small controls system programming business. My small business works primarily with school districts in Oregon. Eventhough I am still employed, school district budgets have been cut drastically which has effected my small business with a very substantial drop in revenue. I'm am thankful that I still have a job.
- I am a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #932 in Coos Bay,

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Or. Have been for 30 years and am currently working for Kyle Electric, North Bend Or.

- Electrician and electrical designer 40+ years Employed
- I am an Owner/Project Manager of an Electrical Contracting business employing 25 people in

Hood River county. We have been in business since 1963 and do 4 million dollars a year. We

make no profit due to competition and measure 67 may finally KILL US.

- Who I am is not important. The people you represent are currently in serious need of leadership, direction, people need hope. Events that are already in motion will require each

member of the state to be self sufficient. Start directing the people in this way. Don't wait on

the Fed's to make announcements concerning world events that will directly effect the People

you chose to lead. Start Leading!

- Software Engineer-5 years; Control Engineer-5 years; Electronic system specialist-15 years and counting.

- I am Member of IBEW local 280, I have Book one Status and Have Been on the book and

Unemployed for 16 months. Before that I worked as a commercial electrician, seasonally. Also

my wife and I wired houses year round as a side line business so we could maintain health

insurance for our 2 daughters. I have work as an electrician for 35 years and a general contractor for 23 years

- I am a journeyman electrician. I have been involved in many different phases of construction

for nearly 20 years. I currently live in the rural area of eastern Oregon and am struggling to

survive with only a few hours of work each week.

- electrician, over 15 years, unemployed.

- Project manager and consultant in the area of controls & instrumentation, mechanical systems

design. Employed presently by TriQuint Semiconductor. 40 years in the electrical trade, HVAC

& facilities management; increasingly responsible work at increasingly lower voltage 26 kv to

24 v. Seattle City Light, Bethlehem Steel, Zidell, Tektronix, TriQuint Semiconductor.

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- I am a construction contractor, who is employed that performs much of our work out of state.

Oregon just like California has allowed the pendulum to swing to far to the left. The state is for

additional regulation and against employers and free enterprise. This was OK during boom

times but currently it is working against employers (and new projects) in the state of Oregon.

- Electrical contractor, 5 years, working 2 days a week...

- Electrician, 37 years of traffic signal maintenance and construction. Currently Manager of small electrical construction company.

- I work for an integrated security company in the installation and service end. I have been doing this for 29 years.

- I am a second generation electrician in the state of Oregon. I have been in the trade for 30

years. I have owned my own electrical contracting business during the 1980's employing about

40 electricians, I have been in management, managing large industrial and commercial contracts that exceed 30 million in size and I have never been out of work during this time

except for now. Now I will be unemployed for 2 years come this July.

- I am the Project Manager, CFO, Bidder, Estimator, etc for a small electrical contractor. i have

been doing this job for over 9 years. i am currently still employed with this company and plan

to stay. it is frustrating for me because i see so many projects come to me and as soon as the

company covers all of the fees and taxes there is no money left for the project. thus this

becomes another job in the wind. bmorton@bendbroadband.com

- I am a licensed electrician in CA, WA, and OR. I am currently employed at 60% of what I

should be making.

- I am a industrial contractor current unemployed.

- I have been in construction industry since the early seventies.20 years as an electrician. I

currently am an employee of Columbia County Building Department as an inspector.

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- I'm currently employed, I do construction for myself, no one else. The regulations have turned Oregon into a laughing stock of construction. Rub your hands together City, County, and the State take your pound of flesh out of someone else's Glutinous Maximus
- I work for the Port of Portland at T6 as a container crane electrician. We were the recipient of the 2 new cranes and stimulus money to refurb the oldest one up to 21st century standards. This was all done on Ted K's watch and I personally very much appreciate it. I'm VERY lucky to be employed here at this time, and to have been here for the last 4 years.
- electrician for 14 years, millwright 20 years prior. Never have drawn a unemployment check. Employed. I strongly believe that until the jobs come home things will never get better.
- Unemployed, without medical thanks to you (a politician) Fuck you
- I am a union trained Inside wireman journeyman electrician. I have been an Electrician for 12 years. My employment status has been "unemployed" for almost a year and a half now.
- I'm employed maintenance engineer, \$61,000 earned - deductions \$23,839.26, now does this sound equitable, I spent 3yrs. going to school after work w/overtime and 8 years experience to apply for this job, I didn't do this to give away, my hard earned money, when you have time, could you stop by and give me a kiss, so I don't feel so used! Brad Spangler/ 971-219-0804
Cell I have additional comments!
- I am trying to work less because of my age but may have to drop out of construction because of the high costs for licensing, permits, fees, insurance etc.. It's not possible to work less than full time and justify the high overhead.
- I am a commercial industrial electrician for 32 years. I am employed but lose a lot of work do to lack of work
- I am a union electrician and I have been in the field for over ten years. I have been unemployed for almost two years now. I am also frustrated with the unions for forcing the

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wages up so high...it increases the cost of housing. The union I belonged to also, during this

recession, gave themselves a decent sized raise! I am blown away and disgusted.

- I am a licensed plant journeyman electrician that worked for forty years in a paper mill at

Wauna, Oregon. As an electrician I was involved in a number of upgrade projects in the mill,

working with outside electrical contractors.

- I am a journeyman electrician (non-union) ; 14 1/2 years ; unemployed due to lack of work.

- Licensed Plumber for 35 years been laid off for 16 months with no work in sight

- Bryan Doyle General Journeyman Electrician, 15 years, employed

- I am a Oregon and Washington licensed Electrician have been in the trade more than ten years.

I am currently employed and work primarily in and on commercial or industrial projects

- I am a small business owner with a couple of employees besides myself that generally does

small construction jobs. Most of the work we do ranges from a couple of hours to maybe a

week or two on one project. We work for a wide variety of people ranging from realtors and

property manager doing compliance work to the little old lady that needs a door adjusted or a

light bulb changed. We stay relatively busy but don't make a lot of money. It seems like I pay

a lot of over head just for the right to be in business and stay licensed.

- As I said above I install and service alarm systems, and have been doing so as an independent

contractor for thirty years. I hope this has been helpful, and who knows, maybe we'll see some

changes over time. Thank you for sending me this survey, Steve Power

- Got out of the military in 95. Started the JATC-IBEW apprenticeship program in Augusta GA

and started working as an electrician in 95. Finished the school five years later. Worked as a

Journeyman Electrician until 2006 when family conditions required us to move to OR. Worked

as a Journeyman Electrician for two years until I got laid off because of lack of work. Haven't

worked in 14 months. Have no hope of working in Eugene because of the economy. I'm

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trying to get a contractors license so I can pick up a few small jobs as a sole proprietor.

- I am a plumber of 30 years. I currently work for the City of Hillsboro as a plumbing and

mechanical inspector. Thanks for asking.

- I used to be a maintenance electrician in a saw mill. Now I work in a Polaris dealership. Repairing ATV's and snowmobiles.

- I'm now an electrician doing industrial/commercial work, when there is any. I was a NECA

contractor for 20+ years. Currently unemployed.

- I am currently retired and do volunteer work for our church and at Teen Challenge centers and

Youth camps all over the United States. I worked as an electrician for approximately 33 years

and saw many good years in the construction industry. But the export of jobs from the US to

3rd world countries (at tax payers expense) due to NAFTA and GAT , have robbed the country

of all of the good jobs that payed a living wage and has left us a service economy, with a

million \$2.50 per hour jobs. Construction is about the only thing that they can't export.

Consequently, every Tom, Dick and Harry thinks he is a construction worker and if they can hit

a nail twice without bending it, some cheesy contractor hires them and thereby we need more

regulation. We have to reverse that trend somehow or we are doomed, in my estimation. We

need workers with more pride in their work and what they create with their hands. We need

to open school classes that test and steer kids to a job they are suited for and that allow them

to go out in the field with a craftsman for a day, a week or a month and see what the work is

really like to see if that is really what they want to do with their lives. (A mini apprenticeship)

Then put some real effort into a training class that prepares them for that career. This should

not be limited to construction, but to teaching, medical, farming, whatever the possibilities.

And above all else teach honesty and integrity with vigor, not just allowing them to go through

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school getting by. Put some incentive back in the classroom for the teachers to produce a

better educated student. Thank You for the opportunity to comment. Gary Smith (by the

way, I do not do electrical work in my volunteer status, I would rather do other things)

- Construction management. I am presently employed.

- plumber, for 33 years, currently employed.

- 30 year roofer, former business owner, currently employed walking a fine line of code

restrictions for my state certification, it happens all too fast when & easily to think a small

increase in levied charges, taxes, code restrictions, ect.... & before you know it a relatively

easy project becomes an administrative night mare, & as always what ever Gov.

imposes gets

passed along to the consumer eventually, Oregons gen. population simply can not afford

it.....

- I am a journeyman electrician (32 years in the trade, union for 22 yrs, same employer for the

last 17 yrs) and have been working about 15 hrs a week for the last 1 1/2 yrs. I am currently

the only person working at my employers shop.

- I am a licensed electrician that works for a major utility. I worked in construction from 1994-

2003. I got out because I could see that the un-licensed worker was going to kill construction.

The owners of the companies that use un-licensed workers & pay them cash with no benefits

should have their contractors license pulled if they get caught doing this. I no longer work in

construction and have furthured my education and now work in the protection system for a

utility. I am currently employed and have been since 2003.

- I have been in the electrical trade for over 40 years, working for government and mostly

private contractors. I have seen good times and bad. In even what we see as down times, we

cannot back away from training and quality of the workers. If you compromise on demanding

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the best to cheapen the market, all you do is get second rate work and jobs. We deserve

better standards, not substandards.

- I am a journeyman electrician, 24 years. Have worked in the forest products industry for 39.

Native resident of the Rogue Valley 58 years. Currently employed but hours are limited. I am

considering moving out of state if this state doesn't get a hold of PERS and the increasing taxes.

- I am a 2 man Framing Contractor in Grays Harbor County that has to compete with Contractors

that don't pay L&I or taxes for that matter. It would be much easier for me to compete if i

could chop a least \$3.00 an hour per man. When I lose a job solely because i couldn't drop a

bid by 200.00 or 300.00 means that those dollars went to an individual that doesn't play the

game fairly. When you pay a good employee 20.00 an hour and he costs you 27.00 is not what

i call free enterprise. Keep the Government out of my pocket so I can compete. I understand

why we pay such high rates but that is my point. The more I pay the Government the less I

can offer my employees and the less opportunity I have to win bids. If I can't get the jobs then

I can't put money back into the system and certainly if there is no work for me than my employees can't spend and not having money to spend causes our local and national

economies to STOP! I could go on forever but it would become ramblings and I don't want to

sound like a typical Politician. Sincerely, Chris Keefer, Waterside Construction Co.

- Retired General Supervising Electrician.

- I am a service engineer for a local HVAC service contractor. I have been in this trade for +25

years and am currently employed.

- journeyman electrician since 1990. licensed in Oregon, Washington and California.

- I am a General Journeyman Electrician, specializing in commercial projects. I have been doing

this for 5 1/2 years. I have been unemployed since November 2009, I am approximately #600

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on the available for work list with IBEW local#48.

- I had enough with Oregon and the liberal ways so I moved to Montana. I am a Foreman

Electrician for CEI the largest contractor in Montana. I did electrical work in Oregon for 13

years before moving to Montana. I have been doing electrical work for a little over 18 years, I

am currently working and its in the Coal Mining industry.

- I had been working as an electrical designer for a construction company until July 2009-in

which I was laid off due to a lack of jobs coming into the company. My husband has been a

journeyman electrician with a local construction company also. He has been able to stay employed so far. I was able to find work in a different area as an electrical designer in Sept.

2009. I will say that it is difficult for union and non-union companies to bid on the same jobs.

The prior company that I had been employed at, had lost several jobs to non-union shops.

- I have been an electrician for 30 years and have been around construction sense I was 15

years old.I am now 51 years old. I teach part time with the IBEW training center. I am with a

company that usually employees a steady combination of 35 electricians and apprentices year

round, we are down to 14. The company has been known to employ up to 250, when the work

is there. We now rotate weeks off, so we all have part of what work there is. We all have not

worked at the same time in a while, someone is always at home, hoping for more work. I

haven't seen a full 40 hour check in a while. Some have lost there homes and families and are

struggling to hold together. No more or less than any other part of the nation. I do hope that

you read this and take it to heart, with what is going on. The company I'm working with is

struggling week to week and can close the doors at any time, it is that tight. One major set

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back could close the doors. This is the way it is for many companies in our area. Thank you

for your time, GGG.

- I do low-voltage wiring for businesses. I have been doing this for 12 years now. I am still

employed in this trade, but the work is getting slower, and isn't looking good for the near

future.

- I am a 32 yr. old project foreman for a non-union electrical contractor. I have been a full time

foreman for five years, and an electrician for 13. I am currently getting started on a " Davis-

Bacon" project that will last for 16 months. I have not had a lay-off in 13 years.

- ELNC, Boeing Portland, 10 years. Electrical Manufacturing license 4637PJ-2082PJ and past

electrical Manuf Supervisor License 1100PS,

- Lower Taxes

- My name is W. Triska, and you can contact me at W1 at [voltmagic.com](mailto:W1@voltmagic.com) (remove the spaces

and use an ampersand to make it a valid email address). I design and repair automatic control

systems for one of the large utilities in the Portland area for over 20 years.

- I am currently employed in the HVAC (heating and air conditioning industry). I service, repair,

and install new and used heating equipment. I have been employed in this industry for nearly

26 years. My job is directly related to the health of the housing industry.

- I am a Specialty Electrical Engineer/Technician. I am employed because I have knowledge,

education and experience in a specialized field that I have been involved in all my life. (and I

am old).

- Journeyman construction electrician-35yrs in craft, HVAC technician-7yrs, construction heavy

equipment operator-35+ years. Electrician's welder-25 years. Currently Employed!

- Electrician, employed

- Construction electrician 22 years. currently employed at Intel. .

- A fully employed state licenced Oregon general journeyman electrician for 16 years. thank you

for this survey,

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- I have been a commercial union electrician for 39 years. Currently, I work at Providence Portland Medical Center, having been there for 29 years.
- I am a life long Oregonian, multi skilled, with extensive experience in: Agriculture, Wood Products, Construction, Manufacturing, Service Industry, and High Tech. I also have minor experience in State and Local government.
- I have been an electrician and a member of the IBEW Local 48 since 1995. I am currently unemployed.
- I am in the Mechanical industry, Plumbing, heating, cooling. I am licensed in MA. OR., WA as a Journeyman Plumber. I also hold a Class5 Boiler lic. in OR as well as many other certifications. I am currently employed. In the new economy I am working twice as hard for half the pay and living less well than my father, or Grandfather ever did. My quality of life has suffered due to the lac of good leadership in the town, state and country I live in.
- I have been an IBEW electrician for 35 years and a electrical contractor for the past 15 years.
- Plumbing Contractor, 4 years, business owner. Journeyman plumber working for others, approx 15 yrs prior to opening own shop.
- Electrician specialized in networks
- Project Manager, Estimator, Electrician, under one or the other of these hats for 40+ years. I am currently employed but the outlook is not good now or do I see any improvement in the near term. I am close to retirement and when I reach that point I am leaving Oregon (I was born in Pendleton and have lived here all my life) because the high taxes make living here on a fixed income untendable now and without a dramatic change its only going to get much worse.
- I'm a refrigeration pipefitter/HCVAC-R service technician, and a member of UA Local-290, I'm employed full-time and have been doing this since 1990.
- electrician for 30 years

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- I am a construction inside wireman (electrician). I am a member of the IBEW local 280. I have been an inside wireman for 6 years. Before that I was a Production Supervisor for 7 years. I have a bachelors degree in communications from Oregon State University. I am currently employed.
- My husband is a journeyman electrician and has been out of work since last March. We are looking to move from our home state of Oregon to a state that has jobs available in this field.
- I am currently a licensed Journeyman Plumber. I have been a JP for over 12 years. In the past year, I have had to claim over \$6,500 in unemployment benefits to sustain the economic downturn we are in.
- I'm an electrical contractor, having opened my own business in July 2007. before that, I worked in the electrical trade, starting on 1992. I currently average around 100 hours per month.
- OWNER MANGER ENETERPRISE ELECTRIC , ENTERPRISE OREGON , ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR 541398 0141
- I recently, partially, retired from the Security Services work area where I designed Security Systems, supervised and assisted in construction, and then performed maintenance services on Security/Alarm/Video systems. I still hold a current Limited Energy Electrician License.
- I am a small business owner in Prineville Oregon, a plumbing business, that my wife and I have ran for 11 years, we at one time had 9 employees, we have done residetial, and light commercial jobs,and pride ourselves with excellet customer service in our service and repair side. It is amussing to me the wording of this question of what I usually do for a living,curently I wait for the phone to ring. I have myself working full time, my wife doing books part time, and 2 other emploeeys that are on call part time less than 40 hours a week but still make more

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than unemployment. My current employment situation is to see what it will take to close out

my corporation in Oregon, and move it to another state. As I write this it is 8:25 pm in Phoenix

AZ. and 56degrees They like small business here thier housing is reasonable thier food prices

are lower, thier gas is cheaper, thier roads are better kept, they support gun rights, they have

John McCain, their wages fall inline for the cost of living, and for the most part people are nicer

than most that I have met in my 44 years as a oregon resident, is there any way I can get a

refund?see ya Oregon

- I am a Journeyman Plumber - been at it for over 40 years. I am currently semi-retired

- Electrician, Journeyman since 02. Employed but scared of layoff.

- I am employed sr executive of large oregon construction company.

- I am the owner of a small electrical shop , I have been in business for myself for almost 3

years in the trade for 15 years we have been blessed to stay working during these tough times.

- HVAC service tech for 18+ years and lucky me, I stay busy!

- Electrician 19 years Working 40% of time

- I am a journeyman electrician, and have been doing it for 18 years, I am currently employed.

- I have been an electrician for twenty two years currently, working less than half time, will be

glad when things turn rosey.

- Oregon Supervising Electrician, Washington Journeyman Electrician since 1978.

Currently

employed by Hire Electric of The Dalles Oregon. For me this has been a good work year, and

not reflective of the work in a typical recession. Thanks to stimulus funds and school projects...

- I've been an Electrician for 22 years before that i was a mill worker, boat builder, logger,

fisherman, short-order cook and a navy weatherman. I have had one 2 week vaction in my

entire life and less than 500 dollars to my name but put 3 kids and a wife through college.

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Being an electrician finally allowed me to support my family and give them a start so they

would not have to crawl and scrap like I did. Last year I was off work for 7 months I lost my

house, my marriage and my hope for the future. I just got back to work at the State mental

Hospital but not only did we give up the promised raise - I took a paycut (about 10%) at the

same time all my bills and rent increased. I doubt I'll ever be able to retire - But it's my kids I

worry about.....will they be able to or will China own us?

- I own a plumbing business. 30 years. my business is down 50%

- I am an Electrical Contractor have been for thirty five years and am currently unemployed, or

semi retired because the work that is out there is so hotly contested that it not worth the effort

to go bankrupt trying to do it.

- I have been an electrician for 20 years. 14 years in construction and 6 years in the electric

utility. I was trained by the best, IBEW. I served as president of local 932 in North Bend for 5

years and taught apprenticeship classes for 2 1/2 years.

- House painter. Business sucks.

- I am a 27 year old electrician from east Oregon I have been employed in res. comm. and

industrial jobs. I stay with a company for the longhaul and don't jump at the first chance to

make a little bigger paycheck I would rather stay busy here in my town then travel for more

money. I have been in the field for 10 years. I get tired of seeing myself and our company try

to do the legal right law abiding way to get under cut by some Joe Blow that is unqualified or

simply not licensed to do the work.

- Twenty years as a commercial plumber out of Portland out of local 290. The last ten years

running jobs as a General Foreman. I was laid off for the first time in Dec. 2009 and I am still

unemployed.

- Retired Air Force and currently work as a systems Electrician...working (SO FAR)

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- I work in the Electrical utility industry; I have been in this line of work for more than twenty years. I have never missed a day of work that I did not want off; I attribute this to the fact that I have an education that I sacrificed to achieve. We have far too many people that live beyond their means with a government that tells them that they deserve things they cannot afford. I am looking for real hope and change this November, I will not vote for anyone that voted for Obama's health care bill.
- I work for a hospital group developing and administrating large mechanical system construction projects. I have been employed by this group for 8 years, and feel secure in this position. Prior to this position I installed DDC systems and other specialty electrical systems around the states of Oregon and Washington for various contractors.
- I WORKED IN THE ELECTRICAL FIELD DOING INSTALLATION OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS FIRE BUILDING CONTROLS INTERGRATION. I AM NOW WORKING FOR A COMPANY DOING MANITANCE IN THERE BUILDING AND I AM LIVING OVER A 100 MILES AWAY FROM MY FAMILY ONLY SEEING THEM ON THE WEEK ENDS.
- I am an instrumentation tech for over 30 years and am currently unemployed
- I am a maintenace foreman for the paper industry and have ran my own contractor bussness. I now am having to reloc. to the eaast coast for work for I was not alber to find work here in Oregon
- I am a 3rd generation electrical contractor since 1921. I am licensed in over 18 states and work with national accounts coast to coast. Oregon is the most difficult state I've worked for the licensing laws and ratio. I wanted to hire local people to work with my employees(as I did in WA) but cannot do so because all must be licensed (see question 1). An all Oregon crew

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cannot do the job do to their lack of experience in our type of work, thus I need one-to-one to

complete the job in a timely manner.

- Electrician for 13 years and currently unemployed.

- ELECTRICAL SUPERVOSOR ,BEEN IN TRADE FOR OVER 20 YEARS,FULL TIME EMPLOYED YET.

- electrician 7 yEARS employed part time

- Electrical designer and supervising electrician for a Solar PV integrator. 3 Years employed in

the field. Currently employed fulltime.

- I am a Inside Journeyman Electrician, working in the field for 18 plus years. Currently unemployed (3 1/2 months) Something I expect during the winter months.

- IBEW journey level Inside Wireman, largely in industrial and commercial construction. I have

30 years in, began my apprenticeship in 1978, in Oregon. Currently dispatched to a contractor,

but underemployed - averaged 16 hours per week over 2009. Worse so far this year.

- i'm a electrician,been at it 6 years haven't missed much work currently employed

- Plumbing contractor, work is slower than I like

- I have been a system tech for telecommunications for 30 years. I am employed but a few

people in our company have been laid off.

- I'm A UNION TRAINED ELECTRICIAN FOR OVER 35 years, and at the moment un-employed.

But should be working by April 1, 2010 YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING GREAT

FOR YOUR STATE AND YOUR COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE AND ELECTED

YOU. GET TO WORK, EARN THE MONEY YOUR BEING PAID, DO SOMETHING

- I am an Electrician in the Portland metro area and have been doing this for 17 years. I am

working right now and have been working on Intel projects.

- I am in telecommunications and have been in this field for 28 years. I am presently unemployed because of force reductions and see no light at the end of the tunnel.

- I am a self employed electrician working in the Salem area. Almost twenty years in the trade

and nine years self employed. I do mostly residential with some light commercial work mixed

in. Work is very inconsistant.

- Union Electrician for six years working on Western Oregon University's new dorms.

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- plumber/pipefitter/welder/foremen.
- I am a journeyman electrician and have been working for the same small company for almost 15 years. Ironically this week is the first time in my life I filed for unemployment. We are a small shop, (10 guys in the field), and do mainly industrial and irrigation type work. Our crew has been divided in half, one week on, one week off.
- Self employed for 33 years
- I am a UA local 290 member, I am an apprenticeship instructor. Prior to this I was a union contractor, having good paying jobs out their is the most positive thing we can do at this point. We really need to get behing alternative energy industries, and research. Oregon is the perfect place to produce photovoltaic products and wind and wave products and projects. The president seems to be behind doing this and Oregon has the skilled manpower and the factories with workforces to lead the way. It is time gentleman to get on the band wagon it will be good for us and our children, aswell as our planet. I was a solar contractor during the last oil crisis and we have forgotten how important that was. we should turn in that direction again.
- I am a union electrician and have been so for 18 years. I have been working about 20 hours/wk since the new year and consider myself fortunate.
- Journeyman Plumber,20 years,currently working in my trade for Department of Corrections because its just too expensive too keep all the licenses required too work everywhere.Also splitting up commercial and residential into seperate fees is rediculass.
- Journeyman 290 Union Plumber (commercial projects). 25 years. Worked 5 weeks out of the last 17 months.
- Electrician, 12 years, currently employed in construction and have only drawn 4 weeks unemployment in the last 2 years.
- Electrical contractor since 2002 typically residential & commercial - slow but steady
- I'm an Oergon state licensed General Supervising Electrician and have an AS degree in mechanical engineering. I've spent 25 years as a journeyman/supervising electrician working in

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commercial, industrial and municipal electrical construction and for the last 15 years in facilities

management as a Utilities Engineering Manager/General Electrical Supervisor for a medium

sized corporation. All the above statements are my personal opinions.

- Industrial plant supervising electrician--15 years--currently employed

- I am a journeyman electrician. I have been doing this for forty years. As of right now I am

still employed.

- Union Electrician 11 years Unemployed

- electrical contractor for the past 45 years semi retired

- Electrician, 16 years, employed and working thankfully.

- I have worked in the woods, electrician for 15 year, and other sales possions. I have been

going to school for the last couple of years. I am hoping to get a government job, because I

feel that there is no future in private sector. I thought of starting my own business, but realized if I worked hard, and makes some money, the government would take most of it and

that is not worth it. Thanks

- I owned a commercial refrigeration service company for seven years. I am currently employed

by Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center as an Engineer and a member of Operating Engineers

Local 701.

- Electrical Contractor, Design Build Specialty ,Commercial mostly construction. Been in the

business as a Electrician, foreman, and owner for over 25 years. I currently employ 4-9 electricals as the jobs need.

- I am an general journeyman electrician. I have been in the trade for nine years and before that

I was a headrig sawyer at a mill until that shut down. My current employment situation is bad.

I have been out of work since June 2009. The shop I work for Sims Electric in Roseburg,

cannot find any jobs to bid. I sometimes work one day a week. I will soon run out of health

insurance and may have to leave the trade forever to find work elsewhere.

- I worked for the same electrical contractor for 30 years, 2 months, and 27 days...until we came

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in one morning and the then owner decided to close the doors...that was EC Company, based

in Portland...I had two weeks to go to retirement. Needless to say, I am not very fond of the

management of that company. They took everything we had and left. Fortunately, the previous owner bought the company back and put everyone back to work, but times have been

tough on them. I was lucky. I spent my last weeks on unemployment and retired.

- I am a solar electrician. I have been involved in it for 8 years and am currently employed, and

see a bright future. We need to keep moving Oregon in this direction because just like any

investment you don't get a return if you don't invest. Efficiency and renewables are one of the

prime tools towards making Oregon more competitive in the global market place.....

- I am an electrician, have been for 9 years, and I am currently employed. I have a wife and

three children, two in elementary school.

- Electrician, 40 years employed for county maintenance.

- electrician 30+ years

- Currently Employed. Licensed Low Voltage Technician. Non-Union shop. Business Telephone

systems and Data Network administrator

- Part owner and licensed electrician of a small electrical firm, barely holding on under the

burden of the economy. Wages are sporadic, when there is enough left.

- I am an electrician and I have been working as one for 22 years now. I am currently

employed, but one of the few. As the business moves out of Oregon/ the US, I see us moving

towards a dead end street. We need to manufacture a larger percentage of our own goods.

- I am a journeyman plumber, self employed, I have been plumbing for 32 years. self employed

for approx. 13 years. Presently working, but at about 60% of last year which was down approx. 30% from 2008.

- I AM THE SERVICE MANAGER FOR AVION WATER CO. A PRIVATELY OWNED UTILITY THAT

COMPETES WITH THE CITY OF BEND

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- I am a low voltage electrician for 23 years and have had my own company for 10 years. I currently have no employees. I used to have 9 people working for me two years ago. I do not see the possibility of having employees EVER, due to all the cost associated with having an employee. I would like to eventually move my business to a more business friendly state. I am extremely displeased with the state of Oregon. I have been disenfranchised with the state for some time now. I wish small business could have some help (BAILOUT money) as well. Where is my assistance, I am still in the trenches trying to stay alive and I see all the state workers with their PERS milking the clock at work on so many occasions that it makes me sick. I believe everyone should be paid according to their production, just like in the REAL WORLD! My wife and I tried to apply for the small emerging minority owned program and were promptly denied because we are married and she does not hold a license for the type of work we perform. The requirements for this program are ridiculous. We spent a week of office time gathering all the necessary info and sent it in and were flatly denied any assistance for our business. We are very hard working and honest people and hope that the people in government could be the same. From my observations that is a fairy tale.
- I have been a union inside electrician for almost 32 years. I am currently working mostly full time.
- Industrial maintenance technician and manufacturing plant electrician. 20 years. Employed
- I am a Journeyman Electrician - Manufacturing Plant limitations.. I was a mill-worker after high school, pulling Green Chain and watching the industry around me become automated (including robotics that replaced 90% of the manual labor pool on the Green Chain~). I entered the military during the early 1980's recession to pursue my interest in Electronics and

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Automation -- (USN - Adv. Electronics, Phalanx - FC1) After separation I attended community college and obtained my AS degree. It was my intention to pursue Engineering, however -- I went through a divorce and obtained Primary responsibility for my sons (2) whom I have since raised to adulthood. I returned to the Timber Industry training as an Electrician in 1991. Obtained my Manufacturing Plant Journeyman licensure in 1995 and attempted to attain sufficient Residential construction hours to further my license to General. I was not successful, and was layed-off in mid-December of 1996 due to lack of work. I moved in early 1997 to the Metropolitan area of Oregon, and have been employed as a Plant Electrician since (until 2007), working finally in the High Technology arena and being employed by Intel Corp. from 12/2000 thru 12/2006. (my entire Department was eliminated at separation.. 23 Dec, 2006)

I have attended schooling and become certified in Network+ since leaving Intel - to little or no avail. I have attempted to carve out a niche and start a business of my own - but I have failed. I then became employed (and am still, however I also qualify as 'U-6' under-employed) by what was previously my competition -- I am a certified Infrared Thermographer, performing Predictive Maintenance scans of (the remaining) industrial customers' Facilities, Equipment and Services

- As I stated before, I am a journeyman plumber. I am a superintendant for a mechanical contractor and oversee commercial plumbing and mechanical work. I have been involved in many types of projects including hospitals, schools, jails and numerous jobs for Oregon State University including the last football stadium expansion, GO-BEAVS! I have worked for the same employer since I graduated from high school in 1988. My role has changed over the

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- I have been a Union electrician for 20 years. My current status is "underemployed". I'll be okay

for the short term, but I fear for OUR children's future!

- Licensed electrician, 13 years, unemployed I would have rather paid a bit more in taxes

on the unemployment I received than drive business out of state, the last bill that was pasted

will kill jobs in the state. Taxing Gross profits????? are you guys crazy or just ignorant. is

anyone up there an accountant or just bureaucrats with no idea how to balance a budget and

no idea where the money they spend actually comes from. as an electrician the profit margins

are quite small in comparison to the volume of cash going through the business , smaller

companies 10% ,big companies 1 to 2% both numbers are approximate, why would you tax a

business expense??? it makes no sense. in tough economic times why are you expanding the

state workers and giving them more money. their salaries should be tied to the employment

and quality of life index in the state. if the state fails the people they should not be financially

rewarded for that failure.

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- I am an Oregon Supervising Electrician working full time but not getting in full weeks. I have been in the trade for 30 years
- Patrick Ross Crosby Supervisor Electrician 40 years experience commercial, industrial, housing construction Retired Local 48 Union Project manager, General Foreman, Foreman, Estimator, Electrician, all of the above
- President and business owner for the past 17 years. Employ about 68 people, down from about 80 in 2009. With the new measures that passed in this beautiful state of Oregon we are thinking of relocating!
- 25 years as a small contractor (3-5 employees) in the residential and small commercial market installing and servicing hydronic heating systems and solar electric systems. We carry CCB, boiler and electrical contractors licenses and have licensed technicians for Class 3 boiler and Limited Renewable Technician electrical licenses. Our work load has definitely diminished but since we specialize in very unique fields, we have been fortunate to continue to work at approx 80% capacity.
- I am an electrician. I have been in the trade since 1975 I hold a Oregon Supervising Electrician license I am currently the Electrical Supervisor for the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation Signals & Streetlighting division. I have worked for CoP for 19 1/2 years and in my current position for 6 1/2 years.
- I am a Low voltage Tech. I worked the non union sector for 15 years. In 2007 I went Union. I haven't had a full time job since Nov. 2008. The construction jobs just are not there. Even the non union jobs are gone.
- I am a retired plumber with 31 years as a plumber and another 6 years as a laborer.
- I am an HVAC contractor who is self employed. I have been doing this for 18 years. This current recession has reduced my business and changed the nature of where it comes from. Installation work has diminished and service and repair has been picking up.

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- i am a union journeyman electrician with 24years in the electrical trade.ive been out of work for 4months,dont see any for the next year.will probaly go overseas to work,if i can find work
- I have been in the electrical industry since 1991. I currently own a electrical contracting buisness. My struggling buisness and I could fail due to new taxes fees
- I am an HVAC business located in Portland, OR named Sun Glow Inc. We are family owned and operated and proud to pull permits on all of our work and do things the right way. We provide excellent service and have been in business since 1972. We work in both the commercial and residential market sectors.
- I am a limited energy technician, I like many others have had my hours cut back. With my hours cut back I have become unable to pay bills, Unable to pay bills has left me behind with my mortgage payments, Thus....Losing my home. I am seeking employment in other states as many jobs I have bid on I have lost due to union BS
- I am an electrician in the Eugene area, I have worked in this trade for 18 years and went through this states apprenticeship program. I also teach at the apprenticeship program. I am currently employed but the hours I work are not full time because of the lack of work in the area. I feel that the local govenments and the state govenments are largely responsible for the state of the economy right now. The represive tax rates and fees are discouraging any business from growing. As November comes I will be a loud voice and will have lots of company as there are a lot of electricians out of work that will join me. If the representatives of our state will not listen to us and change their tax and spend ways they will be voted out.
- Im an electrician for11 years now and am currently still working. Im building a high school right now and its rediculous the money thats being wasted on the cosmetics of a learning institution.

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- I am currently the Financial Officer and owner of the company and have been since starting the company 11 years ago. My current employment situation is dire. We have been forced into layoffs three times over the last two years due to lack of work. Unfortunately, I believe that most construction based companies are in the same position as we are.
- I have 45 years in the Timber industry, major corporations, all phases of construction-- 23 years in the Army Oregon national guard Retired. Currently retired from the Timber industry.
- I am an electrician and have worked for the same employer for 35+ years. I am currently employed.
- ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR - 20 YEARS 9 EMPLOYEES FULL TIME
- Building maintenance for over 20 years, and yes I am greatfully employed.
- My name is Tim Angel. I am a Electrician by trade, I am currently partners with two others in an Electrical Contracting Business in the state of Wa. We have been in business for 8 years and I have been an Electrician since 1994. " This year has been the toughest ever "
- I was a construction electrician for 21 years. I have been working as a paper mill electrician for the last 9 years.
- I have been a member of the IBEW Local 48 for the last 35 years. I have worked as a licenced wireman, foreman, general foreman, superintendent, and now as a senior project manager and estimator.
- I am a low voltage technician, I install, service and maintain all forms of low voltage cabling and eq. Everything from computer networking, switches, telephones, CCTV, CATV, fiber optics, paging, PA systems, intercoms, conduit, design and estimating. I have work in my field for 24 years and am currently employed in southern oregon working at SOESD.
- I am currently employed as a steamfitter foreman. I have been doing this type of work for at least 25 years.
- Owner of Electrical contracting business, we have been in business since 2003.
- I'm employed as an estimator and project manager for a residential and light commercial HVAC

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firm in Portland. I have been in this field for 44 years.

- Been in the electrical industry all my adult life. I hold an Oregon Electrical Supervisors license. Lic. #2724S Also, an Electrical Inspectors license in Oregon. Lic. #3974EI
Electrical

Inspector for Washington County from Jan 1990 to 2003. I also hold the following
Oregon

Inspector licenses: 1485CAX -- Plans Review - Residential 749CAS -- Structural
Inspector -

Residential 1476CAM -- Mechanical Inspector - Residential 1439CAP -- Plumbing
Inspector -

Residential 1110CAE -- Electrical Inspector - Residential 109LQI -- Post Earthquake
Inspector

314PCI -- Park and Camp Inspector Electrical Supervisor for Washington County "Clean
Water

Services" 2003-2007. Total time in electrical and related inspection industry = 43 years
Currently retired

- I am an employed electrical engineer working for a large private corporation. I have
been in
this plant for 16 years, and in the industry for over 30.

- I usually work with the IBEW and have for 20+years; however, I am currently
employed in a
maintenance position in a local lumber mill.

- I am a general contractor, I do the administration work, my husband does the on the
job work.

We have been in business for 25 years. We do general contract work, waterwells,
pumps, plus

my husband is also an electrician. On top of doing the books for my small business I
also hold

down a full time job, with a government agency. This provides health insurance for my
family,

because we don't make enough to provide a descent coverage of our own. There is a
lot of

good things the government could do, helping the people that need a little extra.
unfortunately

there are so many that abuse the system, their kids have fancy phones and ipods that I
essentially paid for, but they are too lazy to go get a job, when I work two to provide
for my
family.

- I am a contractor and have been one since 1980. Our company had a decline of
revenues of

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about 20% in 2009 over the previous year.

- HVAC, 10 years plus, still working

- I am an unemployed non-union electrician. I've been in the electrical trades since 2002.

- I am a 20 year electrician. I have been on many jobs as an apprentice up to a job forman. I

have worked union and non union. I am a union employee for the fact of the fair wages that

we have. Union sets the pay for non union as well. (competitive) I worked in construction for

18 years before I went into maintenance for a major university. I love the learning curve here,

a whole new type of electricity and projects. Thanks.

- I'm someone who recognizes a push poll when he sees one, and will be sure to let my fellow

workers know what you're up to. I hope you haven't used tax payer dollars to fund this.

- I am a self employed indevigual that struggles to make payments.... Unlike government employees.... I consult with the plumbing and fire suppression industries and let me tell you

just how slow it is out there. Everyday I talk with several contractors and here just how tough

it is. I have several thousands of dollars on the books and everyday some of it is bankrupted...

A 100% loss for me..... My debt load is going up every month and my income is going down

every month... With in 4 months I may be in a situation of loosing my home, business and

everything else.... On the bright side I will be able to start over again maybe I should get a

government job with a guaranteed paycheck and payraises and healthcare and vacations and

and and and and and..... I hope you get the point..... I have been at this type of work for

over 8 years....

- Electrician General electrical license Plant Electrical Supervisor License

- I am currently employeed. I am the GM of a small electrical contracting company. I have been

at the job since 1983.

- I am a 61 year old retired Journeyman Manufacturing Plant Electrician who worked thirty five

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years with Weyerhaeuser Paper Company in Springfield Oregon. I was a member of the Association of Pulp and Paper Workers (AWPPW) during my employ.

- I have been working in the electrical field for over 30 years and currently I am a small business

owner.

- electrician thirty years and we are in a depression dipshit you pols have finally fucked it up

royally this is the worst ever thanks for shipping all the jobs overseas that cheap shit at walmart doesnt look so hot when you dont have a job dem rep what r you i dont even know

youre all the same power is what you all seek that and campaign cash to stay in power somewhere in here youre going to ask for some whore .go fuck yourself

- Im a licensed Electrician in Oregon and once Washington , as well as idaho , after all the years

i worked in oregon , im now disabled and can no longer work at my trade, at this time in my

life i have not worked since jusy of 2008 and i wanted to work but who will hire an 60 year old

disabled man , yes im a member of ibew 48 and im proud to be a member

- I am a journeyman electrician in Bend Oregon. I am married and have 2 children. I have been

an electrician for over ten years. I am currently unemployed and volunteering my time to my company.

- Journeyman electrician 31 years in the trade in Oregon Working part time because of lack of

work and the economy

- I am an IBEW electrician working in the commercial / industrial construction industry. I have

over 30 years experience in the electrical field. I am currently unemployed.

- I work for an electrical contracting company in sales and marketing.

- HVAC contractor for 10 years. My biggest problems have been insurance, and license thru the

state. One of few who have grown thru the last several years.

- My name is Bryon Price. I am the Chief Engineer for two datacenters in the Hillsboro / Beaverton area. My employer is Jones Lang LaSalle ...parent company ACS (recently purchased by Zerox). I am responsible for the environmental control systems and security. I

am a salaried FTE. Basically the same job for the last 16 years. Recently completed my Bachelors Degree and LEED accredited.

4. To help us understand who you are, please give a brief statement of what you usually do for a living, how long you have been doing it, and what is your current employment situation.

- I am a Journeyman Electrician who has not had steady work since January '09 in Oregon. I am currently attending college to get away from the construction industry.
- I am an unemployed union electrician. IBEW
- I am a current employed electrician (foreman) and have been doing electrical for over 10 years
- I MAINTAIN AND OPERATE EQUIPMENT TO BATCH AND DELIVER READY-MIX CONCRETE FOR 30 YEARS BASICALLY UNEMPLOYED
- I have been a union electrician for 24 years and previous to that served my country ,my current status is unemployed
- I am a Plant Engineer for a private company in Oregon; I have an Electrical supervisor's card and was a contractor years ago. I am a board chairman for a community college who is in the process of building more classroom space. I am a planning commissioner for the past 13 years and work hard to protect and preserve property rights. I have been an electrician for 20 years and an engineer for four years. I am currently employed and took a pay reduction in 2009 to keep the company afloat. I am a Republican, however recently gave up my precinct and am embarrassed of our local GOP.
- I spent 4 years building homes in Vancouver (WA) supervising construction and doing all of the cost accounting. After that I spent 12 years maintaining a down town Portland high rise residential building (257 units) and the last year maintaining all of the HVAC for a private school here locally. This includes computer control and monitoring, system repairs, upgrades, conservation, and anything else that effects the systems here on campus.
- Electrician - 45 years - retired as there is no work available
- Manage a ILEC telecommunications company, serve on the local School Board and City Council. Still employed currently, but unless Oregon starts adopting a more conservative financial policy who knows.

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- I have worked as an electrician for over 38 years. I'm employed as a electrical supervisor for the last 13 years. When I retire in two years I plan on moving out of the state due to the high tax rate.
- Journeyman Electrician for 23 years. Worked on very large jobs ie Prison construction, and hospitals, as well as very small Tenant Improvements in local retail malls. I have been employed, but had no work for 3 months, I have the company van sitting in my driveway, while I'm having to look for other work, without any succes. We have a few jobs coming up, which were bid at zero profit, just to get work. Of course this is not sustainable.
- I`m a union construction electrician and have been involved in the industry since 1967. I am unemployed and have not worked since December 9,2008
- I have been in the electrical industry for nearly 30 years. I was first licensed as a journeyman electrician in Duval County Florida in 1984. I have since held licenses around the country. I am a current member of IBEW Local 48 Portland, Oregon, in good standing; and have been unemployed for lack of work since March 2, 2009. I am a full time (16 credit hours this term) student at Portland Community College as an electrical engineering major. I would gladly go back to work tomorrow if the opportunity presented itself, including the recent invitation from Canada to help them through their manpower shortage.
- I am in the electronic security industry and have been for 20 years. My experience is the only thing that keeps me employed. I am earning less though.
- Communications Technician with over 35 years experience. I work part time on security and video surveillance equipment.
- I am a recently retired plumber and a member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 290. For the past 10 years I worked as an assistant training coordinator in Local 290's training department. For the previous 10 years I worked as plumbing inspect for the City of Portland. I

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have been a licensed journeyman plumber for 39 years. I have also owned and operated a small plumbing company.

- I'm a L.E.A. who's primary responsibility is the new installations of Telephony and Data wiring and equipment. I give quotes /bids for new jobs, and run repairs on down systems. I have

been working in the industry for 20 years last January. Currently, I am technically unemployed working for my company still. The number of hours worth of work has been dropped and I am having to pay cobra to keep my insurance.

- I am a project manager for a large Electrical Contractor in Portland. I am currently employed and have been since moving here from California in 2006. I am a former business owner and have been in the trade for 24 years.

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- I am an Electrical Contractor in Portland for the last 25 years

- I have been working in the construction world as a limited energy electrician since 1992, I started out in residential for about four years, then transitioned to commercial, industrial, & institutional. I have been involved with leading the service department for two separate companies now for the past 11 years, I take care of fire alarm systems, access control systems, camera systems, and nurse call systems for many different customers in the Portland Metro area and across the state. I am currently employed full time as a service group supervisor.

- I am a general Journeyman Electrician (30 years Portland metro area) and have been unemployed for a year

- electrician,union,30+yrs.,unemployed 7 mos.

- I have been in high tech maintenance and facilities management for over 30 years and I am currently employed and will hopefully stay that way.

- Construction, 20 years, I am working in Seattle and have been 4 of the last 5 years.

- Plumber 25 years, Self employed

- I am a journeyman electrician with 11 years experience. I got laid off due to lack of work in

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2007 and have been working in a different field since then due to not being able to find a full

time job.

- Plumbing contractor. I've been in the trade 35 years, owned business 25 years.

- I am an Instrument Technician at a Pulp Mill. I've been doing this for 25 years. I am gainfully

employed. Instrument Techs never go without work unless they want to.

- I am a journeyman low voltage electrician with 12 years experience. My hours were cut this

week for the first time in 9 years. I know the current economic conditions were caused by

government action, not government inaction. Retroactive taxes, deficit spending, and threatened government take over of health care have dried up business.

- Union Electrician for the past 38 years, currently unemployed due to large jobs that should of

been UNION being given to Out of State NON UNION Contractors, who are bringing in out of

State workers to do the job.

- construction plumber, union, and working in hospitals, barely. I don't see any future ahead,

with dismal employment for the next two years at least. If things don't change soon, i think our

whole country is in trouble. No jobs anywhere even to travel to. What then?

- I am a owner of a small Plumbing company. I have been in this business for 35 years and have

owned my own plumbing company for 14 years. I have 8 employees that we keep busy. We

pay insurance for them and their families, which is another large problem. I don't see how I

can afford to keep this insurance at the present state. The cost has gone up so much over the

years that it is unbelievable.

- I am currently employed as an electrical inspector for the largest private employer in Oregon. I

have been in the construction trade as a wireman, foreman, general foreman, electrical contractor, consultant and lastly as an electrical inspector for the last 15 years with a total of 32

years in the trade. I work closely with two of the local jurisdictions on a daily basis and have

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an excellent working relationship with them. Some of the items referenced above is from personal dealings and some is from professional dealings. Again the many people that I have worked with within OCID are top notch, however it is the policies that they have to enforce

that need some serious re-vamping.

- Electrician 18yrs currently working

- I am a business owner. our company has been in existence for upwards of 12 years. I have

been a technician by trade for the last 15 years in the telecom industry. I still do technical work

and most of the sales and marketing for the company.

- I've been a construction electrician for 12 years and I'm currently unemployed. I have watched

most of the unlicensed trades in Oregon go to cheap Mexican labor. Most of whom have admitted to violating housing standards, and sending their money home to Mexico.

Some have

even been so bold to state that they have several Social Security Numbers that they work

under to avoid paying any taxes. When work is plentiful I don't mind sharing the work, but it's

not sharing when they are displacing so many American workers not to mention work is not

plentiful.

- I am the facilities manager and apprenticeship chairperson for West Linn Paper Company

(since 2002). I have been employed here in the maintenance/engineering field since 1985.

- I am 1/2 owner of a small plumbing company, I run the office. We've been in business for 12

yrs. We are alive and kicking. Not as busy as we used to be but we are still in business with a

faithful following of loyal customers.

- I have been an electrician for about 14 years. I have been out of work for 1 1/2 years now,

with no end in sight. Hopefully this helps a little, Thank You.

Harry Westmoreland

- I wish I had your job, I'd have unlimited health insurance right? I'm the paying the high taxes

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yet I have nowhere the benefits you have. Oh I'm just a hard working American, That feels

short changed by Our own government at times. Thanks for what you do, Im impressed I

even got a chance to vent, Thanks, Keep doing great things!

- I am a union 290 journeyman plumber. I've been in the trade for five years now. I am currently unemployed.

- Electrical contractor. Business is down considerably.

- I am a union electrician. I also do some building and Land development on my own. I see

both sides of many of these problems....What would really help is if there were strict penalties

for Public Workers who decide to use their own interpretation of the law in issuing rulings

- I am an electrician, I hold what used to be the golden ticket in Oregon an inside wireman's

license. Right now I haven't been able to find work since 8/6/2008. I was born in Tillamook in

1959 and have been in Bend since 1960. I love this state but I'm being forced to leave it

because of it's antibusiness climate. With government as big as it is in this state the private

sector doesn't have a chance (i.e. the passage of 66 and 67).

- work in the construction industry as a Project Manager / Design Engineer / electrician have

been doing this since 1970, working out of state

- I am a communications contractor

- I am a Project Manager (including estimator) for an electrical contractor. My responsibilities also

include code and safety compliance. I have worked in the field and in the office for my whole

career - 35 years. My employment situation is that I am working full hours - working harder

than ever to keep field employees working.

- I work for a small low voltage contractor. I've been in trade for almost 20 years. I sell and

install phone systems and audio video equipment and do cabling as well.

- I am a journeyman electrician with the IBEW 280 unemployed for over a year

- I am the 2nd of 3 generations involved in a local family operation that has been in business for

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28 years. We are electrical contractors and we specialize in commercial and residential fire, burg, access control, CCTV, custom A/V and lighting controls. Currently I employ 7 people and have been trying to hire 2 more for the last year. Unfortunately, most candidates do not meet our standards because the Apprenticeship Programs in Oregon SUCK... but that is another story. Frank 503-956-4481

- Currently serving in the private sector, Government Communications Systems Engineering and implementation for 32 years.
- I am an electrical contractor. I have been in business for 7 years.
- I am a Journeyman Plumber (non-union) in Central Oregon. I have been plumbing for 9 years.

I am currently out of work because of the economy and small 1 man shops coming in and underbidding everyone and then doing a poor job.

- i realized my dream of owning my own business. then pres. bush also realized any growth in any economy will come from private business. this current administration fails to understand economics period! all my partners in the same field are sinking fast. this is just the beginning of the end of capitalism and the drive engine of america. oh yes i was injured and can no longer work. i'm between a rock and a hard place for finances. this is the best we can do because we must provide for the have nots. when i was in business these folks wouldn't work.period. never will give those who want to a chance. you would be pleasantly suprised how fast the economy regains itself. people working = tax revenue. you can't increase tax's on those who don't have work.gotta get health care passed, liberal agenda.cap and tax(trade) gotta go green.business ever since time will fail.then some high school educated person like me will see an oppertunity for goods or services and go create a company. let gm and the banks fail. you don't straighten

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out the government first it is over!!!! gee this was nice. thank you for taking the time to do

this. too little too late though....its called government!!!!!!

- I am a supervising electrician at a commercial and industrial shop. I am currently employed

and have been an electrician for 16 years.

- I have worked as an electrician (manufacturing), maintenance supervisor, and electrical/controls manager for the last 20+ in Oregon.

- I have a communications business. and have been doing this line of work since 1984. I have

had to let go all of my employees due to the overhead that the gov. has burdened me with.

- Journeyman Electrician...for past fourteen years. Currently laid off, Un-employed, angry and

very concerned about my economic future as well as the USA!!!!!!

- Electrician / Estimator 22 years , Employed with the work situation being very slow.

- I am a Mechanic/Welder/Electrician since 1975 currently working in industry as an electrician.

- Journeyman level electrician specializing in residential and small commercial projects. Entered

apprenticeship with the IBEW in 1996, completed in 2001. Currently laid off, my 3rd recession

in that span of time. Had hoped the solar industry would ignite, having received certifications

to work as a Trade Ally with the ETO and ODOE. The current economic climate ground that

away,...completely.

- I am a licensed speciality electrician in more than one state. I work for myself, teach and write

books to help others get and or keep their licenses in the electrical trade.

- Established Electrical contractor in 1980. Currently employee 11 people. Before Obomanomics I

employed 22 on average.

- Logging and forest management 30 yrs. Electrician 10 yrs. Unemployed and very little hope

for several years to come. Too much intrusive government regulation and tax.

- I am a union electrician. I am usually a foreman on medium size construction projects. I have

been doing this for 14 years and I have worked steadily up until January of this year.

This is

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the first time in my career that I have not worked for more than 4 weeks. Obviously, the current economic environment has had a major impact on us over the last year and continues to look grim in the near term.

- I am a steel fabricator, welder, machinist, electrician, millwright. I have Oregon licenses for electrician, machinist and welding. I have been in this trade since 1966 and I have been unemployed for over a year. I am currently going to school to upgrade my electrical skills. I do not have the blue electrician's card, so I can't get any union jobs EVEN THOUGH I PASSED THE EXACT SAME TEST. This is an example of how government works for the average worker
- I am self-employed accountant/bookkeeper. I have worked with the construction industry for the last 25 years. Prior to that I was a jet engine mechanic/intelligence in the Air Force for 11 years.
- Plant maintenance electrician over 10 years in OR, and yes I am one of the few lucky ones employed.
- I am the owner of Casey's Plumbing Inc., Rooter n Drains and Metro's Best Electric
- electrical, 35 yrs cell tower work and yes I'm always working the only business alive in this state is cell phone.co. because no matter how rich or poor everyone has a cell phone and computers in this country
- Electrical contracting. 10+ years. Currently doing work in other states where licensing, workers comp, and local regulation, permit fees etc. are not as much of a hindrance.
- I am an Electrician. I have worked in several construction fields. My whole family is in construction, including my children and brothers. Most all of us have been unemployed or under employed. for more than a year. I have only worked 4 months in the last two years. I am a 3rd generation construction worker and my sons are 4th generation. These type of jobs need to be preserved as we are one of the last bastions of the middle class
- I have served our state for 21 years as a plumber. I am the owner of a 10 year old S Corp

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plumbing business that employs 2 full time and 3 part time employees and actively manage the business as well as work in the field.

- Maintenance supervisor 10 years and still working.
- Inside Journeyman Electrician 15 years Averaging about 20 hours a week
- I have been a Journeyman electrician since 1990 I moved here from Wisconsin and enjoyed

some very good times here from the 1990s I since have been unemployed every year for 4-6

months all through the 2000s we also have seen our pensions desinagate to 4 times less on

monthly defined benefits what were getting for 10 years takes 30+ years.

- Electrician, out of work, been doing it for 37 years
- I am sorry, I now see that I am not the person you need to talk to because I am not familiar

with the issues you bring forth. I am retired and have not worked since 2003.

- I am a plumber and small business owner, (Re-pipe of Southern Oregon Ilc). I have been

plumbing for about 9 years. I've been in business for myself for 2 years. I do very little new

construction, mostly service and repairs.

- I am a construction electrician and I do new, remodel, commercial, industrial, have done

residential and I am currently unemployed do to lack of jobs or projects. I work for a local

contractor that has little to no work. It this keeps up we will loose good established quality

contractors all over the state. I was one of the fortunate ones that built a school recently and

now there are done too. There is little work to be done in southern Oregon and we need projects quickly, major projects.

- Electrician for 36 years. Working full time as a general foreman. Unfortunately I have to work in Africa.

- Electrician General Journeymen >25 years, General Foreman at Portland Bulk Terminal 5 for 10 years

- I'm currently employed as a Maintenance Supervisor with a specialty metals company I hold a

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(PJ) Plant Journeyman electrical license (LME) limited maint electrical license, state licensed

Millwright and Boiler operator I've been working in Industry for over 30 yrs now for companies

here in Oregon like Eastman Kodak, Boise Cascade, Certainteed Corp., Cavenham Lumber, and

Point Adams Packing Co. and ATI WahChang.

- I am temporarily unemployed, would at this time enjoy part time work during the day, and

week days. I have been unemployed for over 1 year. I have an Oregon State Industrial Plant

Supervisor's license . I have been an Electrician for over 30 years, Even though I am 72 years

young I consider myself in good health and enjoy working.

- I am a heating and air conditioning contractor. I have two employees plus a part time book

keeper. I rarely do new construction so that part of the industry has not effected my company.

New installations have slowed down to the point that both of my employees are laid off. The

repair work has been busy but it too is slowing down.

- Have been involved in the building trades since 1980, have owned a residential construction

company. Presently a wide area network administrator.

- I am a Facility Manager who has worked in the construction/electrical trades for over 20 yrs. I

am currently employed but with the assault on business by our "Representatives" if I ever find

myself unemployed I will be leaving this state.

- I'm a Oregon licensed electrician forced to work in Alaska because all the manufacturing jobs

went away.

- I am a Union electrician, working in a service dept. I drive a van and am doing industrial

service work. I have been a construction electrician in the past. I have been in service for 15

yrs. and in this trade for 17 yrs. total. Prior to this I was a manufacturing engineer for a high

tech. company, doing mechanical machine shop new product introduction to mfg.

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- Solar and radiant heating systems, four employees, incorporated. In business for 30 years.

Provide Group health insurance. CCB lic, boilers' lic, solar lic, other business lics'. We feel very fortunate to have chosen a nitch many years ago that happens to be popular at the present time.

- Elecrical Contractor. in 25 years, we have never seen a slow down like this. Had to lay off 5 men last week

- I am currently employed as a federal power system energy dispatcher. I have been working in the enrgy and power industry for about 15 years.

- Have Owned a HVAC co. since 1985. Still trying to survive in OREGON's anti Bus Climate

- I am a partner in an electrical contracting firm based in Fruitland, Idaho. At least 50% of our work is in Oregon and some of our employees live in Oregon. We have been in business for

25+ years and I have been invovled for 23 years. We have had to lay off some employees

(Oregon residents) and have managed to keep some busy for now. However, if things do not improve soon, we may be forced to lay off more or even close the shop.

- I'm a low voltage tech. and work out of local 48 for the IBEW right now I'm unemployed and

have been since OCT. 2009 I was last employed by EC in Portland. In January 2010 I was sent

back to the hall VS sitting on the hook for EC which I thought was crappy cause at least I

wasn't at the hall I was 1 step closer to the work. I have been doing this type of work since

1999 and recently upgraded my license to a LEA hoping that it would give me more opportunities. Right now there seems to more work coming out of the hall but I'm so far down

the books but, I hope to be back to work by summer 2010. There is one oppportunity that we

have and that is to travel to Salt Lake City and work on a data center there. The wages are not

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even close to what we make here and I would lose money trying to keep my house here and living down there for a months worth of work.

- I have been an electrician since 2000 and worked for a general contractor since 1992 prior to that, all in Oregon. Currently I am unemployed and have been mostly since June of 2009.

With my time off I am studying for my electrical supervisor license and setting up to start my own electrical contractor business. I am under no illusions, and realize that even when I have set up my own business I am still hoping to start out in an upside down economy but what other options do I have? I must work at something to better myself and provide for my family.

I have to admit that I don't know exactly who you are or how you got my email but am honored to have you as a government leader value a common construction worker such as myself enough to ask my opinions and not just send a multiple choice questionnaire. I sincerely hope my responses are helpful.

- I am a small company that employees 15 people..... We are managing a company and its budget... And are not asking for people to give us anything more than we can earn..... Let's try to turn this around...not put us out of business... I have been doing this for 25 years and I am thinking of move to Washington or just closing the company..... I know more people are thinking the same thing.....

- I have been an electrician for 29 years in Oregon.

- i've done plumbing and pipefitting for over 40 years all over oregon. my current situation is a retiree. i have worked on many major projects. i've held many licenses to be able to work.

- CURRENTLY I AM A WAREHOUSE MANAGER FOR A HARD WOOD FLOORING DISTRIBUTION COMPANY. WE SELL FLOORING SUPPLIES TO THE CONTRACTORS. BUSINESS IS SLOW. I'VE

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BEEN DOING THIS FOR 3 YEARS. BEFORE THAT I WAS A LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICIAN FOR 17

YEARS BUT I HAD TO CHANGE INDUSTRIES TO FIND WORK.

- I am an IBEW journeyman electrician, and have been in the trade for going on 6 years. I have been laid off since 09/05/09, and my employment situation is so dismal that I am going to

Canada for work for probably the next 3 to 4 months.

- I'm an electrician for 35 years and unemployed.

- I am a semi retired LE journeyman electrician. I currently am a supervisor for Dept. Homeland Security..

- I have been a plumbing contractor for 29 years. I have seen many economic cycles in my

career. This is the worst one I have experienced. At this point in my career due to the economy, new tax laws and government regulations, I will most likely call it quits. In the past

I have hung on through bad times in my belief that a better business climate is coming. Now

I'm not so sure and I'm not willing to risk what capital that I have just for the government to

take it away from me.

- electrician 33 years unemployed

- I have a journeyman electrician license but have worked in professional managerial capacity

for the past twenty years. I am currently unemployed - thank you Barrack.

- I am an electrician, who normally works on large commercial and industrial projects. I started

my career in 1979, so I have been doing this for over 30 years. I am currently on UEI, but

that is part of the industry. This economy has made it a bit worse, but not intolerable. I realized when I first got into the trades that unemployed times would occur, and I planned my

finances to account for it.

- I am the Estimator, Project Manager of the Commercial/Industrial Division of A&J Electric

Located in Forest Grove. I have been in the Electrical Contracting Business since 1988 (22

years). I have worked for both Union and Non-Union Contractors. Before going to work with

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A&J Electric to build their Commercial Division, I worked on the Oregon INTEL sites for 15

years for various Electrical Contractors, but mostly for New Tech Electric, and ECCO.

This gives

me experience from the small 1 man pick-up work projects to running 30 million dollar projects

with 420 men in the field at a time.

- I work for a lighting maintenance company that services major retailers in OR, WA, and CA.

We are currently very busy but our margins have been shrinking over the last 2 years. Some of

the work is not worth doing.

- Electrical construction and repair - currently employed full time. I have been an electrician for 35 years.

- My name is Kris Leonard. I work as an instrument technician. I hold an Oregon Plant Journeyman license. I have been doing this for seven years. I am currently employed with the

City Of Portland

- I have been an electrician for 20 years, and have been involved with many large projects and

have seen a lot of wasted spending, and large costly mistakes on planning and revenue. It does

not seem as though public safety and quality workmanship are as important as appearance and

rules that make no sense. It seems as though there are people just making up rules to keep

their position in an office, and some just are not revolving around common sense. I am unemployed now as there are no jobs that require my skills at this time. I am still with the

same company, but am hoping the company can stay in business. It's not looking good, as

their fees keep going up and their jobs keep going down. I like working for this company, but

when they can't win bids for reasons I discussed earlier, than we don't work. I'm hoping for

better times.

- Bookkeeper - 47 years - am employed currently - 40+ hours per week.

- I'm a native Oregonian for over 55 years & have worked as a professional in the construction

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industry most of my life. Currently unemployed and have been for most of the past year.

- I provide electrical and lighting services for theatre, festivals, trade shows and other special

events. I have been employed full time in this industry for 26 years, 11 of which were selfemployed.

I also work part time as a stagehand.

- i am a limited energy electrician, data network engineer, fiber optic certified technician, i am

certified on 32 different phone systems and voice mail, i install wireless internet and intranet

systems, as well as voip, security, CATV, sound and lighting systems, home theater, commercial

theater, and closed circuit systems, i have been on the cutting edge of technology for the past

12 years. i have owned my own business for 3 years. i live and work out of seaside orgeon,

and i am the only technician in the area that is this diversified. my customers include tongue

point job corps, and clatsop community college, as well as most of the hospitality industry.

- I am an limited energy electrician, been so since 1996. My am currently employed as a LEA

- I am a ltd energy electrician for 23 yrs here in oregon and have been unemployed since april

2009

- I own an Oregon company that provides business to business equipment sales, installation,

and support. I have been in this line of work for 35 years. I have operated my current company for 15 years. We work nationwide. Oregon and Washington are the most

difficult

states to work in.

- I have been a licensed Journey Man Electrician for twenty years. I have also had to have other

means of support because of the construction roller coaster that we all ride being tradesmen. I

have not been working as an electrician for 18 months. And the other work that I have done

has also been greatly affected by our current situation.

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- I'm a journeyman electrician. Been with the same contractor for 22 years. Currently laid off due to lack of work. The current market is the worse I have seen in my career. Thank you for reaching out
- I am a communications technician currently employed. I have a son who is in the building industry and has been unemployed and currently he has an underwater mortgage.
- I am manager of a telecommunications company. 28 years
- Inside wireman electrician, currently unemployed.
- Union Electrician- 30 years- unemployed for 1 year plus.
- I am a journeyman electrician, I have been an electrician for 10 years. I have been unemployed for almost 8 months. I have never been unemployed this long it is ridiculous. I will probably have to file for bankruptcy.
- I am a Oregon Licensed Journeyman Plumber, I have been in the trade for 16yrs, I had a Plumbing & Remodeling business for 9yrs, which I closed down a little over a year ago because of the costs to be in business & the economy!! I work for another Plumbing Co. since then, working less than 30 hours a week, & am staring a home foreclosure directly in the FACE!!
- Food Processing Management position - 29 years and currently employed although our business is down and we had a reduction of our workforce by 15% in November. Measure 67 will also have a negative impact on our business.
- I work seasonally and earn extra money as a contractor in the off season.
- commercial Hvac/r technician 10yrs. employed
- I am an electrician. Have been for 35 years and owned my own company for a while. I am employed.
- We manufacture and install interior & exterior signs, informational displays and wayfinding/directional displays. In business in Oregon since 1971.
- Non-union electrical contractor, wire wind turbines, 12 years, working.
- I am Michael Elsberry, CEO of A & E Security and Electronic Solutions. Been doing this for 25 years. While trade jobs have been ruined by the current economy, we have laid off zero

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workers. That being said. We have lost money for nearly 2 years now, trying to preserve

every worker. Measure 66/67 will make us lose a worker to compensate for losses.

Frankly, if

I could move my business I would. We have had revenue decline of 40% in two years.

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state cries when it is down at all. Do you really think our behavior in government really encourages any positive feelings.

- I spent 5 yrs as an apprentice. I have all the training that I need to make a decent living. I am

currently unemployed. I am a union electrician and there are over 500 people in front of me on

the out of work list. At the rate people are going back to work it will be 32 months before I

have a job again. I have learned the skills to provide for my family. I would like to become a

licensed contractor, but the current laws will not allow me to. I have been an electrician for 8

yrs. My family and I are considering moving to a different state where we have more opportunity.

- I am an Electrical maintenance supervisor at a chemical plant. But have had experience with

working with a very restraining set of regulation in building code regulations.

- 38 years in the plumbing and piping industry, working as a journeyman, foreman and project

manager and estimator for a mechanical contractor. Experience in residential, commercial and

industrial construction on many small and multimillion dollar projects in the northern part of

Oregon. Currently retired but still teaching apprenticeship classes

- Have been a union electrician for 45 years, including 17 years in business in Arizona before

moving to Oregon in 1996. Retired a year and a half ago.

- I worked 34 years for a telcom company. The company is down sized like so many companies

in Oregon. So I retired Dec 5th 2009. I want to do something else but haven't found any job

yet. The PUC wants too much control. Then the city's are allowed to tax large amounts for

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right away fee's. The Communication company should be allowed to keep the fee's and return

them to improving service to our customers in this state. The government is only trying to

grow beyond its means. All aspects of government. (cities, county, state and federal)

- I have been a construction electrician for 12 years. Then I was a electrical contractor for 4

years and have been working as a maintenance electrician for the last 6 years.

- I am am mother of two children, married. I work part time as a hair stylist and have been

doing it for 6 years. I am employed at supercuts. I like to take care of the planet by doing little

things. I enjoy cooking healthy meals for my family.

- Retired maintenance electrician with 30 years exp. and currently employed part-time as an

electrical associate/specialist at a local HD.

- I have been a construction electrician for 12 years. Then I was a electrical contractor for 4

years and have been working as a maintenance electrician for the last 6 years.

- I AM AN ESTIMATOR, PROJECT MANAGER, AND SCHEDULER FOR AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, WE MAINLY DO COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL PROJECTS, I HAVE BEEN DOING

THIS FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS, I AM CURRENTLY WORKING, WE HAVE A FEW MONTHS WORTH OF WORK IN FRONT OF US.

- I.B.E.W. local 48 electrician, 15 years of service, and unemployed since March of 2009.

- My licensing, Journeman Sign Electrician, Welder certification, Class A CDL, Electrical contractor, CCB. New requirements Crane cert. & Fork lift? Almost all licenses require continuing ed. The purpose of all this is to make it impossible to acheive success w/o having

large investors and to keep workers working and total employer control. I look for work daily

and am black balled for standing against YESCO for complaining of apprentices working alone

and unlicensed out of state workers do our work. I am on unemployment looking for work and

trying to start my own buisness in hopes of survival. They asked me to go home for the day

and had an apprentice work alone!

- Electrician, M&W electric

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- I'm a journeyman electrician. I've been in the trade for 14 years. I haven't worked since July 2009.
- Electrical Contractor for 8 years, employment steady at this time.
- I am a licensed (in Oregon and Washington) journeyman plumber, I have been doing this for 20 years, I have been unemployed for more than a year now, I cannot find anyone hiring
- Journeyman electrician, 10 years, unemployed for first time in life, 38 years old.
- I am a sign installer and have been working in this industry for over 40 years in all positions including management. I am now unemployed.
- electrician...25 years...unemployed for most of last year
- I have been in the electrician trade since 2001. I do the estimating for a small electrical shop and perform service work for residential and commercial customers.
- Owner of a small low voltage contractor. Over 30 years and still struggling in this economy to keep the doors open.
- I manage a branch of a mechanical/service company. I have been in the industry for 23 years.
- I have been an installation manager for 14 years and am currently doing estimates for national companies for Alarm, Access, CCTV and Fire systems. My territory is the state of Oregon and SW Washington
- I am an out of work electrician. I scored a 94 on my Journeyman's test and was laid off. I am now going back to school to become an engineer. After the recent tax increases on businesses, I believe I will end up moving out of the state that I have lived in my whole life. Thanks
- At this time, I work for a company in heavy industry as a supervisor of a small department, and have worked for the same company for going on forty-two years. As for my current employment situation, I plan to work for at least the remainder of the year - perhaps, longer.
- Mike Jacobs- 503-312-1385 Electrician I am employed full time working in the industrial manufacturing and maintenance field at this time. I have worked in the electrical construction

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trade since 1984

- I am retired due to lack of work. I hold a Limited Energy Electrician's license. I haven't worked

since last April.

- I own and operate a specialty Low Voltage Contracting Company. We are having a very good

year, due to diversification.

- 40 years in the IT field. I also try to remodel a house every year. I am currently (2 years)

unemployed.

- I was employed as an electrician and electrical superintendent for over 14 years. I ran electrical

construction projects in Or, Wa and Ca. My company closed our local office in Nov. 2009. I am

currently unemployed, as are many others.

- I have been in the telecommunications contracting business since 1994. I started in the field

and have worked my way up to running a \$5 million a year business.

- Residential/ Commercial Door Sub-contractor.

- ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR FOR 27 YEARS. SEMI RETIRED

- Unemployed electrician with 15 years of experience