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ONLY 10 DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER FORTHE 2018 CHRISTMAS GALA

November 16, 2018 – You have only 10 days to go before our <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>CHRISTMAS GALA</u> registration closes. This year's event will once again be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel on November 30th with the popular Sway Orchestra performing. There is still room for you to register by visiting the ECA Ottawa

website at <u>www.ecaottawa.org</u> to book your spot online. Please note the hotel room block is sold out. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 30th.



ECA OTTAWA WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

The ECA Ottawa is proud to welcome **SBL Electric Inc** to our list of members. Owners Stephane Burelle and Robert Levesque are excited to be a part of the ECA. They now have access to the entire list of educational offerings, discount programs, business tools and much more. Please join us in congratulating SBL Electric Inc. and welcoming them to ECA Ottawa.



JOINT PROPOSAL – TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED

The Electrical Trade Bargaining Agency (ETBA) of the ECAO and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Construction Council of Ontario (IBEW/CCO) reached a tentative Joint Proposal last month.

It has been sent out to IBEW members and ECAs for ratification. With this no strike, no lock moving forward, local bargaining has begun starting November 2, 2018 and running until January 18, 2019 with the assistance of a mediator. Provincial bargaining is scheduled to take place the week of February 11, 2019.



US MIDTERM ELECTIONS 2018 - TODAY

AMERICANS head to the polls today for a pivotal midterm election seen as a referendum on the first two years of the volatile presidency of Donald Trump. With control of Congress at stake, all eyes are on several dozen close House and

Senate races that will decide if Democrats or Republicans control the legislative bodies. All 435 seats in the House of Representatives, 35 seats in the 100-member Senate and 36 governorships are up for grabs. Democrats need a net gain of 23 seats to take control of the House and polls give them a good chance to do so. Republicans enjoy a slim 51-49 edge in the Senate and are favoured to hang on to their majority, but the race remains uncertain and there may be some nasty surprises. Early voting has seen a record turnout, but weather could be a factor today with thunderstorms, high winds and power outages affecting the deep south and mid-Atlantic regions. Results are expected to trickle in after the first polls close around 6:00pm EST.



CANNABIS LEGALIZATION PUTS ONUS ON SITE MANAGER

Construction contractors must take definitive steps to ensure they've done enough due diligence to mitigate any liability flowing from an incident or injury resulting from a worker who is impaired by marijuana, says leading health and safety lawyer Norm Keith. To read the full article please <u>click here</u>.