



Professional Electrical Apparatus Recyclers League (PEARL)

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2013 PEARL Electrical Safety, Reliability and Sustainability Conference & Exhibition to Feature Latest Market Trends and Industry Advancements

PEARL to bring electrical leaders together for three days of exhibits, educational sessions, technical training, receptions, tours, and industry events in New Orleans

AURORA, Colo., Jan. 17, 2013 – The Professional Electrical Apparatus Recyclers League (PEARL) is heading to the heart of Bayou Country May 18-20 to host its 2013 Electrical Safety, Reliability and Sustainability Conference & Exhibition. Prominent industry professionals interested in the electrical safety and reliability of remanufactured and recycled electrical equipment and apparatus are expected to attend the three-day event at the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans.

PEARL's 16th annual Electrical Safety, Reliability and Sustainability Conference & Exhibition will feature exhibits, educational sessions, technical training, receptions, tours, and special industry events. Receptions, luncheons, and breaks will take place near the exhibit area where attendees can update themselves on the most recent products, services, and trends in the industry. Additionally, there will be outside activities for participants, spouses, and guests.

The conference will highlight a comprehensive range of important topics that includes electrical safety, electrical equipment sustainability, reconditioning electrical equipment, electrical technician training, small business management and leadership, and much more. Running Saturday through Monday, the Electrical Safety, Reliability and Sustainability Conference & Exhibition includes a two-day technician training track on low- and medium-voltage disconnect switch operation, testing, and maintenance in addition to the general sessions.

Kicked off by a jazz and lunch cruise on Saturday aboard the Steamboat Natchez, exhibits and general sessions will begin on Sunday with opening remarks from New Orleans Mayor Mitchell J. Landrieu*. Sunday's general sessions begin with a discussion of lubricant maintenance by high-voltage specialists FirstPower Group. SKF-USA continues with a presentation on bearing reliability in critical assets, followed by business management consultants Leadership Management International presenting "Soft Skills, Hard Results: Knowing Your Management Style." Sunday concludes with a presentation from Utility Relay Company on the advantages of retrofitting circuit breakers.

Monday will be highlighted by a morning keynote address from noted electrical testing expert Jim White of Shermco Industries, who will examine electrical maintenance as a safety issue. The final day of the PEARL conference is jam-packed with relevant topics, including National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies' (NICET) take on the value of certification, followed by a progress report on PEARL's technician certification program under development. Author and testing specialist John Cadick concludes the day's technical presentations with a presentation on a new technique for predicting the present condition and remaining life of a vacuum interrupter.

Monday also holds PEARL's membership meeting, closing reception, and awards presentation, which includes the announcement of the PEARL Member of the Year Award, introduction of the newly elected PEARL board of directors, and the PEARL president-elect presentation.

Exhibitor space for the electrical industry's preeminent annual safety, reliability and sustainability event is limited and going fast, so companies interested in showcasing their products and services should act quickly. Special offers are also available for early-bird registration. Interested attendees and exhibitors should contact the PEARL office at (877) 287-3275, send an email to pearl@pearl1.org, or visit www.Pearl1.org. Corporations that join PEARL within 30 days of the end of the conference will have up to 100 percent of their conference registration fee applied toward their first year's PEARL membership.

About PEARL:

Founded in 1997, the Professional Electrical Apparatus Recyclers League (**PEARL**) creates, collects, and disseminates information, policies, procedures, and standards to ensure the proper recycling and reuse of electrical power equipment. Its 70+ corporate members must meet strict technical, safety, and operational requirements.

** Speakers subject to change without notice*