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Gene Kent is the director of IBEW-NECA Technical Institute (IN-Tech). Over his 25-year career, he has developed a passion for the unionized electrical industry. Kent's passion for the first 20 years in his career was to be a great electrician. After having the privilege of running work for one of Local 134's great contractors, Kent's passion shifted to teaching the next generation of apprentices. He then spent two years as an instructor, developing apprentices into journeypersons. As director, Kent's passion has changed to helping develop the people of the unionized electrical industry. His passion gives him the energy and focus to utilize every minute of experience from the field, every interaction as an instructor and every bit of knowledge learned from higher education to create opportunities to benefit the unionized electrical industry of NECA and the IBEW Local 134. He is a member of the International Foundation's Apprenticeship, Training and Education Committee. Through his career as journeyperson, general-foreman, instructor and director, he earned a B.S. degree from Illinois Institute of Technology and an M.S. degree in education from Purdue University, and he is currently pursuing a Ph.D. degree in organizational leadership at Concordia University.