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Gene is the executive director of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers–National Electrical Contractors Association (IBEW-NECA) Technical Institute (IN-Tech). Over his 27-year career Gene has developed a passion for the unionized electrical industry. His passion for the first 20 years in his career was to become a great electrician. After having the privilege of running work for one of Local 134's great contractors, Gene's passion shifted to teaching the next generation of apprentices. He then spent two years as an instructor developing apprentices into journeypersons. Now, as director of IN-Tech, Gene's passion has changed to help support and develop the people of the unionized electrical industry. Beginning when his oldest son turned one and through his career as journeyperson, general-foreman, instructor, and now director, Gene has earned a B.S. degree from Illinois Institute of Technology, an M.S. degree in education design from Purdue University, and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in organizational leadership at Concordia University. Gene's amazing wife, three wonderful children, and passion give him the energy, dedication, and discipline to utilize every minute of experience from the field and life, every interaction as an instructor, and every bit of knowledge learned from higher education to create opportunities to benefit the unionized electrical industry, including the contractors of NECA and the members of IBEW Local 134.