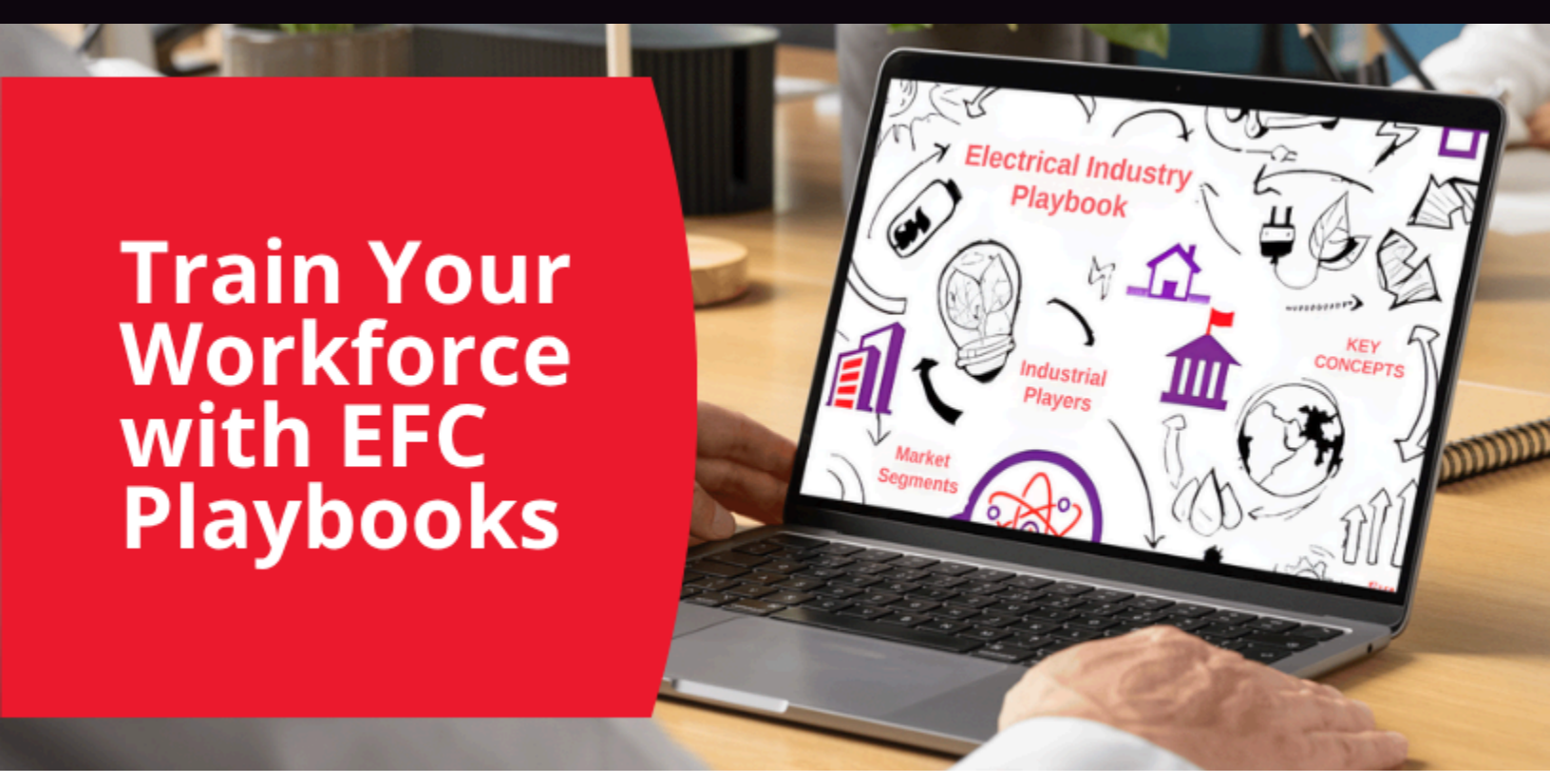
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This Week's Top Story | October 23, 2026



Give New Employees a Stronger Start with EFC's Industry Playbooks

Help new employees build industry knowledge from day one. Available exclusively to EFC members, the Electrical Industry Playbook and Industrial Automation Playbook are eLearning courses designed to complement company onboarding programs. From understanding key industry players and markets to learning how business gets done, these resources provide a foundation that employers can build upon. Accompanying Manager's Guides help connect that learning to each company's customers, markets and business operations.

Discover how EFC's Playbooks can support your onboarding and employee development efforts.

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Industry News

EFC Welcomes New Manufacturer Member: Dialight – Read more

EFC Government Relations

Federal Government Announces $430 Million in Skilled Trades Training Funding – Through the Union Training and Innovation Program (UTIP), funding over five years will support the construction and expansion of union training centres ($197.2 million), innovative apprenticeship initiatives ($135 million) and training equipment ($100 million). The federal contribution toward eligible equipment costs will temporarily increase from 50% to 70%. The investment aims to expand apprenticeship training capacity and help address skilled trades workforce needs across Canada. Read more

Canada Commits $100 Million to Nova Scotia Offshore Wind Development – The investment will support research, wind and ocean data collection, transmission modelling and marine surveys as part of Nova Scotia's Wind West initiative. This includes exploring electricity transmission connections to Québec, Ontario and other markets. Nova Scotia aims to license up to five gigawatts of offshore wind capacity by 2030, with an initial call for bids planned for winter 2027. The initiative could support future clean electricity generation and transmission infrastructure development. Read more

Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford Launch New Action Plan to Protect Workers from Tariffs and Strengthen Ontario Industries – Read more

EFC Business Confidence Poll Results | Q4 2026 – Forty-three per cent of survey respondents reported supply chain challenges affecting their ability to serve customers, up from 29% in Q3. View the full results. EFC members can access more detailed insights by membership category (CEMRA, Distributor, Manufacturer), product category, and region by participating in the next quarterly Business Confidence Poll.

Share Your Community Impact in 2026 – EFC invites members to share how their organizations have given back to communities across Canada this year. Whether through fundraising, volunteer efforts, charitable donations or other community initiatives, we want to learn about your company's contributions and the positive impact they've made. Share your stories

EFC Quebec Rallies Support for Montreal Women's Shelter Le Chaînon – EFC's Quebec Region is joining forces with Le Chaînon, a Montreal-based organization dedicated to supporting women in vulnerable situations. Through this partnership, EFC aims to support Le Chaînon's mission and make a meaningful contribution to the well-being of women in our community. As part of this initiative, Franklin Empire and Desdowd are currently participating in a donation drive at their offices. This is an excellent opportunity for members to make a difference in the communities in which they live and work. We are seeking two additional companies with an office in Montreal to host a donation collection bin over the next two weeks. For more details, or to get involved, contact EFC Quebec team lead Lorance De Carvalho

Giving Back Together: Support the Ontario YPN GIVE Food Drive Campaign – YPN Ontario, in collaboration with the Ontario Region and the Women's Network Ontario Region, is proud to continue its annual GIVE Food Drive in support of Haven on the Queensway through the end of the year. Every donation helps provide essential food to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our communities. Join us in making a meaningful impact for those who need it most. Read more | Donate now

NEW: EFC Atlantic's "Panel Power Lunch" | November 19 – Join us for an informative and engaging panel discussion on smart building design and how it can be maximized under the latest CE Code changes. Our panel of experts will also examine the critical impact of energy management and how advanced technologies are driving greater efficiency, lowering costs, and shaping the future of sustainable building design. Registration includes lunch. Register now

LAST CALL: YPN Ontario GATHER: Pickleball Night | October 27 – Get ready for an evening of pickleball, networking and friendly competition at Pickleplex Social Club in Cambridge! From 5-7 PM, enjoy some time on the court with fellow young professionals, followed by an optional networking reception at Beertown from 7-8 PM. All skill levels are welcome! Register now

LAST CALL: YPN Atlantic Volunteer Day | October 27 – Earlier this year, the YPN Atlantic Committee directed funds from its National YPN Day event to support the Nova Scotia SPCA. Now, the YPN and Women's Network Atlantic Committees are teaming up to offer members the opportunity to volunteer at the SPCA Dartmouth Thrift Store to give back and support local pets in care. Limited spots are still available on October 27 (October 28 is full). The volunteer day runs from 1-3 PM Atlantic Time. If you are interested in partcipating, click here to complete the form to secure your spot. For any questions or more information, contact Dennis Potharst

LAST CALL: Women's Network Ontario: The Leadership Hot Seat: Competitive Perspectives in Sales Leadership | October 29 – Join us for a lively panel featuring five industry leaders sharing perspectives on navigating competition, building high-performance teams, developing talent, driving execution and making critical sales decisions in today's fast-paced market. Following the panel, an anonymous Ask-Me-Anything session gives attendees the opportunity to ask candid questions, explore challenges facing their teams, gain practical insights and connect with fellow industry peers. This event is open to all EFC members. Join the more than 50 members are already registered. Register now

LAST CALL: Women's Network Quebec "Body Break" Session | October 30 – Members of EFC's Quebec Women's Network are invited to get active, move, and connect with fellow industry professionals! Choose between a spinning or Pilates session, followed by healthy bites, a refreshing beverage, and an opportunity to network with inspiring women from across our industry. Spots are limited, so register early! Register now

REMINDER: YPN Quebec Round Table | November 5 – Quebec's Young Professionals Network invites you to a panel discussion with four industry leaders on four different topics of relevance to industry members in a speed panel format. To learn more, or to register, click here

REMINDER: Women's Network Atlantic Bowling Night | November 5 – It's that time of year again—for bowling! Join Atlantic Women's Network members on November 5 for an evening of bowling, networking, and fun at Bowlarama Bayers Road. We'll have three lanes reserved, along with snacks, refreshments, and plenty of opportunities to connect with fellow members. Register now

YPN Atlantic GATHER Moncton | November 12 – Join us at Magnetic Hill Winery for wine tasting, a guided tour and an evening of networking with fellow Atlantic YPNs. Learn how to taste wine like a pro, sample award-winning wines and explore the vineyards and production room. Discover how local grapes, fruits and maple syrup are used in winemaking. Then enjoy local meats, artisanal cheeses and a glass of your favourite wine before a round of "Thirsty Thursday Trivia." Register now

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In Memoriam: Raymond Cowan – View the tribute page

EB Horsman Announces Appointment of Hector Cham as Branch Manager of Richmond, BC Branch – View the LinkedIn post

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