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This whole process of trying to play by the rules is frustrating. We have contacted several of the recommended testing centers for the ATT HVAC Certification program so we can become certified. I've spoken with other commercial contractors and they feel the same way. This whole thing is a shakedown. As it stands right now the only companies or people that can be ATT Certified are UNION contractors. Why because they won't give you a test unless your part of the union because they are the only ones providing the training. And I'm sorry what does a sheet metal union or NEBB or TABB know about how a mechanical unit functions? They are not field technicians? They play an important roll to insure the units economize correctly and that the air system functions but they could not tell you the temperature that a unit switches to economize or how to test it? The Title 24 ATT portion as it stands now even if rolled out will lead to more companies working without permits. I thought the goal was to insure we as contractors standardize the work that is performed to insure that we meet the energy savings goals for the State of California? In that process we need to make it easier for people to comply not ensure they won't! You wan't to have a successful ATT program? Offer the ATT testing to any qualified candidates and make the testing material readily available. Require maintenance classes or seminars to keep your ATT Certification in good standing. Show the goal of the ATT Certification program is truly to: save energy for the State of California, provide a proper operating and functioning facility for the tenants and building owners. Then show the HVAC contractors how that program requires some training but will provide a guaranteed performing building to the public and for them an workable program.

If this program is unworkable and too expensive then you are going to have groups like BOMA, CREW, IFMA, etc. swarming the capital like locusts to have it de-clawed or overturned. I would rather see us move forward in a positive way than to have a program in turmoil and the industry unclear on the future direction.