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Although the threshold requirements have been met for implementing mandatory use of Mechanical ATT's, and while there may be sufficient coverage across all California counties, there seems to be a disproportionate number of ATT's trained by each of the four approved certification providers; CSPTC, NEMIC, NEBB, & RSES. NEBB has just (1) ATE & ATT certified according to their website listing, while CSPTC & NEMIC (both UNION affiliated) appear to have the most ATE's & ATT's certified, but have requirements that the certified technician & employer be union affiliated. NEMIC claims to have certified persons covering every county in California and an alleged 7,424 journeypersons who are 'eligible' to become ATT's. Their website indicates there are (50) MATE's and (255) ATT's certified. I was unable to confirm the number of ATT's certified with CSPTC or RSES. I would propose that the ATTCP's who do NOT require Union Affiliation (apprenticeship requirements) have a significantly lower number of certified ATE/ATT's. Again, NEBB apparently has just (1) ATE & (1) ATT certified. This leads me to believe that mandating ATT's at this time would significantly favor Union Affiliated technician's - which would NOT be acceptable to most Open Shop contractor's. This seems to indicate that Union Organizations are leading the charge to this mandate, not a unified industry. On behalf of all Open Shop contractor's in California, While I agree that training and certification of ATT's is necessary, I strongly disagree with any mandate that strongly favors a particular labor organization. I would suggest the CEC set a date which is a minimum of 18 months after adoption of the Mechanical ATT implementation. This would provide a deadline for certified ATT's to be utilized, and not a threshold significantly dominated by a particular organization.