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**ECOM Staff News**



**Eric C Johnson**

Eric C. Johnson, President of ECOM Engineering, Inc. has just been appointed by the OSHPD Director as the Electrical Engineer for Hospital Building Safety Board (HBSB). The HBSB was established by Senate Bill 519 (Alquist) in the original Hospital facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1973. The purpose of the Board is to:

- \* Advise the director of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) on the administration of the Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act.
- \* Act as board of appeals with regard to seismic safety and fire and life safety issues relating to hospital facilities.

Sixteen board members are appointed by the Director of OSHPD from nominations submitted by professional associations. Appointed Board Members serve 4-year terms with a maximum of two terms. Board members bring attention to changes and emerging issues occurring in the design and construction of health facilities in California.

Congratulations Eric!

Rana Blair, Principal of Finance and Operations does more than manage the Accounting Department and Business Operations. She also implements our business management software tools such as Vision. This summer, Rana is implementing Newforma® at ECOM.

Newforma® is a project information management tool that increases productivity by filing emails and their attachments, documents and drawings. Users can then search the files by keywords. Our clients will ultimately reap the rewards of improved team collaboration and information transparency. External team members will enjoy the file transfer tracking functionality of the Newforma® Information Exchange. Visit [www.newforma.com](http://www.newforma.com) for more info.



**Rana Blair**

**Look Out San Francisco here we are...**

As of July 1st, ECOM Engineering has added a second office in the heart of San Francisco, located in the historical “Hearst Building” on Third Street. With our growing list of clients and projects in the Bay Area, the San Francisco office will be our local home base. Our new address and phone number is:

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San Francisco, CA 94103  
415-896-5200

Watch upcoming announcements for educational seminars at this facility.



**Technology Corner**

Did you know the ECOM Engineering’s low voltage division is growing by leaps and bounds? Many of you are already utilizing our voice and data design services. We also have experienced resources for the design of Fire & Life Safety, Security, Access Control and Video Surveillance. ECOM understands that Life Safety is of the utmost importance in any facility and a major concern in today’s environment. We provide the latest in integrated system design; leveraging our client’s current or proposed cabling infrastructure. Sharing our knowledge with clients is paramount at ECOM. Here are some of the latest technologies having an immediate impact on facilities.

- \* IP Based Fire Alarms
- \* Mass Notification
- \* Migration from Analog to Video/IP

If you have interest in these subjects, please let us know so we can provide you with the most updated information available.