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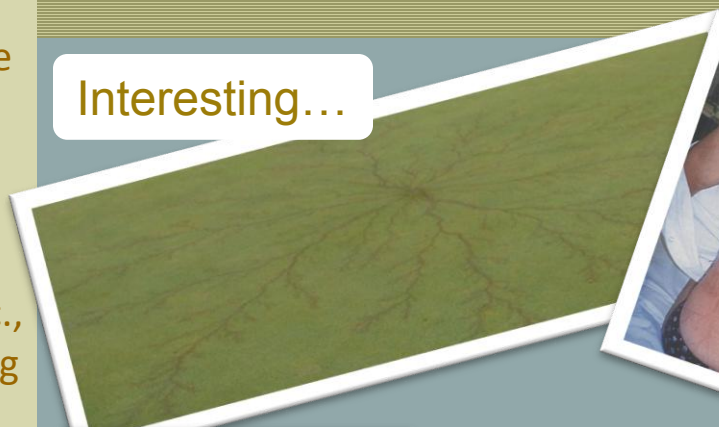
## Do You Have Updated Sample Specifications?

The Lightning Protection Institute implemented a lightning protection inspection program on April 1, 2011. Do you have an updated version of sample specifications that include the LPI-IP?



On May 11, 2011, Bonded Lightning Protection conducted its first LPI inspection on a military building. The inspection went so well that the military asked permission to film the inspection to use as a quick training session for their Maintenance Department. Charles Lee, was glad to step up and perform this training video. His experience and knowledge allowed him to represent Bonded Lightning Protection and the industry in a confident and professional manner.

## Interesting...



Have you seen the effect lightning has on grass? On humans? Trees? Or sand? How remarkable!



Founded in 1932, the ULPA is an association of lightning protection manufacturers, engineers, contractors, and technicians dedicated to promoting and supporting lightning protection codes and standards published by the National Fire Protection Association, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., and the Lightning Protection Institute. Call us for information on ULPA membership at 800-668-ULPA

# AIA Construction Predictions for 2012

In 2011, industry forecasters are projecting a decline of approximately 5.6% in spending for nonresidential construction projects, according to the American Institute of Architects' (AIA) semi-annual [Consensus Construction Forecast](#). However, the good news is **2012 will be better**, AIA says.

Consensus		EST	FORECAST	
		\$	% change	
		2010	2011	2012
McGraw-Hill Construction	Nonresidential Total	-	-5.6	6.4
IHS-Global Insight	Commercial Total	-	-6.5	11.8
	Office	-	-6.1	9.8
Moody's Economy.com	Retail/Other Comm.	-	-3.1	11.8
	Hotel	-	-17.9	18.0
FMI	Industrial Total	-	-15.8	8.4
Reed Construction Data	Institutional Total	-	-3.4	4.4
	Health	-	1.8	7.1
	Education	-	-5.2	2.6
	Religious	-	-10.0	6.3
	Public Safety	-	-2.5	0.9
Associated Builders and Contractors	Amusement/Recreation	-	-0.3	5.9

### Forecast Panel

The AIA Consensus Construction Forecast Panel is conducted semi-annually with the "leading non-residential construction forecasters" in the U.S. including McGraw Hill Construction, HIS-Global Insight, Moody's economy.com, Reed Business Information, Associated Builders & Contractors, and FMI.

## forums.ulpa.org

The ULPA website has a great forum for discussion on general topics, annual conference, UL & NFPA standards, and advertising. You are encouraged to share your thoughts, ideas, etc.

Look what I found!

## No Update to NFPA 780 in Florida

The Florida Building Commission rejected my proposal to update the reference to the NFPA 780 to the 2008 edition so it appears Florida will remain on the 2004 edition for the next couple of years, at least...

No other changes have been made to the lightning protection requirements located in the FBC. (Sections 419.3.19, 420.3.26, & 423.17.7)

**Bryan P. Holland, ICC Electrical Code Official  
CBO, Plans Examiner, Inspector, Instructor  
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## Bonded Lightning Protection (BLP-Texas) has Expanded

In May, 2011, BLP announced a new business endeavor in the Atlanta, Georgia area. The Georgia location will follow BLP's Core Values (see website: [www.bondedlp.com](http://www.bondedlp.com)) and conduct business just as all of BLP's other divisions; with the same quality of service, sales/marketing, sales, design, and installation.

Four months and a lot of work later, the newest addition to the BLP family is **OPEN FOR BUSINESS!** Next time you find yourself in the Atlanta, Georgia area, stop in for a cup of coffee with Maurice "Mo" McDaniel. He is the Operations Manager in the Georgia Division.



## Chocolate Chip Bourbon Pecan Pie —Submitted by your Vice President, Heath Howe

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- ½ cup dark corn syrup
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 ½ to 2 cups pecan halves
- 2 tablespoons good-quality bourbon
- 1 (9-inch) deep dish pie shell, unbaked

Preheat oven to 375°F

In a medium bowl, stir together the sugar, butter, corn syrup, eggs, pecans, and bourbon. Stir until all ingredients are combined. Pour mixture into the unbaked pie shell and place on a heavy-duty cookie sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. Lower the oven temperature to 350°F and continue to bake for an additional 25 minutes, or until pie is set. Remove from oven and cool on a wire rack...Enjoy!



## 2012 ULPA/LPI Conference

- February 27- March 3
- Palm Beach Marriott Singer Island Beach Resort & Spa
- Palm Beach Florida
- \$209 –no resort fee
- [www.palmbeachmarriottresort.com](http://www.palmbeachmarriottresort.com) for more info.



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## Special Points of Interest

- LPI-IP
- AIA Construction Predictions 2012
- NFPA 780 in Florida
- BLP (TX) Expands
- CC Bourbon Pecan Pie



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