

“Which U.S. presidential ticket holds the best hope for the electrical rebuilding industry and why?”

“My personal feelings are that the Republicans with McCain/Palin will do the most for small business and rebuilders as such. By keeping taxes low on business as well as on individuals. Their drill now and drill here ideas may not produce more fuel in their terms but it will eventually provide more American oil and thus lower prices. The longer we put off drilling the longer we have to pay whatever foreign power with oil wants to charge us. Their less government red tape ideas should help in ways we can only imagine.”

Jim Morton, Peoria Electric, Corvallis, Ore.



“You’ve got to be kidding. Neither. The ONLY person who can help the small rebuilder is the rebuilder himself. Nothing can be substituted for self-initiative, self-reliance, imagination and creativity! All any government will do is get in the way.”

Juan Grube, JIMCO, Inc., Raymore, Mo.



“I know Bush has made mistakes but we cannot blame him or the Republicans for all our problems. Ms. Pelosi said she was going to turn the world



upside down when she got there and far as I know she hasn’t done anything but make a fool of herself. As a 20-plus-year, one-man shop I’m more concerned over our future now than ever. However, electing a president that wants to take away our guns and believes in abortion is not going to help anyone. Obama was talking about me when he said we cling to guns and religion and I believe there is a need for more of both in this country.”

Lynn Wimsatt, Tri-County Rebuild, Lebanon, Ken.

“I personally feel the president is simply a figurehead on the big ship called the United States, powered by Congress and we are running in heavy sea doing about two knots with the anchor set out. We should easily be capable of doing 25 knots. Someone needs to change the engines in Congress and weigh anchor but I am afraid neither of these presidential figureheads will be able to do this. We need to start well below deck and clean house to accomplish this task.”

Rob Robinson, Auto Start, Lewisville, Texas

“I believe McCain-Palin would be better for the country at this time. As far as our industry is concerned, one of the major issues in my opinion is fair trade. We are in the NAFTA agreement which is really hurting the USA. While we give many foreign countries very favorable trade positions without taxes or tariffs, when USA-made products are imported into their countries, the products are slammed with taxes and tariffs. This is something that must be addressed. So far, Obama is the only candidate that said he



would ‘look at NAFTA.’ I think McCain would leave it alone. Even with this attitude, I still feel McCain-Palin would do more to benefit our economy and nation.”

Aaron Tobin, Global Remanufacturing, Roseville, Mich.

“I know about Vietnam but does that make me a leader for this country? Look at McCain’s record in the House Ways & Means Committee and who gave big tax breaks to large corporations in the belief of keeping jobs here and hiring more people to work. I’ve seen trickle-down effect in the past eight years and now we’re paying for it...so yes, I do support Obama.”

Gene Kaiser, REGITAR U.S.A., Inc., Montgomery, Ala.



“While neither of our candidates would probably know a rebuilder from a lobbyist, I am sure that taxes would be going up considerably in an Obama administration. There is no way around it with all the new government programs he has promised. I was going to have a hard time voting for McCain, until he picked Palin as his VP. I would rather have her be the president, and McCain the VP, but can tolerate him long enough to see her get a shot at the presidency in four or eight years.”

AJ Campbell, Ave. “M” Alternator and Starter, Temple, Texas



“If you ask both sides of the ticket the question about the electrical rebuilding industry and its future, one side more than likely would say ‘whoooo?’ The other side would say ‘oh, I know them they are the

people out in Galveston and Houston fixing the light poles.’ Do you think they honestly know who we are? I myself have seen very little help out of Washington, but then there is always hope.”

Thomas Brittenham, Brittenhams Rebuilding, Ahoskie, N.C.

“History has shown that once elected the general consensus seems to be that they suddenly blend in with their surroundings, and do very little to rock the boat, hence guaranteeing re-election. For that reason, whoever actually gains the presidency has more to do with their undying belief in our country coming slowly back out of this hole that was dug for us (and we were pushed into), as far as helping our country’s industries make a new dent in the world’s economy. And for that reason, I support McCain—if for no other reason than he is a patriotic glory hound.”

Harry Hovenstine, Hovey’s Auto Electrical Service, Williamsport, Pa.



“Both McCain / Palin and Obama / Biden scare me. But McCain/Palin scares me less.

The real problem...is in the engine that actually controls the purse strings and keeps getting rewarded for their mistakes by being re-elected, including our two senators and the house speaker from out here. The really scary effect to all our wallets is going to be a Democratic Congress controlling the cash, taxes and Obama signing the checks.”

Jay Maines, Santa Ana, Calif.

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