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## IATSE LOCAL 52 JOB DESCRIPTION

<b>Job Title:</b>	Best Boy Electric (Foreman/2 <sup>nd</sup> Electrician)
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### Job Description:

The Best Boy Electric, also known as the "Foreman" or "2<sup>nd</sup> Electrician", is in charge of all the day-to-day operations in the lighting/electric department. He or she is in charge of the entire electrical crew as well as all equipment. He or she is the Gaffer's "right hand" and first assistant and takes the place of the Gaffer in the Gaffer's absence.

### Duties:

The Best Boy Electric is in charge of everything electrical. Responsibilities include performing the tie-in or generator hook-up, cable runs, load balancing, and electrical equipment selection.

The Best Boy Electric, being in charge of the entire electrical crew, has many administrative duties as well. He or she will work with the Gaffer to determine the manpower needs, and hire, select, and schedule electricians. He or she is also in charge of time sheets, and deals with the Production Department regarding any items that need to be noted on the Daily Production Report.

Managing the equipment is a major duty of the Best Boy Electric. He or she must coordinate with the Gaffer to ensure that all the equipment and expendable orders requested are available and accounted for. The Best Boy deals with the Transportation Department to coordinate the delivery of the equipment. Also works out plans for swing trucks, rigging crews, and strike crews. Knowing the inventory well, the Best Boy Electric should be ready at any time to tell the gaffer what lights are in use and what is still available. He or she also supervises the offloading of the equipment and monitors the installation and use of said

equipment, and prepares it for use. At the end of the day, he or she also makes sure it gets back on the truck safely and efficiently.

## Skills & Education:

This job can be very physical. He or she must have great organizational skills and communicate effectively with many different types of people and businesses. The Best Boy Electric must be able to work long hours.