



# NECA ALASKA CHAPTER

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

### Negotiations Update

While the current pandemic situation has affected operations and moved us all towards a “new norm”, it has not prevented negotiations from kicking off on the Outside Electrical Construction Agreement. The IBEW and AK NECA have had several negotiation sessions via Zoom and are moving forward in that process. We will keep you posted regarding the outcome.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held June 10, 2020. The next Membership meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2020 at O’Malley’s on the Green. The annual NECA Open golf scramble will be held the following day at the Anchorage Golf Course. Hope to see you there!



## INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### U.S. Department of Treasury Issues Additional Guidance Regarding PPP Program

On the evening of May 15, 2020, the Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application.

The form and instructions inform borrowers how to apply for forgiveness of their PPP loans, consistent with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). SBA will

### 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

05/25/20  
Memorial Day  
[Holiday Notice](#)

06/10/20  
Board of Directors Only Meeting  
[RSVP](#)

07/04/20  
Independence Day

07/08/20  
Board of Directors Only Meeting

08/12/20  
Board of Directors / Membership / Veteran Member / Retiree / Guest Meeting at O’Malley’s on the Green

08/13/20  
NECA Open at Anchorage Golf Course

09/07/20  
Labor Day

09/09/20  
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

10/03-06/20  
2020 NECA Convention & Trade Show in Chicago, IL

10/14/20  
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

11/04/20  
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

also soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers as they complete their applications, and to provide lenders with guidance on their responsibilities.

11/11/20  
Veteran's Day

The form and instructions include several measures to reduce compliance burdens and simplify the process for borrowers, including:

11/26/20  
Thanksgiving Day

- Options for borrowers to calculate payroll costs using an “alternative payroll covered period” that aligns with borrowers’ regular payroll cycles
- Flexibility to include eligible payroll and non-payroll expenses paid or incurred during the eight-week period after receiving their PPP loan
- Step-by-step instructions on how to perform the calculations required by the CARES Act to confirm eligibility for loan forgiveness
- Borrower-friendly implementation of statutory exemptions from loan forgiveness reduction based on rehiring by June 30
- Addition of a new exemption from the loan forgiveness reduction for borrowers who have made a good-faith, written offer to rehire workers that was declined

12/05/20  
Annual Board of  
Directors / Membership  
Meeting & Holiday  
Party in Anchorage

12/25/20  
Christmas Day

01/01/21  
New Year's Day

The PPP was created by the CARES Act to provide forgivable loans to eligible small businesses to keep American workers on the payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. The documents released on May 15, 2020, will help small businesses seek forgiveness at the conclusion of the eight-week covered period, which begins with the disbursement of their loans.

SBA will also soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers as they complete their applications and provide lenders with guidance on their responsibilities.

[Click here](#) to view the application and instructions.

Please be advised that the Treasury has released additional information regarding the [Paycheck Protection Program](#).

### House of Representatives to Pass Phase IV Legislation

The house is expected to vote on Phase IV Legislation on Friday, May 15, 2020. This bill, [H.R. 6800 – HEROES Act](#), is expected to pass on party lines. This Phase IV Legislation, in its [current form](#), is unlikely to pass the Senate without substantial changes and we are unlikely to see a final bill until June. NECA will continue to work with legislators as the text of this bill evolves to ensure the inclusion of our [Phase IV Asks](#). We are confident that NECA’s needs will be met in the final version of this legislation. NECA encourages its members to take action and voice NECA’s needs to congress.

On May 13, 2020, NECA’s Government Affairs team hosted a webinar to discuss NECA’s requests in the upcoming Phase IV Legislation. If you were unable to attend or would like to view the recording, you can access it [here](#).

## NECA's Resources on Coronavirus

NECA is committed to keeping our Members informed regarding COVID-19. The [NECA Coronavirus Resource Center](#) is continually being updated to include pertinent information from organizations including NECA, Centers for Disease Control, World Health Organization, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, National Safety Council, the Department of Homeland Security, and COVID-19 sites for over 80 federal agencies.

The resource center also contains information that NECA has been compiling on COVID-19 and how it will impact NECA contractors, employers and employees. NECA will continue to work with Congress and the Administration to mitigate the impact on NECA member companies.



## NECAPAC

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2020, you can do so by asking the Chapter for a NECAPAC personal or corporate contribution form, pick one up at the Chapter, or [click here](#). They are also available on the [Chapter's website](#).

You can check out NECA's take on key industry issues [here](#).



## **NECA THIS WEEK**

NEWS FROM THE VOICE OF THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

### **ELECTRI International Releases COVID-19 Construction Productivity Report**

ELECTRI International released [Pandemics and Construction Productivity: Quantifying the Impact](#), a critical report on the impact of COVID-19 on cost and schedule in the construction industry. The report evaluates activity from January 6 – May 8, 2020, tracking pandemic mitigation activity, bench-marking productivity and assessing the impact on businesses and projects.

## NECA Endorses MCAA Change Order Publication

NECA has given its full endorsement to the 2020 edition of the Mechanical Contractors Association of America's (MCAA) publication *Change Orders, Productivity, Overtime - A Primer for the Construction Industry*.

NECA endorsed the contents of this publication as being as applicable to the electrical construction industry as the mechanical piping and plumbing trades, furthering its use to benefit the memberships of NECA and MCAA and the industry as a whole. This publication has become a standard in the construction industry and is widely relied upon by mechanical and other specialty contractors, attorneys in construction practices and consultants. Its chapters were peer-reviewed by a panel of MCAA contractors.

NECA members can get the discounted price of the book using the [order form here](#).



## NECA VIDEO UPDATE

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



Safety is for Everybody

eSafetyLine Safety Minute

We Got This!



## WORKING KNOWLEDGE

WEBINARS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

## Daniel Burrus' Strategic Insights Webinar on Post-Pandemic Success

Daniel Burrus is one of the world's leading futurists and innovation experts, strategic advisor to many of the most innovative companies on the planet, and author of seven bestselling books including the Anticipatory Organization.

### Post-Pandemic Success Will Be Determined by What You Do NOW, Not What You Do Post-Pandemic

Thursday, May 21, 2020 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM EDT

In this strategic webinar, Daniel Burrus will share stories of how organizations of all sizes have started solving seemingly impossible problems, have begun hiring people instead of laying them off, and have grown their positive impact and influence by shifting how they think about the present and future of their organization.

You will have the opportunity to ask Daniel Burrus LIVE for his advice and recommendations on how you can elevate your organization from success to significance, solve impossible problems and become indispensable to your clients. [Register Now](#)

## A Network of Higher Learning...Powered by NECA

NECA EARN is designated for electrical construction firms, your employees and you as an individual to advance your knowledge.

- Sharpen your individual leadership skills with a specially curated program, designed specifically for electrical contracting.
- Offer your employees virtual professional development opportunities. When one person grows, the whole company grows.
- Start with our dedicated team of professionals that will help to identify the right program for you.

### [Get Started Today!](#)

## LIVE Online BIM Software Training Now Available

NECA is excited to announce live, instructor-led online training on **Revit and Navisworks** software solutions! Throughout the month of May, NECA will be offering online classes on the most popular BIM solutions, developed specially for electrical contractors, for our members at a substantial discount. **Normally hundreds of dollars each, our partner Sanveo, is offering these half and full day courses for just \$39.00 each!**

Each session will be presented by an expert facilitator and participants will be able to ask questions and interact with software. View the full class schedule [here](#).



CODES AND STANDARDS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

## NECA Electrical Safety Message of the Day

May is National Electrical Safety Month. Electrical hazard safety is a primary focus of the electrical and other trades, and the general public. Electricity plays an important role in the daily lives of people, whether at work or at home. NECA has developed a daily safety tip for the month of May to emphasize the importance of understanding how to avoid electrical hazards and raise awareness of conditions or situations that could result in electric shock or electrocution without proper precaution.

To get your daily safety tip, follow [@necanet](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

## NASCLA Accredited Examination Provider Extends Testing Site Closures

Due to COVID-19, [PSI Services, LLC](#), which administers the NASCLA Accredited Electrical Examination Program, has extended testing site closures in the United States. Candidates can reschedule testing with no penalty and no documentation.

## 2023 Edition of National Electrical Code Open for Public Input

Adopted in all 50 states, NFPA 70, National Electrical Code (NEC) is the benchmark for safe electrical design, installation and inspection to protect people and property from electrical hazards.

Make your voice heard by joining the development process of the next edition of this important standard. **The closing date for public input is September 10, 2020.**

### [Submit Your Input](#)

## It's All About Workmanship

NECA has developed a collection of ANSI-approved electrical installation workmanship standards and recommended practices. While the NEC has a general requirement that electrical conductors and equipment be installed in a workmanlike manner, the NEC never says how to accomplish that. That is the very purpose of the [National Electrical Installation Standards \(NEIS\)](#) project.

