



NECA ALASKA CHAPTER

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

Negotiations Update

As mentioned previously, the current pandemic situation has not prevented negotiations from proceeding 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 July 8, 2020. The next Membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 12, 2020 at the Chapter.

In light of COVID-19, we have been forced to make the difficult decision to postpone our annual NECA Open golf scramble until next August.



INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

NECA Top Three: 6/19/2020 NECA-Supported JOBS Credit Act Gaining Traction

1. New PPP Forgiveness Applications Available for NECA Contractors

On June 17, 2020, the Small Business Administration, in conjunction with Department of the Treasury, issued a revised Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness application implementing the PPP Flexibility Act of 2020. The SBA also published a new version of the forgiveness application that applies to borrowers that:

- Are self-employed and have no employees; OR

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

07/04/20

Independence Day

[Holiday Notice](#)

07/08/20

Board of Directors Only Meeting

[RSVP](#)

08/12/20

Tentative Board of Directors / Membership / Veteran Member / Retiree / Guest Meeting

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

11/11/20

Veteran's Day

11/26/20

Thanksgiving Day

12/05/20

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

- Did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%, and did not reduce the number of hours of their employees; OR
- Experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19 and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%.

12/25/20
Christmas Day

01/01/21
New Year's Day

[EZ Forgiveness Application](#)

[Full Forgiveness Application](#)

[Interim Final Rule on Revisions to the Third and Sixth Interim Final Rules](#)

2. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Holds Markup of INVEST Act

House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a legislative markup on [H.R. 2, Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America \(INVEST in America\) Act](#). This legislative markup was the first hearing held as a combination markup, meaning that Members of Congress attended both in person and via internet video conference.

3. NECA Urges Support for the Jobs Credit Act

The JOBS Credit Act of 2020, [H.R.6776](#), has been gaining traction in Congress as the nation begins to reopen. This bill was introduced by Representative Stephanie Murphy (D-Fla.), along with original cosponsors Representatives John Katko (R-N.Y.), Suzan DelBene (D-Wash.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) and Chris Pappas (D-N.H.), to expand the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC). This legislation incentivizes businesses to retain their employees to assist in recovery after being shut down due to COVID-19. A summary of the legislation can be found [here](#).

[NECA's Look Ahead](#)



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

2020 NECA National Award Winners

NECA has named the following esteemed group leaders in the electrical construction industry as 2020 national award recipients.

They will be honored during the [NECA 2020 Live](#) for their outstanding contributions.

Coggeshall Award: Joseph H. Bodio, Lan-Tel Communications, Inc. Norwood, MA Boston Chapter

Comstock Award: Shane Snyder, Cannon & Wendt Electric Company, Inc. Phoenix, AZ Arizona Chapter

McGraw Award: Don Laffoon, Electrical Corporation of America, Inc. Raytown, MO Kansas City Chapter

Abraham Lincoln Leadership Award: Mark M. Mazur, MJM Electric, Inc. Tampa, FL Florida West Coast Chapter

Robert L. Higgins Association Executive Distinguished Service Award: William (Bill) C. Orgill, National Electrical Contractors Association Tumwater, WA

Industry Partner Award: Jerald L. Rounds Ph.D., P.E. The University of New Mexico Litchfield Park, AZ

NECA's Project Excellence Awards Deadline Extension

As a NECA member, we know you perform great work all year long. But there's always a certain project that really stands out from the rest.

Maybe it was the most technically complicated, or biggest, or first of its kind, or maybe because it took a team effort to overcome the challenges and build something really special.

If your especially proud of a project your company completed in 2019, don't miss this change to tell your story!

NECA is accepting applications for the 2020 Project Excellence Awards (PEA) program. These awards recognize NECA member companies for their outstanding commitment, professionalism, and ingenuity in delivering an electrical project across 11 different market sectors.

For information about the Project Excellence Awards and to start the application process got to ProjectExcellenceAwards.com. It only takes a few minutes to submit your application online.

Applications submitted must be based on projects completed in 2019, submit your application today! **The deadline is June 30th.**



EVENT UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



NECA 2020 Live

On Tuesday, June 16, 2020, NECA announced the 2020 Convention and Trade Show will take place entirely online October 5-7, featuring brand-new virtual experiences. McCormick Place in Chicago, the planned site for the 2020 Convention, informed NECA that it does not have approval at this time to hold the event, and the association is adjusting accordingly.

This virtual event will maintain its traditional dynamic speakers and educational opportunities but has been adjusted to meet the evolving requirements demanded by the COVID-19 pandemic.

NECA 2020 Live will feature inspiring keynote addresses from NECA 2020 host and emcee David Meade and Paralympic gold medalist Victoria Arlen, as well as a fireside chat with industry leaders and dozens of educational sessions. NECA is excited about working with their industry-leading exhibitors to bring the latest electrical and telecommunications products to the industry. All events will be streamed online for attendees. The inaugural NECA Apprentice Challenge is postponed while the NECA Safety Professionals Conference will now be hosted as a virtual event later in 2020.

Registration for the [NECA 2020 Live](#) opens early July, 2020.

