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Alaska Chapter News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Please join us on August 2nd for our annual retiree/veteran member/guest/spouse meeting. If you will be attending, please contact Michelle at the Chapter office as soon as possible.

Our annual NECA Open will be the following day with a 7am shotgun start at Anchorage Golf Course. Invitations have gone out. You may also click on the link to the right under "events" to obtain a registration form. It's almost full so get your registration form in soon to reserve your spot!

The Chapter has our room block for the NECA Convention and Trade Show in Seattle, October 7-17, 2017. We are staying at the Sheraton Seattle, 1400 6th Avenue. Please let us know as soon as possible if you or anyone from your firm will be attending so we can secure your room(s).

Government Affairs

Top Three

1. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its plans to repeal the Obama administration's Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. The EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt, along with Douglas Lamont, senior official performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, released the proposed rule change this week.
2. At the end of June, President Donald Trump kicked off Energy Week and released his "An America First Energy Plan". On June 29, 2017, the President held an energy event at the Department of Energy's headquarters, featuring Energy Secretary Rick Perry, Interior Secretary

Events

08/2/2017
Board of Directors / Membership/Veteran Member/Guest/Spouse Meeting
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08/3/2017
NECA Open at Anchorage Golf Course
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09/04/17
Labor Day

09/13/17
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

10/07-10/17
2017 NECA Convention & Trade Show Seattle, WA

10/2017 Date TBD
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

11/08/17
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

11/11/17
Veteran's Day

Ryan Zinke and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt and members of Congress. NECA was invited to participate and CEO John M. Grau attended.

3. The debate over healthcare continued in the Senate over the July 4th recess as lawmakers have begun to promote various fixes to the proposed legislation offered by the House. These proposals have shifted the bill further and further away from its initial form, with some saying the bill would not be ready until the week of July 17. Senators have begun to offer creative fixes for identified hurdles, including allowing insurers to offer plans that do not comply with Obamacare regulations, so long as they also sell plans that comply with those rules. In addition to the anxiety over the changing landscape, concern is growing over the Senate's willingness to allow the ACA surtax on S Corporations to remain in their bill. This surtax imposes an additional 3.8 percent tax on so-called unearned income, including capital gains, dividends, interest, as well as certain S corporation and partnership income for families making as little as \$250,000 a year.

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Tell Congress to Cosponsor the Small Business Payment for Performance Act

The construction industry is plagued with problems arising from the issues associated with change orders. Too often both prime and subcontractors are forced to wait for extended periods of time before receiving proper compensation for change order work; in some cases, payment has been delayed for 18 months. Extended periods without pay for completed work place small and large businesses alike under unnecessary financial risk. This legislation to allow contractors to receive partial payment for requested change order work to improve cash flow.

Tell your member of Congress to cosponsor H.R. 2594, the Small Business Payment for Performance Act of 2017.

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Meetings & Events

Registering for NECA 2017 Seattle: It Makes Perfect Business Sense!

Where else can you participate in educational sessions geared to the needs of NECA Contractors, connect with manufacturers

11/23/17

Thanksgiving Day

12/02/17

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

12/25/17

Christmas Day

and service providers you rely on, and meet up with your fellow contractors? Only at NECA 2017 Seattle. You get all that knowledge and face-to-face networking in just three days, meaning fewer days out of the office, lower travel costs and immediate results...at a savings of more than \$900!

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Safety

OSHA Proposes Delay for Electronic Submission of Injury, Illness Reports

On June 27, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration proposed a delay in the electronic reporting compliance date of the rule, Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses, from July 1, 2017 to Dec. 1, 2017. The proposed delay will allow OSHA an opportunity to further review and consider the rule.

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July 27 Webinar on Silica Requirements Announced

Learn how to protect your workers from respirable crystalline silica exposure and injury by developing and employee training program to help identify the different types of Silica exposures and risks an electrical employee may have on the job.

On Thursday, July 27, NECA Director of Safety, Wes Wheeler, will present Silica-Understanding the Requirements of a Written Program at 2:00 pm EST. This webinar will discuss the recent OSHA requirements in depth and provide control methods and best practices that you can immediately implement to protect workers within your company.

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eSafetyLine Toolbox Talks

Each month, the special safety site available through NECA's website addresses a specific topic and offers downloadable materials to enable you to provide related weekly toolbox safety talks to employees.

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