



# 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 reached a tentative agreement on the terms and conditions of a successor agreement and are moving forward in the ratification process. We will keep you posted regarding the outcome.

Also, the Chapter will be sending employers engaged in the outside construction industry a synopsis of proposed changes to the Outside Agreement soon.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 12, 2020 at the Chapter.



## INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### NECA Top Three: 7/17/2020 NECA-Supported NEPA Update Will Reduce Project Delays

#### 1. NEPA Updated to Reduce Red Tape

The White House Council on Environmental Quality released a final rule to comprehensively update its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations for the first time in over 40 years. NEPA regulations govern the way federal agencies assess the environmental impact of a multitude of actions, including construction projects.

### 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

08/12/20

Tentative Board of Directors / Membership Meeting  
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09/07/20

Labor Day

09/09/20

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

10/06-08/20

2020 NECA Convention & Trade Show LIVE

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

12/25/20

Christmas Day

01/01/21

New Year's Day

This revision to longstanding regulations is anticipated to expedite the review process and reduce delays on jobsite construction.

## **2. New Guidance Released for The Main Street Lending Program**

On July 15, 2020, the Federal Reserve released updated guidance for the Main Street Lending Program.

## **3. Tell Your Representative NECA's Requests in Phase IV Legislation**

Congress returns to Washington next week and the Senate is expected to release their proposal for the next COVID-19 relief bill. We are optimistic that many NECA-supported provisions will be included in the final legislation. NECA encourages its members to Take Action and voice our industry's needs to Congress. NECA remains focused on advocating for our electrical contractors throughout this period to ensure our member's voices are heard.

## **NECA's Look Ahead** **Take Action**

### **NECA Priority Issues Advance in National Defense Authorization Act**

On July 2, the House Armed Services Committee unanimously approved the National Defense Authorization Act of 2021 ([H.R. 6395](#)), the wide-ranging piece of legislation authorizing large swaths of programs and reforms across the Department of Defense and a handful of other federal agencies. This year's legislation included many key NECA priorities, most notable the inclusion of language similar to H.R. 2344, the Small Business Payment for Performance Act of 2019, introduced by Rep. Pete Stauber (R-Minn.) and Rep. Mark Veasey (D-Texas) which would require 50% partial payment upon receipt of federal unilaterally ordered change order. The amendment ([#456](#)), which received unanimous bipartisan support, was shepherded by Rep. Jared Golden (D-Maine), Rep. Amy Kim (D-N.J.), Rep. Xochitl Torres Small (D-N.M.) and Rep. Paul Cook (R-Calif.).



## **NECAPAC**

We are halfway through 2020 and less than four months away from election day! NECAPAC has already invested \$898,600 on congressional races and is budgeted to spend an additional \$443,000 before November, making a big impact on the 2020 elections. NECA contractors have contributed \$255,000 to NECAPAC this year, despite setbacks in our fundraising efforts as a result of the pandemic. It is trying times like these when NECAPAC is

most needed and most influential. The dedication and support of our members allow NECAPAC to continue its efforts to build a contractor-friendly Congress.

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

### **Have You Seen NECA's Live Broadcasts?**

Every week, NECA is broadcasting live from LinkedIn, Facebook and YouTube. With David Meade as the spokesperson, NECA has had numerous guests on our channels to talk about what NECA 2020 LIVE will look like, what it will offer and what you need to know. Follow NECA on all social channels to get a weekly, automatic notification so you don't miss a thing!

[Learn More](#)

### **NECA COVID-19 Construction Site Safety Training**

The safety of all individuals on NECA member projects is of paramount importance. To help individuals better prepare themselves to prevent the spread of COVID-19, NECA has developed the NECA COVID-19 Construction Site Safety Training program.

This on-demand online program is available to all NECA member for free, and to non-members for a modest fee, as part of the Great American Economic Revival Industry Group for Construction/Labor/Workforce guidance to provide a step by step plan to get American workers back on the job.

This course is divided into six modules that will address:

- Background on Coronavirus
- Controlling the Spread
- Owner and General/Electrical Contractor Responsibilities
- Personal Protective Equipment and Other Protective Measures

- Construction Site Operational Safety Standards and COVID-19 Protocols
- State and/or Local Orders and Guidelines

Following completion of the course, participants will complete a short quiz and program survey and obtain a certificate of completion.

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**Premier Partner PPE Program for NECA Contractors**

At NECA’s request, Premier Partners Graybar and 3M are working hard to help provide access to an assortment of masks, gloves, glasses, and disinfectant for NECA contractors and their workers. The initial list will expand based on requests from NECA contractors and we will include a “demand forecast tool” that will help us meet your needs during this time. To retain the integrity of this supply chain and access to genuine 3M parts, an order site will be available to current NECA member contractors.

We have created a dedicated page within our website with all of the information. Be sure to follow all steps outlined in the “How to Order” section. To place an order, please complete the survey for your PPE needs for July and/or August at the bottom of the page.

[Learn More](#)



**NECA VIDEO UPDATE**

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



NECA Members and Chapters Taking Safety Initiatives During COVID-19: July 2020



Heat Illness Prevention Tips from OSHA



NECA eSafetyLine: July 2020 Safety Minute



## NECAEVENTS

EVENT UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### **NECA Announces Details, Pricing Structure for NECA 2020 LIVE**

NECA 2020 LIVE, the virtual Convention & Trade Show will take place Oct. 6-8, 2020. We are harnessing cutting-edge technology to deliver all the benefits of the NECA Convention – including an interactive trade show floor, extensive educational opportunities, and inspiring talks – as well as all the freedom that comes from an online experience.

[What You Need to Know](#)

[NECA 2020 LIVE 5 Pillars](#)

[Virtual Show Floor](#)



## WORKINGKNOWLEDGE

WEBINARS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### **Creating and Maintaining Effective Safety Programs**

**Wednesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 23, 2020 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM EDT**

This two-day session will identify the characteristics and habits of employee safety and will explain how their buy-in affects the company's safety culture.

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### **Uncovering Hidden Obstacles**

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020 | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT**

This interactive, live, online event will discuss how to improve productivity ahead of daily obstacles that can impact your job.

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[\*\*Are You a Project Manager or a Project Witness?\*\*](#)

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020 | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT**

This interactive, live, online event will focus on process improvement and management and leadership techniques to provide participants with the foundation of management expertise they need to efficiently direct the entire project life cycle, from start-up to close-out.

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### **Succession Planning**

**Thursday, July 30, 2020 | 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM EDT**

This interactive, live, online event will focus on the methods to transfer ownership to key employees and strategies for the planning process.

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**CODES AND STANDARDS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

### **Strategies for Protecting Electrical Equipment**

The NEMA Low Voltage Surge Protective Devices Section provide technical guidance and easy-to-use checklists for evaluation devices. It also presents test results of devices in a real-world surge environment that shows all electrical products, sensors and systems containing electronic components are at risk of suffering damage from electrical surges.

[Learn More](#)

### **2023 Edition of National Electrical Code Open for 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.

[Submit Public Input](#)

