



## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

09/07/20  
Labor Day

09/09/20  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting  
via Zoom  
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10/06-08/20  
2020 NECA Convention  
& Trade Show LIVE  
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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



## INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### NECA Top Three: 8/14/2020 NECA Urges Renewal of Paycheck Protection Program

#### 1. SBA Stops Accepting New PPP Applications

The Small Business Administration, tasked with operating the Paycheck Protection Program with the Treasury Department, has formally stopped accepting new applications to the program. While both Democrats and Republicans recognize the

effectiveness of this program, further relief talks have hit a standstill in Congress and the program—which has offered 5.2 million loans at an average of \$101,000—will now be closed with over \$130 million remaining in its appropriated funding.

## **2. NECA Joins Coalition to Provide Comments to DOD on ESG Investing**

Following a brief 30-day comment period, the Department of Labor received more than 1,500 comments providing feedback to a proposed rule seeking to clarify the responsibilities of fiduciaries when practicing environmental, social, and corporate governance investing, commonly known as ESG Investing. Many groups, including the Construction Employers of America—which NECA is a part of—voice concerns over the proposed rule which could potentially limit the economic benefit resulting from ESG investments.

## **3. NECA and Other Groups Voice Opposition to NDAA Beneficial Ownership Requirements**

Last week, NECA joined a large coalition of groups and sent a letter to the Leadership of the House and Senate Armed Service Committee to oppose any beneficial ownership requirements in the forthcoming National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

### **NECA's Look Ahead**



### **New Mailing Address for NECAPAC**

On August 15, 2020, Washington, D.C. became the new site for NECA's headquarters. Moving forward, NECAPAC encourages members to utilize secure online donations to ensure safe delivery of contributions. If you have never made an online contribution and would like to utilize this feature, please contact Hadlea Bothe at [Hadlea.Bothe@necanet.org](mailto:Hadlea.Bothe@necanet.org) or 240-800-5004 for assistance in creating an online NECAPAC profile.

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

If you wish to mail in your NECAPAC contributions, please send to NECA's Capitol Hill office at:

NECAPAC  
412 First St. SE Suite 110

Washington, D.C. 20003

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

## **U.S. Department of Labor Issues Revised Rule Concerning OSHA Access to Employee Medical Records**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has revised the Rules of Agency Practice and Procedure Concerning Occupational Safety and Health Administration Access to Employee Medical Records. The rule describes internal procedures that OSHA personnel must follow when obtaining and using personally identifiable employee medical information.

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## **ONECA THIS WEEK**

NEWS FROM THE VOICE OF THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

### **Pandemics and Construction Productivity: Quantifying the Impact Final Version Available Now**

The final version of the Pandemic Report and revised Change Order Calculator can be found [here](#).

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## **NECA VIDEO UPDATE**

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



NECA 2020 LIVE  
The Show Floor Experience



Safety Practices and the  
New NECA Office



NECA eSafetyLine August  
2020 Safety Minute



## NECA EVENTS

EVENT UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### Register Today for NECA 2020 LIVE

NECA is 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.

### Get Your Swag!

The first 1,500 full NECA member registrants for NECA 2020 LIVE will receive a special “Swag Box,” featuring items such as a tote bag, lighted glasses, earbuds, and more!

### Reserve Your Spot Now

### Education, Entertainment & Industry Solutions

Access the best trade show floor in the industry, the highest caliber of expert instructors and education topics that will enlighten and inspire.

### View Full Schedule



# WORKING KNOWLEDGE

WEBINARS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

## Setting Up Your Estimate as a Project Management Tool

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT**

In this webinar, we will share with you ways that you can make small adjustments to your takeoff and estimate that will save your project managers time and allow them to run the project more efficiently.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

## Tomorrow's Lighting Industry: What You Need to Know to Thrive

**Thursday, August 20, 2020 | 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT**

This interactive, live, online event will introduce the changes coming to the lighting industry as well as how those changes may affect NECA members involved in installing and maintaining lighting and lighting control systems.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

## Technology Spotlight Series: Milwaukee ONE-KEY

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

In this webinar, we will share how ONE-KEY integrates industry-leading tool electronics with custom-built cloud-based asset management platform.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

## Preplanning Construction Virtual Classroom

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020 | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT**

This interactive, live, online event will discuss how to dramatically improve the likelihood of a successful project by learning key concepts in project preplanning and implementing those concepts on their projects.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

## Cracking the “WIP” – Driving Predictable Cost Projections

**Thursday, August 27, 2020 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM EDT**

This interactive, live, online event will focus on building cost projections to better predict how capital will be utilized throughout a project.

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# SAFETY FIRST

SAFETY NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

## NECA Resources: eSafetyline Navigation Guide

The NECA eSafetyline Navigation Guide is a compilation of tools designed to assist employers in maintaining a safe and productive environment, while staying up to date on activities in the safety world.

[Watch eSafetyline Navigation Video](#)

## OSHA Quick Takes: The Question of Wearing a Mask

Does wearing a medical/surgical mask or cloth face covering cause unsafe oxygen levels or harmful carbon dioxide levels for the wearer?

No. Medical masks, including surgical masks, are routinely worn by healthcare workers throughout the day as part of their personal protective equipment (PPE) ensembles and do not compromise their oxygen levels or cause carbon dioxide buildup. They are designed to be breathed through and can protect against respiratory droplets, which are typically much larger than tiny carbon dioxide particles. Consequently, most carbon dioxide particles will either go through the mask or escape along the mask's loose-fitting perimeter. Some carbon dioxide might collect between the mask and the wearer's face, but not at unsafe levels.

[COVID-19 FAQs](#)

