



# NECA ALASKA CHAPTER

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021, at a location TBD. The next Board of Directors & Membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at NECA. The Board will meet at 4:30pm with the Membership meeting following at 5:00pm.

The Chapter Office will be closed October 7, 2021, through October 14, 2021, so staff can attend the NECA National Convention and Trade Show in Nashville, TN. We will be checking emails regularly in order to assist as needed. Otherwise, we hope to see you in Nashville, or at the meeting in November!

[Visit Chapter Website](#)



## INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### NDAA to Proceed the House Floor

On September 2, 2021, the House Armed Services Committee concluded their markup on the FY22 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) with a 57-2 vote. There were multiple provisions and amendments offered by Members of the Committee that could help our NECA contractors do more work with the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD). The provisions are as follows:

- **Microgrids:** Requires the Department to amend the DOD building codes to require consideration of microgrids early in the planning process; and encourages the department to renegotiate contracts related to existing on-installation renewable energy projects to enhance installation resiliency during power

### 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/11/21

Board of Directors only Meeting

10/09-12/21

2021 NECA Convention & Trade Show Nashville, TN

11/10/21

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting [RSVP](#)

11/11/21

Veteran's Day

11/25/21

Thanksgiving Day

12/04/21

Annual Board of Directors / Membership Meeting & Tentative Holiday Party

12/25/21

Christmas Day

01/01/22

New Year's Day

- **Energy Efficiency Targets for Defense Data Centers:** Requires the Department to assess energy and water usage at existing data centers and set conservation goals for new data
- **EV Charging Infrastructure on Military Installations:** Requires the Department to include EV charging infrastructure needs in their planning for new domestic military construction; requires the Department to adopt industry standard planning considerations in the development and rollout of charging infrastructure at military
- **Operational Energy:** Requires the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment to report on alternative fuels including hydrogen; mandates a holistic review of the associated production, transportation, geopolitical, commercial, R&D, and performance issues of alternative
- Direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on the implementation of mitigating actions to address vulnerabilities to defense critical electric
- Ensures that military construction projects utilize registered apprentices, which provide invaluable on-the-job experience while learning a
- Establish a manufacturing coalition between labor, career and technical education programs, workforce development boards and the defense industrial base to highlight expertise and create career

A provision to enhance 'Buy American' standards for major defense acquisition programs. This amendment increases that standard to 60% immediately, 65% by January 2024 and 75% by 2029.

**NECA's Look Ahead:** NECA would like to thank Chairman Adam Smith (D-Wash.) and Ranking Member Mike Rodgers (R-Ala.) for bipartisanship on passing the NDAA out of committee. As the NDAA proceeds to the House Floor, NECA staff will closely monitor which provisions remain in the bill.

### **President's COVID-19 Action Plan Includes Significant Executive Orders**

On Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, **President Biden** has released his COVID-19 action plan which includes an Executive Order mandating COVID-19 vaccinations for all employees of contractors that do business with the federal government. Additionally, the Department of Labor's **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** is developing a rule that will require all employers with 100 or more employees ensure their workforce is fully vaccinated or require any workers who remain unvaccinated to produce a negative test result on at least a weekly basis. NECA is reviewing the official language and requirements of the Executive Order and will work with our contractors to provide guidance as this new rule goes into effect.

[Path Out of the Pandemic: President Biden's COVID-19 Action Plan Executive Order on Ensuring COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors](#)



## NECAPAC

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. You can also let the Chapter know and we can assist.

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2021, 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- 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW - Washington, DC 20004

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



## NECAEVENTS

EVENT UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### NECA 2021 Nashville Highlights

- [COVID-19 Protocol @ NECA 2021 Nashville](#)
- [Get a Sneak Peak of Convention from a Virtual POV – Register Now](#)
- [Attend NECA's Pre-Convention Workshops](#)
- Download the NECA Events App on [Apple](#) or [Android](#)

Register for NECA 2021 Nashville Now



## SAFETYFIRST

SAFETY NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

## NECA Safety Leadership Summit

November 1-3, 2021

Registration has opened for the first in-person NECA Safety Leadership Summit, being held at the Loews Chicago Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. This event is open to safety professionals and leaders from across the electrical construction industry.

The NECA Safety Leadership Summit is a unique conference for expanding leadership skills to persons responsible for safety throughout the electrical industry, in addition to providing an avenue to create new safety leaders within an organization.

[Register Now](#)

