



# **NECA ALASKA CHAPTER**

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

### Welcome to our Newest Alaska Chapter Member

The Alaska Chapter would like to welcome our newest member, CCI Electrical Services LLC, Paul Lantz. Their contact information can be found on the [Chapter's site](#).

### Outside Agreement

On September 30, 2020, the Chapter sent out the 2020-2023 Outside Electrical Agreement. If you did not receive the Agreement and require it, please let us know so that we may get it to you.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2020 via ZOOM at 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm respectively. The Annual Board of Directors and Membership meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2020 via ZOOM at 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm. Please be sure to accept the calendar invites so we know who to expect and send a ZOOM invite to. See you there!

Due to the ongoing pandemic and recent spike in COVID cases in Alaska, the Chapter was forced to make the difficult decision to cancel our Annual NECA Holiday Party. The decision was made out of the abundance of care for the safety of our AK NECA Community and in compliance with the ongoing restrictions within the Municipality of Anchorage.

### Annual Membership Verification

Request for Annual Membership Verification for NECA National has been sent out to accredited reps. National needs all updates completed by November 13, 2020. Let the Chapter know if we can assist.

## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/04/20

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting  
via Zoom

[RSVP](#)

11/11/20

Veteran's Day

11/26/20

Thanksgiving Day

12/02/20

Annual Board of  
Directors / Membership  
Meeting via Zoom

[RSVP](#)

12/25/20

Christmas Day

01/01/21

New Year's Day



# INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

## NECA Legislative Top Three: 10/16/2020

### 1. DOL Issues Interim Rule for Prevailing Wages for High-Skilled Foreign Workers

On October 8, the U.S. Department of (DOL) issued an [Interim Final Rule](#) which will be effective immediately following the comment period. This rule increases the prevailing wages for high-skilled workers with H-1B1 or E-3 visas. These programs allow for foreign workers to enter the country with the endorsement of an employer who certifies their employment. The rule amends the calculation of wages for these workers, bringing their compensation closer to the actual wages earned by the domestic workforce. This regulation comes in conjunction with another from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), who manages these visa programs, which seeks to further limit the pool of foreign workers who can utilize the program.

**NECA's Look Ahead:** NECA supports the Department of Labor's effort to create a fair, competitive labor market when it comes to the involvement of foreign workers. We will continue to monitor the limited effects of this rule and any further regulatory proposals coming from both the DOL and DHS.

### 2. DOD Releases Rules to Increase Cybersecurity Protections

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) released an interim rule for its Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification program that requires contractors at all levels, who work with the DOD, to prove they are keeping up with key cybersecurity measures. The rule goes into effect November 30, 2020, and will establish three levels for assessing the cybersecurity of contractor businesses. The lowest level of approval ("basic") will be required for the award of any job, while the medium and high levels will be applied under the discretion of contracting officers once the job is awarded.

**NECA's Look Ahead:** NECA continues to monitor this issue and is working to put together broad guidance for our members so that our contractors who perform federal work can remain competitive and safe.

### 3. NECA Continues to Push for PPP Fixes

Last week, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Treasury Department released a simplified loan forgiveness application for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans of \$50,000 or less. The SBA also began approving PPP Forgiveness applications and remitting forgiveness payments to PPP lenders for PPP borrowers. Although this is a small step toward full PPP forgiveness, NECA is continuing to work with both Congress and the Administration on streamlined PPP loan forgiveness processes, and the tax treatment of PPP loan forgiveness.

To view background on PPP loan forgiveness and what it means, click [here](#).

**NECA's Look Ahead:** NECA has been working with Congress and the Administration on this issue. Congress agrees that the IRS is in direct violation of their original intent. Timing remains the issue, as the Phase IV package has failed to come together, it remains to be seen if it will get fixed within the government funding bill at end of the year or as a stand-alone. This week, the Senate is expected to take up another COVID-19 Relief bill and amendments. NECA will continue to monitor the situation as the legislation progresses.



## 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 will can assist.

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](#).



# NECA THIS WEEK

NEWS FROM THE VOICE OF THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

## NECA Elects Vice Presidents for Two-Year Terms

During a meeting of the **NECA** Board of Governors on Monday, October 5, the National Electrical Contractors Association elected five individuals to serve as Vice Presidents of the association for two-year terms.

**District 2 Vice President:** Todd A. Mikec

**District 4 Vice President:** David M. Washebek

**District 6 Vice President:** Scott Bringmann - Congratulations Scott!

**District 8 Vice President:** Craig Clark

**District 10 Vice President:** Jody Shea



# NECA VIDEO UPDATE

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



NECA Members Supporting  
Their Communities



David Meade Interviews  
NECA 2020 LIVE Attendees



NECA eSafetyLine October  
2020 Safety Minute



## NECA EVENTS

EVENT UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### NECA 2020 LIVE

The education and entertainment at NECA 2020 LIVE was nonstop, and for the first time ever, you can take advantage of every minute! **All NECA 2020 LIVE content will be available for registrants through November 15, providing an opportunity to explore every second of education and entertainment for the first time in NECA Convention history.**

To access on-demand sessions click [here](#).

You can still register for NECA 2020 LIVE to view on-demand sessions [here](#) for only \$75!

### Register Today for NECA 2020 Virtual Safety Summit!

Full registration for the NECA 2020 Safety Summit is available for \$150 per individual registrant for NECA members.

#### Registration Includes:

- 2 half-day blocks with general sessions featuring industry keynotes in the top of their field.
- Educational sessions in a variety of safety-focused tracks.
- Continuing education units and new presentations on current trends, regulatory updates and code updates.
- On-Demand sessions available to you for 30 days after the event.

View the full schedule and register [here](#).



## WORKING KNOWLEDGE

WEBINARS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

## **Preplanning Construction Virtual Classroom**

**Thursday, October 22, 2020 | 11:00 AM – 2:00 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](#)

## **Technology Spotlight Series: Trimble Layout**

**Friday, October 23, 2020 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT**

This Technology Spotlight Series webinar will discuss the Rapid Positioning Tool for the small contractors, the RTS-Robotic Total Station and GNSS for site layout, utilities, and on deck layout.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

## **Establishing a Built-In Quality Program**

**Monday, October 26 - Tuesday, October 27, 2020 | 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM EDT**

This interactive, live, online event will focus on a BIQ process that first identifies customer expectations, converts these expectations into requirements, then develops a work plan process and quality program to produce error-free results.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

## **Calculating Shop Burden**

**Friday, October 30, 2020 | 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM EDT**

This interactive, live, online event will focus on various types of expenses incurred by an electrical contractor in support of a proper determination of overhead and burden rates.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

## **Technology Spotlight Series: Agora**

**Friday, October 30, 2020 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT**

This Technology Spotlight Series webinar will explain how electrical contractors can digitize their supply chains and get their \$100/hr electricians back to what they do best: building.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

## **Project-Specific Loss of Productivity Analysis Methodologies Webinar**

**Thursday, November 12, 2020 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT**

This webinar will discuss ways to maneuver through contract clauses and analyses of various impacts that may arise due to COVID-19.

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