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## WEEKLY WORKFLOW: April 22, 2020

### Virtual Skilled Trades Event: 4-23-20



Join some of the biggest influential names in the MEP (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing) arena on **Thursday, April 24, 2020** from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM (choose to participate in various 15-minute sessions) and learn how they will impact the way your company manufactures today. See how contractors, skilled trades, suppliers, manufacturers and software companies are working together to help you fabricate and procure your projects. In addition to an opening session by Mechanical Inc., companies providing guest speakers (in 15-minute intervals) include Ferguson, DeWalt, Autodesk and many others. To register online, [click here](#). To view the program and event flyer, [click here](#).

### JCAR Postpones April Meeting

Last week, we asked PCA contractors to contact the Illinois elected officials who serve on JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rules) to oppose the emergency rules published this month by the Illinois Workers Compensation Commission. These rules, in essence, allow any employee of an "essential business" as defined in Governor J.B. Pritzker's Executive Order (which includes construction) to likely be able to get workers' compensation benefits if they are diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus. While the members of JCAR have the ability to vote to object or suspend this emergency rule, they, unfortunately, postponed their April meeting late last Friday evening. The PCA, therefore, has joined our legislative partners at IMSCA in financial support of the Illinois Manufacturers Association and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association lawsuit to block the Workers Compensation emergency rule. We will keep everyone apprised of the lawsuit as it unfolds and we thank everyone who took the time to participate in this legislative action.

[Click here](#) for the latest IMSCA Legislative Update which includes more details about the Illinois Workers Compensation emergency rule.

*The PCA is a member organization of IMSCA, and our Executive Director, S.J. Peters, serves on its Board.*

### U.S. Chamber of Commerce Webinar on COVID-19 Impact on Business Now Available

In case you missed last week's webinar on "How the Federal COVID-19 Response Impacts Your Business" led by Glenn Spencer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Employment Policy Division Senior Vice President, the video presentation is now available for viewing on *YouTube* by [clicking here](#). The live presentation was hosted by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE), Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA), Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI), Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC), and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry (UA).

### IDOL Offering Webinar Training Sessions on Certified Payrolls Online Submissions

The Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) is inviting contractors to a series of webinar training sessions on using the new online certified payroll portal and filling out the information the department needs. The subject matter and presentation for each session will be the same, so you need to only attend one. Everyone will need to register to get on a call. **The trainings** (*click on the date you will attend below to register*) **will be offered on:**

- [Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM](#)
- [Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM](#)

On January 15, 2019, Governor Pritzker signed Public Act 100-1177 which amended the Illinois' Prevailing Wage Act (the "Act") in many ways. One noteworthy amendment to the Act is the requirement that the Illinois Department of Labor develop an online database for contractors to use to submit certified payrolls. The Department of Labor's online certified payroll submittal site is now live by [clicking here](#).

### Coronavirus Recommendations

As our PCA contractors and PCA Associate members continue to prepare their businesses and offices for preventing the spread of the coronavirus, our Association recommends that you take the time to visit our website at [www.plumbingcouncil.org/pca](http://www.plumbingcouncil.org/pca) and review the many resources and articles concerning best practices for employers related to coronavirus.

### Construction Education Institute Classes Now Online

In response to COVID-19, the Construction Education Institute® (CEI) will be conducting online-only classes through the month of April. The CEI is hosting a class every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. which are complimentary to all PCA contractor members and their employees as an extra benefit of belonging to our Association.

[EXCEL TIPS](#)

April 23, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

[GUIDELINES TO GETTING BACK ON TRACK: WHAT TO DO ONCE YOU'RE BACK IN THE OFFICE](#)

April 30, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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