

Atlanta Electrical
Contractors Association

Dear AECA Members:

As the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to affect all aspects of our daily lives, I know this is a time of great uncertainty and anxiety for our AECA members. We are all working hard to support our families, our employees, and our communities in a constantly changing landscape filled with unprecedented challenges. During this time, I wanted to reach out and update you on how our Board of Directors is preparing to help.

First and foremost, our hearts go out to anyone who has been impacted by the virus, either directly or indirectly. Our thoughts are especially with those who are sick, and to whom we extend our sincerest wishes for a full recovery.

Second, at AECA we are focused on ensuring our members have the most current, accurate information in order to make the best decisions for their businesses and employees. Like many of you, I have been overwhelmed with news reports, data, and forecasts, and I have found it difficult to analyze everything and filter out what I most need. With that in mind, our Board members are working on developing and implementing a communication plan to provide you with streamlined updates on the topics most relevant to you and your business. I have created a COVID-19 Task Force made up of Board members and staff that have volunteered to focus on particular areas that may require further guidance to our members. We are in the process of adding a "COVID-19" tab to the AECA website, and each week we will post information on issues such as managing furloughs, applying for SBA loans under the new CARES Act, and administering Emergency Paid Sick Leave. Our goal is to keep you in the loop on both national and local changes and provide links to the resources you will need. We hope the content on the AECA website can become your "go to" source for information, and we welcome any input you have on specific topics you would like us to address.

Finally, on a personal note, I would like to make a request. There has never been a time when it is more important for us to all come together to support one another and strive to keep our industry strong. Across all our jobs throughout our communities, my hope is that we can all commit to keeping our employees safe and healthy while also working hard to continue delivering the quality work our customers need. If we can keep moving forward while taking care of our people, who are our most valuable asset, as an industry we will be in a position of strength when this crisis is ultimately under control. I very much look forward to that day, as I know all of you do as well.

Sincerely,
Chris Foster

AECA President