

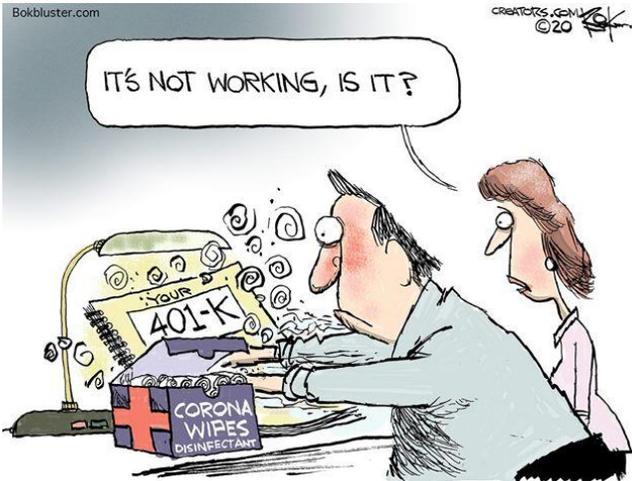


MONDAY MORNING NEWS

Puget Sound Chapter • National Electrical Contractors Association

**MARCH 2, 2020
MEETINGS**

5/21/2020 - NECA MEMBERSHIP MEETING



UPCOMING NECA SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 13TH

The next NECA Safety Meeting is set for Friday, March 13th and will feature Karen Forner (Managing Partner) with Employer Solutions Law as a guest speaker. The topic will focus on the Department of Labor and Industries' revised Preferred Worker Program. Karen's remarks will highlight the potential cost benefits of the program, strategies for implementation, and "best practices." Lunch will be provided. As a side note, the NECA Safety Committee Meetings are open to all employees from our Chapter Members. This topic, especially, could be informative for hiring managers, operations, and human resources staff. **Please RSVP to PSC NECA Director of Safety, Justin Thayer at justin@necaseattle.org**



UPS TAKES THE GUESSWORK OUT OF SHIPPING; NECA MEMBERS SAVE UP TO 50% ON DOMESTIC NEXT DAY AND 70% ON LTL FREIGHT

NECA Members can now save even more on domestic and international shipping with UPS through the NECA Value Added Services program. Whether you need an occasional pick up from your home or office, drop packages off at The UPS Store®, or have a business that ships in volume. UPS provides members with exclusive savings on a wide-range of shipment options, including freight shipping discounts up to 70% LTL (less-than-truckload) over 150lbs. Visit www.necanet.org/ups to enroll.

NECA MEMBERSHIP MEETING: MAY 21 – RSVP ASAP

We have already seen a tremendous amount of interest for our upcoming Membership Meeting. If you haven't already registered, please do so ASAP. The meeting will still be held on Thursday, May 21st from 3:30PM-6:00PM at Daniel's Broiler in Bellevue. Josh Bone, the new NECA Director of Innovation, will speak on the topic of "Why it's time to Embrace Tech in Construction." In this talk, he will cover how new technologies are changing the way projects are designed and constructed, presenting new challenges and opportunities throughout the entire building life cycle. Josh has had the opportunity to share his knowledge with audiences and publications across North America, as a frequent professional speaker and guest editorial contributor. Josh is also a frequent host on The ConTech Crew podcast. Our second guest will be Nationally Syndicated Radio Host, Michael Medved. Michael will join NECA guests and layout his view on the 2020 elections, and provide analysis on where the country is at and how we got here. Michael is considered one of the premier political minds in the country and we are honored he will be able to join us for what will be a memorable evening. To register please RSVP to Rachel@necaseattle.org

OSHA FORM 300A SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 2ND- SUBMIT THROUGH ITA ONLINE

The deadline for electronically reporting your **OSHA Form 300A** data for the 2019 calendar year is **TODAY, March 2, 2020**. OSHA provides a **secure website** that offers three options for data submission. First, users can manually enter data into a web form. Second, users can upload a CSV file to process multiple establishments at the same time. Last, users of automated recordkeeping systems will have the ability to transmit data electronically via an API (application programming interface). View reporting and recordkeeping requirements, FAQ and submit your company information through the OSHA Injury Tracking Application online, [here](#).

NOTE: The collection of CY 2019 data and beyond will include the collection of establishments' Employer Identification Numbers (EIN). Remember, not all establishments need to submit their OSHA 300A Data. to review which establishments need to provide their data, [click here](#).

AMAZON PUTS A HALT TO "NONESSENTIAL" EMPLOYEE TRAVEL AMID FEARS OF CORONAVIRUS

Amazon has shut down all nonessential employee travel domestically and abroad over concerns about the spread of novel coronavirus. The move, first reported in the New York Times, affects all of Amazon's 798,000 employees. The virus has killed 2,900 people and infected at least 83,000 as it has spread beyond China to at least 38 countries. Coronavirus has had a deep impact on the local business community, with at least \$1 billion in losses. Microsoft said Wednesday it would miss its projected earnings in the fiscal year's third quarter because of the virus. Seattle's Expedia Group said the outbreak would cost its travel businesses between \$30 million and \$40 million in this year's first quarter. Public health officials expect cases in the Seattle area to increase but say there are things businesses and individuals can do to prevent the spread of the virus. Officials urge people to wash their hands, disinfect surfaces, telecommute and limit social contact when possible. In addition, tech trade shows, including Facebook's annual developer conference, have been cancelled because of the outbreak. On Friday, a Google employee in Zurich was reported to have tested positive for the virus. The first coronavirus death in the United States was reported

Saturday at EvergreenHealth in Kirkland. The health care organization announced Saturday that there are three new cases in King County. The first coronavirus case in the United States was confirmed in a Snohomish County man in January. Visit Seattle President and CEO Tom Norwalk expects at least 30,000 fewer Chinese visitors to Seattle this year than initially projected, delivering a \$41.6 million hit to the region's economy. Though there are no preventive treatments available for COVID-19 or any other types of coronavirus, several biotech companies are working on vaccines.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1904 – Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of such beloved children's books as "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham," is born in Springfield, Massachusetts on March 2, 1904. Geisel, who used his middle name (which was also his mother's maiden name) as his pen name, wrote 48 books—including some for adults—that have sold well over 200 million copies and been translated into multiple languages. Dr. Seuss books are known for their whimsical rhymes and quirky characters, which have names like the Lorax and the Sneetches and live in places like Whoville. Geisel graduated from Dartmouth College, where he was editor of the school's humor magazine, and studied at Oxford University. There he met Helen Palmer, his first wife and the person who encouraged him to become a professional illustrator. Back in America, Geisel worked as a cartoonist for a variety of magazines and in advertising. The first children's book that Geisel wrote and illustrated, "And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street," was rejected by over two dozen publishers before making it into print in 1937. Geisel's first bestseller, "The Cat in the Hat," was published in 1957. The story of a mischievous cat in a tall striped hat came about after his publisher asked him to produce a book using 220 new-reader vocabulary words that could serve as an entertaining alternative to the school reading primers children found boring.

Other Dr. Seuss classics include "Yertle the Turtle," "If I Ran the Circus," "Fox in Socks" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish."

Some Dr. Seuss books tackled serious themes. "The Butter Battle Book" (1984) was about the arms buildup and nuclear war threat during Ronald Reagan's presidency. "Lorax" (1971) dealt with the environment. Many Dr. Seuss books have been adapted for television and film, including "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" and "Horton Hears a Who!" In 1990, Geisel published a book for adults titled "Oh, the Places You'll Go" that became a hugely popular graduation gift for high school and college students. Geisel, who lived and worked in an old observatory in La Jolla, California, known as "The Tower," died September 24, 1991, at age 87.

Giving people self-confidence is by far the most important thing that I can do. Because then they will act.

Jack Welch

As of Friday, February 28th, there are 164 JW on Book 1 and 115 JW on Book 2. There are currently 2 Commercial Apprentices, 2 S&C, and 0 Residential Apprentices available for dispatch. There are 0 unfilled Commerical, 0 unfilled S&C and 2 unfilled Residential requests.