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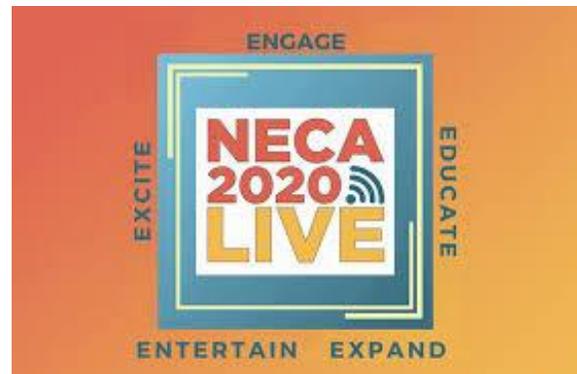
Marlins' season on hold after more players test positive for Covid-19

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NECA 2020 LIVE – 10/5 – 10/7

NECA LIVE 2020 – REGISTER NOW!

For the first time ever, NECA's Annual Convention and Tradeshow is coming to you! NECA is harnessing cutting edge technology to deliver all the benefits of the NECA Convention – including a tradeshow floor, extensive educational opportunities, and inspiring talks – as well as all the freedom that comes from an online experience. An emphasis has also been made on making this event accessible and valuable to NECA Members amidst these uncertain times, allowing them to send more Members than ever, and continue to develop talent within their companies. For more information or to register click [here](#).



NEW NECA WEBINAR – NFPA 70E & ARC FLASH RISK ASSESSMENTS

NECA National will be hosting a webinar on Wednesday, August 5th at 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (PDT). This webinar will discuss the NFPA 70E Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace and will address three electrical hazards including shock, arc flash, and arc blast. The webinar will also cover the importance of performing a risk assessment. Risk assessments utilize the hierarchy of risk controls and application of processes that assist in determination of required levels of personal protective equipment.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar on the NECA National Website. You will need your NECA National username and password to login. For assistance, please contact Director of Safety, Justin Thayer, by phone 206-284-2150 or by email justin@necaseattle.org.

NEW PROPOSAL SUGGESTS REBUILDING CRACKED WEST SEATTLE BRIDGE WITH LOCAL TIMBER

While the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is still deciding whether to repair or replace the West Seattle Bridge, which has been closed since March 23rd due to cracking along the center, creative alternatives from architects and engineers including a proposal for an immersed tube tunnel are coming out of the woodwork. One architecture group's proposal quite literally involves wood: rebuilding the bridge utilizing local timber combined with steel or carbon fiber.



B+H Architects is proposing that the bridge be rebuilt using mass timber — laminated wood that is glued together under pressure — as a more environmentally friendly and longer lasting alternative to other materials and designs.

“As we ideated on concepts and different options for this bridge and explored the use of mass timber, it became clear that the benefits of this material to this specific project are significant, and present a once-in-a-generation opportunity,” wrote the architects. “Our infrastructure is failing us. Rebuilding more of what we already have will set us up to fail again.”

The proposed design involves utilizing the existing structure of the bridge and build steel arches that are suspended by a wood-steel or wood-carbon fiber hangers.

The Department of Transportation also released a timeline that predicted that if the city decides to repair the existing bridge, it would take until 2022 to complete. However, constructing a new bridge would take four to six years to complete, placing reopening between 2024-2026.

“These are all initial estimates which are likely to change depending on a variety of factors in this exceptionally complex and dynamic situation,” SDOT said in its news release.

The city is expected to complete their analysis of the bridge and make a decision on whether to repair or replace it by October.

NECA’S ON-DEMAND COVID-19 JOB SITE SAFETY TRAINING AVAILABLE NOW

Designed for all individuals on a construction site, NECA’s COVID-19 Construction Site Safety Training Program was developed to help individuals better prepare themselves to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. This course incorporates Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, and OSHA requirements and regulations. The course is divided into six modules that will address: background on coronavirus, controlling the spread, owner and general/electrical contractor

responsibilities, personal protective equipment and other protective measures, construction site operational safety standards and COVID-19 protocols, state and/or local orders and guidance. Following the completion of the course, participants will complete a short quiz and program survey and obtain a certificate of completion. The total course length is 2 hours, 45 minutes. Registration for this essential training is \$20 for non-NECA members and free for NECA members.

[Click here](#) for more details and to register.

PROCORE RELEASES JOB BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS



Construction management software provider Procore has announced the launch of the [Construction Career Board](#), a construction-focused resource for recruiting and job finding. The new platform will allow contractors to post job opportunities for free, and allow those looking for new positions to upload resumes and search jobs. Positions range from accounting and marketing to electricians and carpenters. Procore clients will have access to exclusive live sessions informing contractors of best hiring practices. This spring, 40% of construction firms had to [layoff or furlough](#) workers due to the coronavirus crisis, amounting to more than 500,000 lost jobs in construction. The industry has continued to add jobs since then, however, and the Procore job board can help employers and workers find each other. “Construction has been greatly impacted by the pandemic, and Procore wants to support the industry as best we can,” Procore CEO Toey Courtemanche said in a statement.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1492 – From the Spanish port of Palos, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sets sail in command of three ships—the *Santa Maria*, the *Pinta* and the *Nina*—on a journey to find a western sea route to China, India, and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia. On October 12th, the expedition sighted land, probably Watling Island in the Bahamas, and went ashore the same day, claiming it for Spain. Later that month, Columbus sighted Cuba, which he thought was mainland China, and in December the expedition landed on Hispaniola, which Columbus thought might be Japan. He established a small colony there with 39 of his men. The explorer returned to Spain with gold, spices, and “Indian” captives in March 1493 and was received with the highest honors by the Spanish court. He was the first European to explore the Americas since the Vikings set up colonies in Greenland and Newfoundland in the 10th century. During his lifetime, Columbus led a total of four expeditions to the New World, discovering various Caribbean islands, the

Gulf of Mexico, and the South and Central American mainland, but never accomplished his original goal—a western ocean route to the great cities of Asia. Columbus died in Spain in 1506 without realizing the great scope of what he did achieve: He had discovered for Europe the New World, whose riches over the next century would help make Spain the wealthiest and most powerful nation on earth.



The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot.

Natalie Babbitt

As of Friday, July 31st, there are 245 JW on Book 1 and 132 JW on Book 2. There are 9 unfilled Commercial, 10 unfilled S&C and 0 unfilled Residential Apprentice requests. 18 Sound and Communication bootcamp graduates will be available August 11th.