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CECA North West: COVID-19

COVID-19: WHAT IS CECA DOING FOR OUR NW MEMBERS?

Welcome to this round up of news from CECA North West. For the time being, it will replace the usual weekly digest, but details of tender opportunities and other industry news will be circulated in due course.

I would like to stress that CECA NW is here to support our members during this difficult time. What follows is a digest of current and planned activity.

But, if you have any queries, an issue you want to raise, or we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Guy Lawson, Director, CECA NW, email: guy.lawson@ceca.co.uk
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Latest briefing, 7 May 2020

CECA's latest briefing for members, which includes, in addition to the items listed further on:

- Construction Recovery Plan Webinar
- BEIS/DfT Committee Enquiries Into Covid-19
- Utilities - please send us your feedback
- CECA Safe Working Poster

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/9e0da39c-aed2-4a39-9bad-e9fd9355df23/CECA_Weekly_Update_29_April_7_May_2020.pdf

Also, details of CECA's response to COVID-19 to date:

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/6bf740a6-b32b-481b-8a36-1f640c966e5a/CECA_Briefing_Note_Covid_19_CECA_Response_7_May_2020.pdf

CLC: Government Backs Industry Guidance To Avoid Disputes

The UK Government today offered its support to the construction industry, by outlining its expectations from businesses as they manage and enforce B2B contracts during the COVID-19 emergency. The Construction Leadership Council COVID-19 Task Force has published practical guidance for all companies involved in the construction supply chain on how to minimise potential disputes.

<https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Construction-Leadership-Council-Covid-19-Contractual-Best-Practice-Guidance-7-May-2020.pdf>

CECA webinars

We have a separate flyer with details of all relevant webinars, but the next two being arranged by CECA are:

13 May 2020 @ 11am

Covid 19 Contractual Seminar with Q&A Session - delivered by Geraldine Fleming of Driver Trett

To register and book your place, please click here:

<https://cecatraining.clickmeeting.com/139661435/register>

21 May 2020 @ 1pm

Timescales in NEC - delivered by Sarah Wilson of Knights Plc

To register and book your place, please click here:

<https://cecatraining.clickmeeting.com/843281472/register>

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/bfb3d75b-81a9-4e3c-9939-c8730a646108/CECA_TD_Webinar_Flier_May_20.pdf

Dayworks Schedule

In response to COVID-19, CECA is making the Dayworks Schedule available in electronic form, and available to members free of charge. Non-members will shortly be able to buy a licensed copy from the CECA website, For details, please contact me.

The Construction Industry's Proposals for the Future of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) has convened a sub-group to consider how the industry can return their staff to work after a period of furlough in a way that does not lead to mass redundancies or the contraction of the industry's skills base. A report will be produced shortly, but I can provide details of some of what is proposed to any interested parties.

Trade credit/P11 renewal/Bonds

A working group has been convened to explore how greater support can be provided to the industry, with regard to accessing trade credit, P11 renewal, and bonds. Further details shortly.

CECA Briefing - Covid-19 & Human Resources

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CECA-Briefing-Note-Covid-19-Human-Resources-23-April-2020.pdf>

CPA: Supplementary Site Operating Procedures for Plant Occupations in England

<https://www.cpa.uk.net/news-events/cpasplantoccupationsspo/>

Construction industry response to COVID-19

Since the initial outbreak of coronavirus in March 2020, businesses from across the industry have been playing their part in fighting the disease, providing vital resource to those on the frontline, and safeguarding construction workers and local communities. Please see this website that we have launched, which showcases examples of these responses: www.constructioncovid19response.co.uk

Please send any case studies for inclusion to Huston Gilmore: hustongilmore@ceca.co.uk

Network Rail Supply Chain briefing

Please see the following briefing from Network Rail Southern, covering an ethical approach to profit, and supplier references:

<https://s6.newzapp.co.uk/t/gtp/OSwxNDI1MzQ3NzQwLDM=/>

Contractor matching for CECA NW members

This new service to help balance workforce/workload capacity between CECA NW members is now live. We are contacting all members to find if they are short of capacity or have spare capacity, and arranging opportunities, where feasible, for CECA NW members to work together. Chris Jackson is the contact for client organisations and directors of major projects in the North West chrisjackson@ceca.co.uk ; Jacqueline Vail is the contact for CECA NW members: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

If you have any queries, or would like to know more, please contact Guy Lawson, guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk tel: 07703 585027

NW Careers: jobs, vacancies and apprenticeships & work experience

The CECA NW section of the website now has a Vacancy Board, plus sections for people seeking apprenticeships & work experience and jobs: <https://www.ceca.co.uk/nw-careers/>

The process is simple - for contractors with vacancies, complete the form and return to Jacqueline Vail, and I will circulate it in the newsletter and on social media. For people seeking apprenticeships, work experience and jobs, again, they should complete the form and return to Jacqueline or me and I will circulate the details without their personal information (to comply with GDPR). You may wish to make your subcontractors, plant operators etc aware of the service too.

Vacancies

We currently have four vacancies with CPUK Civils & Remediation: Quantity Surveyor, Assistant Quantity Surveyor, Contracts Manager and Environmental Engineer - please contact Jacqueline Vail for details: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

Seeking work

We have an experienced NW-based civils Project Manager seeking a new role; a candidate seeking a role in Project Direction or Design; and a PhD in Civil Engineering from University of Manchester looking for work. Please contact Guy Lawson for details: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk

Seeking apprenticeships

We have a number of individuals seeking apprenticeships:

- A Salford-based graduate seeking an apprenticeship leading up to a QS role, within a 45 minute radius
- A Wigan-based A level students seeking a civil engineering apprenticeship

Please contact Jacqueline Vail for details: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

Builders' Merchants

Please find a link to the BMF's website, listing which merchants are remaining open (I suggest you check for updates):

https://www.bmf.org.uk/BMF/Information_Centre/COVID19-bulletins/Is-my-local-builders-merchant-open.aspx

And here are the CLC's guidelines on builders' merchants operating

<https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/news/builders-merchants-branch-operating-guidelines-during-covid-19/>

Learning in Lockdown

Please see details of this resource from Scape. The scheme starts on **18 May 2020** and will run for 5 full days: <https://www.scapegroup.co.uk/learning-in-lockdown>

Cheshire & Warrington Virtual Careers Festival, 19-22 May 2020

The aim of the festival is to give 14-18 year olds an opportunity to learn about a broad range of career options directly from employers and business owners. Below is a link to a short form to complete if you are interested in taking part:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrSOB_4vsl6lzbBAWKcv6MF83Ch0Xm2oJkh4_jEVtEV1XvoA/viewform

There are four ways to participate (you can choose as many as you like):

- Create a five minute "Day in the Life" video (this can be self-made or with the help of Learn Live)
- Take part in a Q&A about your industry
- Lead a careers related activity e.g. interview skills, CV workshop, resilience training etc
- Offer an opportunity to "WIN" work experience with you, either after lockdown or as a virtual project

For more information, please call: Liz Parkin on 07886 633 370 or liz.parkin@871candwep.co.uk

R&D Tax Relief service

Place North West and Recoup Capital have teamed up to offer the property community a vital financial aid scheme. In the UK, companies are able to claim tax relief for research and development activities. This includes many of the activities carried out as part of property development, advice and construction. Qualifying points include:

- Groundwork and sub-structural issues
- Environmental issues
- Parking and transport issues

For further details, please contact: Joe Averill, Chief Revenue Officer, Recoup Capital Limited

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They have also kindly offered to run a webinar for CECA members - please let me know if that would be of interest to you.