

24 June 2020

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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Weekly Update, 24 June 2020

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

- Updated CECA infrastructure pipeline:
https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/555dfe4a-7ba0-44f8-aa19-7c72914db634/CECA_Infrastructure_Pipeline_24_June_2020.pdf
- Updated CECA Recovery Plan, where we show what actions have been carried out in response to member's feedback on their priorities
<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Securing-the-recovery-CECAs-Post-Covid-19-Action-Plan-Update-24-June-2020.pdf>
- CECA's weekly Pulse Check - your feedback is much appreciated and enables us to focus on your priorities (it takes less than a minute to fill in):
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/InfrastructurePulseCheck24June>

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/21d89145-c984-449b-8e81-30251dd59e6b/CECA_Weekly_Update_17_24_June_2020.pdf

CECA NW Dinners & Events

We have now cancelled the 2020 Golf Day and CECA North by NW dinner.

The annual awards dinner has been postponed until Friday 8 October 2021, at the Midland Hotel, Manchester. We will still be running the CECA NW awards this year, and plan to present them to the winners at the CECA North by NW dinner in the spring of 2021 - and the proposed date is Friday 7 May 2021, North Lakes Hotel, Penrith. Entry forms for the awards will be circulated shortly.

The 2021 Golf Day has been booked for Thursday 8 July 2021 at Leigh Golf Club.

Fairness, Inclusion & Respect

One of our members in the Midlands has been challenged on the current high profile Black Lives Matter campaign and has asked CECA if we intended to make a statement on the matter.

I have attached some details of the Fairness Inclusion & Respect programme that we are taking a lead on, and hope that you will find resources there to support you, should you need them.

General information:

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/12b86661-e838-4d2a-99e3-fbfa7fc931f5/FIR_Programme_general_flyer_Jun20_2_.pdf

Events schedule:

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/04cbc1b1-7f2b-47c3-b1d9-5b59f3b1370a/FIR_Events_Schedule_1_.pdf

Toolkit:

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/140ae2ba-6566-4d29-8db3-11684fee0a45/FIR_Toolkit_flyer_Jun20_1_.pdf

Constructing Better Health

B&CE, provider of Constructing Better Health (CBH) - an occupational health management scheme for the construction industry - has announced its plan to exit the occupational health market in construction.

This message is a reminder that the CBH website and system will remain available to customers until 31 August. During this time, CBH customers will need to extract any data and reports from the system that they may need now, or in the future, using the report dashboard. After **31 August 2020**, the CBH system will be closed and no longer accessible and members will no longer be able to use any of the CBH collateral.

Any customers who have paid beyond **31 August 2020** may receive a pro rata refund.

This doesn't alter the occupational health and Health Surveillance requirements that construction contractors are required to fulfil. For information on these you can continue to access guidance on best practice for OHSPs and contractors from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The construction industry has come a long way in recognising that the health of their workers is just as important as their safety. We hope this work continues, and B&CE have pledged to continue supporting it through B&CE charitable trust.

B&CE Charitable Trust will continue to give back to the construction community, helping those suffering financial hardship, providing help for education and training, and awarding occupational health grants to help organisations work towards a safer construction industry for all.

This announcement doesn't cover other B&CE financial products and their accident and life cover.

Transport for the North

Please find a letter from Transport for the North CEO, Barry White, to Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps MP, setting out the priorities he has identified for the north. Chris Jackson and I will be meeting Peter Molyneux, Highways Director for TfN on 2 July 2020, with a view to setting up a members' meeting.

<https://transportfornorth.com/wp-content/uploads/Grant-Shapps-ERP-Letter-17.06.2020.pdf>

Restoring Railways

CECA have been following the DfT's plans for restoring railways and have consulted with our members on the lessons learned from our earlier experience in these types of projects.

We have, as a result, produced guidance on the reopening of shut railway lines. We thought this may be of interest to you & your teams, the report is available via:

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CECA-Reopening-The-Beeching-Lines-8-June-2020.pdf>

This is aimed at the promoters & developers of these schemes and includes real issues, that have cropped up previously, and suggestions as to how to avoid these pitfalls in future.

This report has been drawn up with the active participation of the following CECA members: BAM Nuttall, RSK, Volker Rail, Skanska, Morgan Sindall, Murphy and AMCO Giffen. Without the input from these companies this report would not have been possible, so thanks to them all. Andrew Stocks, now with Murphy, was able to provide advice from reopenings carried out by Carillion, which was also valuable.

CIJC Working Rule Agreement update

The CIJC Working Rule Agreement, its pay and conditions, would normally have been reviewed at the end of June 2020. In April 2020, all parties to the Agreement agreed to postpone the start of any review discussions, given the Covid 19 emergency and the unprecedented effects this was having on employers, operatives, the industry and across the UK.

Whilst work on many construction sites is restarting, the overall impact on the construction industry remains variable in different parts of the country. As a result, the member trade associations of the CIJC representing employees covered by the CIJC have decided, this week, to extend the postponement of pay negotiations until September, when a further assessment will be undertaken. This decision has not been supported by the trade unions and we await their formal response.

Parties to the CIJC Working Rule Agreement remain in regular contact to monitor progress as the industry moves forwards from the emergency to better understand any ongoing impact on employers, operatives and the industry. In the meantime, all rates and allowances as detailed in the CIJC Agreement dated 1st August 2018 will continue to apply.

Procurement Policy Note PPN 0420 - Recovery and Transition from COVID-19, June 2020

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/44dc18be-e3e7-4e62-be3f-6e5749932a78/PPN_04_20_Recovery_and_Transition_from_COVID_19.pdf

CECA Parliamentary Briefing, June 2020

Please find a copy of CECA's June Parliamentary briefing. I have sent it to NW MPs to build on the contact we already have with them, and to develop closer links with those that have a particular interest in infrastructure, transport and skills. It will form part of a regular communication with MPs, so please let me know if there are any issues you would like me to raise with them collectively or individually.

Also, I have contacted the CEOs of all of the NW's five Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in response to the letter to them from HCLG Minister, Robert Jenrick, seeking bids for funding capital programmes. I am pleased to say that, to date, three are keen for CECA's assistance with this. I will keep you posted of developments.

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/fa26698d-799a-4751-9ef5-bbd8e1d42e6b/CECA_Parliamentary_Bulletin_Issue_1_June_2020.pdf

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 - the first ads have been uploaded, and we have a list of people seeking work and apprenticeships. Please let Guy Lawson know if you would like to use this service (vacancies can also be added anonymously if you prefer, with responses coming to CECA NW in the first instance) <https://www.ceca.co.uk/nw-careers/>

The process is simple - for contractors with vacancies, complete the form and return to Jacqueline Vail, and we 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 we 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.

Social Value in Construction report launch

The Institute of Economic Development is launching its Social Value in Construction report on 30 June 2020. For further details: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LGTbxM6eTSOwZvhnc6-GOQ

R&D Tax Relief service - £600k secured for NW civils contractor

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 - to date that includes £600k for a NW based civils contractor. 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

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