



## OREGON-COLUMBIA CHAPTER, NECA COVID-19 AFTERNOON UPDATE APRIL 13, 2020

*In an effort to cut down on the number of communications we are sending to you, as we know everyone is receiving an abundance of information, we have opted to send a number of pertinent pieces of information in one bundle. We will be doing this every afternoon as long as there is information that needs to be passed along.*

### **BDS Update– Services and Online Accessibility**

The Bureau of Development Services is committed to protecting public health and is changing service delivery in order help slow the spread of COVID-19 while also supporting the economy and people’s livelihoods. They will keep this section of our website updated – please check back. Updates will be provided weekly. [Click here to view the April 13, 2020, update.](#)

### **Safety Fund Application Reopens With \$15 Million Boost**

SAIF’s coronavirus worker safety fund is again accepting applications after the fund was refreshed today with \$15 million. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **Guidance on Payment of Fringe Benefits**

The NECA National Labor Relations department along with outside counsel have prepared a Legal Memo addressing the fringe benefit payments requirements of the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). If local parties have already reached an agreement on how to handle fringe benefit payments, this Memo specifically allows for those agreements to continue, and is only to provide guidance in the absence of the aforementioned. [Click here to view the Legal Memo.](#)

**For any questions or concerns, please contact Tim Gauthier, Executive Manager at [tim@orecolneca.org](mailto:tim@orecolneca.org).**

**All COVID-19 related information is available at <https://www.orecolneca.org/>**