

A WEEK TO CHAMPION AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

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The National Electrical Contractors Association joins United for Infrastructure 2020, A Week of Education and Advocacy

Sept. 14-21, 2020 is a week-long series of events raising awareness for our country's infrastructure needs.

Washington D.C., September 14, 2020 – Today, The National Electrical Contractors Association announced its participation in the annual national advocacy and educational event, United for Infrastructure 2020, that takes place from Sept. 14-21, 2020. Across the country, businesses, labor organizations and elected officials will come together to spread the message that the nation must become #RebuildBetter.

United for Infrastructure 2020 is a week-long event that advocates for better infrastructure policy and greater investment from all levels of government. Quality, affordable infrastructure – from clean water and broadband internet to safe transportation and strong supply chains – has never been more important. This year's theme, Rebuild Better, elevates the policies to ensure every American has the infrastructure they need, highlights the role of essential infrastructure workers amidst the pandemic, and opens a conversation about decisions of the past that perpetuated inequities in communities of color, what to do about it, and how to build resilient infrastructure that helps communities thrive in a changing climate.

Investing in infrastructure is consistently an issue that has strong bi-partisan support from voters, with more supporters wanting government action on infrastructure than almost any other issue. Yet national and local projects with implications for the national economy don't receive the funding they need, and state and local projects that depend, even partly, on federal funding, loans, permitting and new regulatory action haven't broken ground. False starts, delayed starts, deferred maintenance, and inadequate levels of investment put the nation's infrastructure and its health, safety and economy at risk. Cities, counties, states, and the private sector work hard but need a strong and reliable federal partner to get the job done.

Now in its eighth year, United for Infrastructure (formerly Infrastructure Week) unites diverse stakeholders to send one message to leaders in Washington and beyond. United for Infrastructure 2020 is led by a coalition of labor, business and

policy organizations and joined by hundreds of affiliates nationwide. Programming draws attention to the need to make better policy and invest in our roads, rails, pipes, ports, wires, and more.

"Just as America's infrastructure is our country's backbone, investment in infrastructure work is fundamental to the growth of our economy," said NECA CEO David Long. "At NECA, infrastructure projects present a real opportunity for our member contractors and their workers, and we have been vocal in our belief that the time is now for new policies, and greater government buy-in at all levels toward these projects that can put our people to work. Our vision is to empower lives and communities throughout the United States, and there is no better opportunity to accomplish that than improving America's infrastructure."

United for Infrastructure Executive Director Zach Schafer says: "We are thrilled that The National Electrical Contractors Association has joined United for Infrastructure 2020. The state of America's infrastructure is one of the nation's most pressing issues. As the country falls deeper into a recession, we know that investing in infrastructure can play a crucial role in our recovery, creating both short-term and long-term jobs that support middle-class families and allow communities to thrive. When we invest in infrastructure, we invest in ourselves."

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