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**NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 2020**



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## **Michigan Legislative & Regulatory Update**





## Important Citation Implementation Notice from the BCC

MIACCA would like to inform our members of this important Citation Implementation Notice from Keith Lambert, Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes:

August 11, 2020

The Bureau of Construction Codes (BCC) would like to provide you with advance notice that it will begin implementing its authority to issue citations in accordance with [MCL 339.553](#) and [MCL 339.5537](#) to maintain compliance with the Occupational Code, [1980 PA 299](#), and the Skilled Trades Regulation Act, [2016 PA 407](#). Individuals licensed/registered as building officials, inspectors, plan reviewers, residential builders, maintenance & alteration contractors, electricians, plumbers, mechanical contractors, and boiler tradesmen may be subject to a citation being issued.

Effective October 1, 2020, a BCC team member may issue a citation to a person that is licensed under [1980 PA 299](#), or [2016 PA 407](#), or required to hold a license or certificate under these acts if staff observes from an investigation, inspection, or complaint that conduct or conditions exist or have existed that violate these acts or rules promulgated or orders issued under these acts. Please be advised that citations will not be issued for violations of the code as there are existing remedies to resolve code deficiencies.

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## MIACCA Submits Written Testimony on Part 9a of the Mechanical Code Changes

On August 27th, the Bureau of Construction Code held a public hearing on Part 9a of the Mechanical Code changes [found here](#). MIACCA submitted written testimony in regards to not having sealed drawings required for single family dwellings, gas meter piping and a consistent appeals process. To view our testimony, [CLICK HERE](#). MIACCA will keep you posted on any updates. This is just another way that we are looking out for our profession.

## SB 827 Senate Reform Hearing September 1, 2020

On September 1st there is a Senate Regulatory Committee hearing ([view notice here](#)) on [SB 827](#) which was introduced by Senator Roger Victory. As you know MIACCA reached out to him at the beginning of the year with the bill and we thank him and his staff for their efforts. We believe that this proposed language will allow existing mechanical contractors to appropriately add work classifications to their mechanical licenses; continue the long standing safety practice of having employers attest to an applicant's mechanical work experience; and provide for a reasonable work experience credit for those who goes to school to learn a skilled trade and successfully completes a recognized HVAC trade school, community college, or university program.

MIACCA would like to thank it's members, Roger Mullennix of Williams Distributing, Ken Misiewicz, of Pleune Heating and Cooling and Phil Forner of Allendale Heating Company for their efforts in reaching out to Senators to get this in front of the Senate Regulatory Reform Committee.

## 2019 Utility Annual VAPS Reports Available

Many utilities have submitted their 2019 VAPS annual reports to the Michigan Public Service Commission. [Visit the MIACCA Code of Conduct Page](#) to review reports submitted by DTE, Consumers Energy and Michigan Gas Utility. As more reports become available, we will post them on our page.

## State of Michigan COVID-19 Updates and Resources

During these risky and uncertain times, please keep yourself informed by using this resource and visiting: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus> The State of Michigan is updating this page constantly to keep Michigan Residents informed.



## MIACCA and MEECA are hosting Free Webinar for Consumer Energy Retro Commissioning Programs

Interested in saving an average of 15% or more on your facility's energy costs? Join Consumers Energy experts to learn how by enrolling in Retro-Commissioning Programs. These programs include several offerings designed to improve the energy efficiency of existing buildings, often at little to no cost.

Every building uses energy uniquely. Retro-Commissioning Programs aim to find your building's hidden energy saving potential through free assessments. During the assessment, our experts uncover energy waste reduction opportunities and give you an actionable plan to reduce energy and save money.

Our teams will support you every step of the way to help your facility reopen safely by following ASHRAE (industry standard) guidelines all while saving your business energy and money. Additionally, Consumers Energy is offering bonus incentives for a short time, which further serves to help in these uncertain times.

Webinar Purpose: To educate contractors and trade allies on the new RCx offering, Building Tune Up, review the other RCx programs (Facility IQ and Defined Actions), and review the bonus incentives available (now extended through October 31, 2020).

Webinar Presenters: Audrey Ewen, Building Tune-Up; John Nametz, Facility IQ and Defined Actions; Kevin Coleman, technical Q&A.

Sep 16, 2020 11:00 AM in [Eastern Time \(US and Canada\)](#)

**[Register Here](#)**



## NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION APPRECIATION WEEK

September 14-18, 2020

National Construction Appreciation Week recognizes the dedicated, hard-working men and women instrumental in the development of our infrastructure. The truth is, construction contributes much more to our nation than job sites, orange cones, pouring concrete and traffic delays. This five-day tribute celebrates the sacrifice and tireless effort put forth to keep our country going.

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## Message from President *Phil Forner*

It's hard to believe Fall is around the corner and we will soon be focusing on heating issues. With hopefully a little reprieve from the heat and if September allows you some time, I encourage you to attend our Affiliate Member, Service Roundtables', Service World Expo Trade Show.

They are offering free registration. They will be having top notch keynote speakers, breakout sessions and a virtual Trade Show where our members can visit and see the most up to date products.

I encourage you to see below for more information or [Register Here](#).

MIACCA continues to provide you with up to date information and resources that we feel are fitting to our industry.

Please continue to utilize these COVID-19 resources from our industry experts:

ACCA resources [here](#)

Federated Insurance [here](#)

NATE resources [here](#)

ASHRAE resources [here](#)

*As always stay safe and keep up the great work!*





**Webinar: Leading Forward -  
Workplace Controversies**

When? Tuesday, September  
15, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. CST

What? In this webinar, we will address key issues such as returning to work after a pandemic-related shutdown or slow down; adjusting to the shift to remote work; workplace violence and weapons issues; and how to avoid unexpected risks of discrimination claims as your organization navigates the impact of social justice issues and the pandemic on its workforce and customers. We will provide practical tips you can use today to lead from the front and reduce risk.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



**Service World Expo Free**

**Virtual Trade Show**

**Sept 22-24, 2020**

Service World Expo is making a major pivot, company officials announced. The show is still on, but based on the responses of a survey of prior attendees the show will not be physical. It will be virtual, but a different kind of virtual, powered by incredibly robust and creative software. Imagine Service World Expo as a video game.

"In 2020, people have become so accustomed to virtual meetings that they are now boring, passé," said Service Roundtable president, Matt Michel. "That will not be the case with Service World. This will not be a glorified webinar. It is not another Zoom call. It is a true virtual event. As such, it

virtual event. As such, it will be virtually unlimited. It will be science fiction virtual. It will be like something you would expect from a video game or from a movie. It will be unlike any virtual show seen in the service trades to date. Service World Expo is making a major investment to bring contractors and exhibitors the industry's most exciting event in 2020."

Each day will start with a general session and a keynote speaker. The keynotes are Phoenix contractor Lou Hobaica; motivational speaker, Kevin Brown; and Service Roundtable president, Matt Michel. Breakouts follow the general session. The trade show follows breakouts. The same speakers who were lined up for breakouts in the physical show will give the breakouts for the virtual event. Each speaker will go to a virtual room after the presentation to answer questions.

The trade show will blow attendees away. A number of booths will be able to use virtual reality and augmented reality. Attendees will be able to immerse themselves in one of these booths and get a 360-degree panorama. They will be able to see products in three dimensions and walk around them, just like a real show.

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#### **MIACCA WELCOMES NATIONAL LADDER AS NEW CORPORATE PARTNER!**

National Ladder & Scaffold Co. is a fourth generation, family-owned-and-operated business founded in Detroit, MI in 1935. Since our founding, we have become a leading supplier to the heating & cooling industry within Michigan and throughout the USA.

We stock Michigan's best selection of ladders, scaffolding, truck and van equipment, as well as lifts and fall protection. We have two convenient locations, one in Madison Heights, MI and one in Grand Rapids, MI. With over 100,000 square feet of warehouse space WE supply our customers with the tools they need in a timely manner and with great customer service.

National Ladder & Scaffold Co. suppliers are leaders in their prospective industries. The brands we carry include Werner, Weatherguard, Knaack, Cotterman, Bil-jax, Sumner, Adrian Steel, and Ranger and many more. Our suppliers are committed to research and development, and are constantly improving upon new and existing products. With ever-changing safety standards, our suppliers give us the resources necessary to supply our customers with the latest in training and new product availability.

National Ladder & Scaffold Co. offers trucks and van upfitting services as well. We are a leading supplier and installer of shelving, bulkheads, toolboxes, ladder racks, and other features. Our sales team can assist with designing a layout for your truck or van, and our skilled and professional install team will do a quality job installing the equipment to get your team out on the road.

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