



**COVID-19 UPDATE**  
**To the Members of the Syracuse Builders Exchange**  
**Earl R. Hall, Executive Director**  
**Friday, May 8, 2020**

This week I heard from many of our member firms wondering if the regional construction industry will reopen on May 15<sup>th</sup>. As of today, I have no new information to report; however, the Syracuse Builders Exchange ("SBE") continues to prepare construction industry employers for a May 15<sup>th</sup> reopening date.

Earlier this morning I had a lengthy video conference with Randy Wolken, President & CEO, of the Manufacturers Association of Central New York ("MACNY"). Randy and I discussed the important roles of our two similar Associations, and how we can collaborate on the reopening of construction and manufacturing throughout the central New York region. SBE and MACNY are both anticipating a May 15<sup>th</sup> reopening date for construction and manufacturing respectively.

**Important Return to Work Initiatives**

SBE is prepared to react to when Governor Cuomo announces the regional reopening of construction. To prepare contractors for the expected reopening, SBE will be hosting two very important webinars next week:

**LIVE ONLY - Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**

Join OSHA's Regional Director Jeff Prebish and me as Jeff addresses OSHA's role when visiting job sites once construction resumes, and what contractors need to know to prepare for such visits. Please note this webinar will be hosted in a live format only and will not be recorded for future viewing. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from OSHA how to prepare your company and job site for an OSHA inspection and what items of importance will OSHA be focusing on once construction reopens. I encourage our members to email me questions in advance of the webinar: [ehall@syrabex.com](mailto:ehall@syrabex.com)

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM (Recorded)**

SBE continues to partner with OneGroup in delivering important risk management information to construction contractors. This pre-recorded webinar will address the COVID-19 safety plan each contractor will be required to have once construction resumes. OneGroup has prepared a 13-page boiler plate COVID-19 safety plan for contractors. SBE will disseminate the safety plan to our members prior to Thursday as participants will want to review such during the webinar. Please

note this pre-recorded webinar will be available any time via [www.syrabex.com](http://www.syrabex.com). The boiler plate safety plan will also be available at [www.syrabex.com](http://www.syrabex.com).

Webinar reminders and viewing information will be emailed to members on Tuesday morning.

**COVID-19 Construction Posters**

SBE is in the final stages of developing a COVID-19 Safety Poster, containing all of the important COVID-19 information from the Center for Disease Controls, Federal Department of Labor, OSHA, and New York State Department of Labor. Companies will want these or other similar posters for their offices and job sites to alert your employees on how to help protect themselves and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to others. Next week members will be made aware of how to order these highly visible, weather resistant, full color indoor/outdoor posters.