



ARIZONA CHAPTER ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS

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COVID-19 BULLETIN – 0002

To: All Public and Private Owners

From: David M. Martin
President

Re: Guidance on COVID-19 Outbreak

Date: March 16, 2020

Last week the Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America (AZAGC) issued AZAGC COVID-19 BULLETIN – 0001 reminding contractors that the recent COVID-19 outbreak could lead to supply chain and labor problems on projects thus affecting project schedules.

Governor Doug Ducey and President Donald Trump have declared a state of emergency for the State of Arizona and the United States of America. The Arizona Legislature is contemplating how to proceed with its business. School districts and the state's university system have temporarily shuttered campuses, and the Federal Court in Arizona has continued all civil and criminal jury trials scheduled to commence on or before April 10, 2020. It is not unreasonable to assume that state and local governments, may soon require only essential employees report to work. The private sector has taken voluntary steps to quell the outbreak. The Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce and the Arizona Chamber of Commerce have closed their offices and will conduct any meetings electronically. We are now seeing some store closures and reduced operating hours at some retailers.

These actions, along with those that will unfold over the next several weeks, will inevitably impact our members and their employees, subcontractors and suppliers. Employees in the public sector will be affected as well. AZAGC is concerned that the steps being taken to promote and require social distancing could impact and delay project schedules.

AZAGC wants to ensure that those involved in decision making for our agency partners are sensitive to the impacts that may result from COVID-19 related measures. We encourage all owners, public and private, to promptly notify those under contract with them that any schedule or other impacts caused by COVID-19 related protective measures, whether recommended or required, will be excusable delays or impacts for which an extension of time will be provided and no delay damages assessed. We all need to work together to minimize the impact of COVID-19, and this measure will provide needed relief at this critical time and ensure the safety of those engaged in our industry.

In the spirit of safety and the well-being of our entire community, the staff and board members of AZAGC would welcome a (telephonic) meeting to discuss the above and other mitigation steps owners may take to blunt the potential adverse impacts this pandemic could have on our members, agency partners and the entire industry.