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On Friday, April 24, Governor Inslee adopted the construction stakeholder group proposal and issued an addendum to his initial [Proclamation 20-25](#). Only [certain activities](#) including low risk construction projects per the [Proclamation 20-25 Addendum](#) (Phase 1) are allowed until the Stay Home, Stay Healthy proclamation is no longer in effect. Currently the stakeholder group is meeting regularly to decide on appropriate protocol for Phase 2. Our industry is well represented in the stakeholder group and Greg Lane, Executive VP of BIAW, was the driving force behind us getting back to work.

As we work to expand allowed construction to new projects while limiting the requirements we must abide by, one thing is

paramount: We must continue to abide by the protocols and requirements set out in [Proclamation 20-25 Addendum](#) and remind our fellow builders, developers, and subs do the same.

Many of you have contacted me to ask questions about [compliance](#) so I know you have been doing your part to make sure we can continue to work, but all it takes is a few bad apples to paint us all with a negative brush. Governor Inslee has already explicitly said that if there is a problem with [compliance](#), not only will we not move into Phase 2, but may lose the progress we have made.

As Tracy Doriot, BIAW First VP has stated, "All it takes is one hot spot to show up in the construction industry and we are done."

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FAQs

Who is responsible for providing PPE, GC or Sub?

The employer is responsible for providing PPE for their employees; however, the GC is responsible for making sure everyone on-site follows all the Phase 1 requirements. We suggest having extra of all required equipment in case someone arrives on site without it.

I am an electrician; can I work on a project if I didn't have a contract or didn't sign a contract before March 25th?

Yes, if the project had a permit or contract in place before March 25th. The order qualifies existing construction by the project, not the individual work done on the project.

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Join us for a short presentation and discussion with Chris Lewis, Lewis Group CPAs, about the accounting requirements for PPP funding and how to make sure your loan is forgivable.

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Office Protocol

The question of office support and protocol has become more common in the past week. If you have staff positions that are essential to support the operations allowed under the Phase 1 order, and their functions cannot be performed from home, they can be in the office. However, a different set of protocols is required to be followed. Please review [DOSH Directive 1.70](#) and make sure you are strictly adhering to the protocols in office environments.

Model Homes

In addition to questions regarding office protocol, we have also received several questions regarding model homes and/or showing homes. These fall under the restrictions governing real estate activities that are outside of the Phase 1 construction regulations, so we don't have any guidance documents or protocol recommendations. We suggest working with CCAR to find out what specific protocols are required for those interactions.

Auction for Political Action Cancelled for 2020

It was a tough decision, but after much consideration the Building Industry Group Board of Directors has chosen to cancel the 2020 Auction for Action.

Due to the high level of uncertainty around the event, the members felt that it would be better to pursue other revenue streams to support our political action for the year.

Please keep an eye out, we will be announcing a new fundraising campaign soon.

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