



March 25, 2020

The Honorable Christopher Krebs Director Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency U.S. Department of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. 20528 Sent via email to: <u>CISA.CAT@cisa.dhs.gov</u>

RE: Request for Technical Corrections to *Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response* (Guidance) issued on March 19, 2020.

Dear Director Krebs:

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Recommended Technical Correction to the Guidance and List

At a minimum, AGC requests that DHS make the following revisions to the list to help eliminate confusion among states, localities, and the construction industry as whole:

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Healthcare/Public Health (as applicable to building medical facilities, for example) Energy; Water and Wastewater; Transportation and Logistics; a Communications and Technology; Critical Manufacturing (which is needed to supply construction response and recovery efforts); Chemical; Other Community-based Government Operations and Essential Functions; and Defense Industrial Base (for which construction workers build and repair military bases, hospitals and medical clinics, among others).

Ensure that references to workers who construct or repair critical infrastructure are done in such a way as to not exclude or limit workers who perform those functions. For example, one of the bullets in the Water and Wastewater section, incorporates workers who perform repair

Insert an opening sentence prior to the bullets in the Public Works section that provides a broad, but not exhaustive, explanation for what is considered a public work facility.

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operation, inspection, and maintenance of public works facilities and operations, including bridges, water and sewer main breaks, fleet maintenance personnel, construction of critical or strategic infrastructure, traffic signal maintenance, emergency location services for buried utilities, maintenance of digital systems infrastructure supporting public works operations, and other emergent issues. 14 (1879