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TO: WLCA Members

RE: Updated List of Essential Businesses

Late this afternoon, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) updated their list of essential businesses to now include landscapers!

WLCA and NALP have been working tirelessly on the issue and it has finally happened!

[Today's Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#)

The Public Works and Infrastructure Support Services Section now states:

[PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT SERVICES](#)

- Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential 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.
- **Workers such as plumbers, electricians, exterminators, builders, contractors, HVAC Technicians, landscapers, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety,**

sanitation, and essential operation of residences, businesses and buildings such as hospitals, senior living facilities, any temporary construction required to support COVID-19 response.

- Workers who support, such as road and line clearing, to ensure the availability of and access to needed facilities, transportation, energy and communications.
- Support to ensure the effective removal, storage, and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste and hazardous waste, including landfill operations.
- Workers who support the operation, inspection, and maintenance of essential dams, locks and levees.
- Workers who support the inspection and maintenance of aids to navigation, and other government provided services that ensure continued maritime commerce.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) lists businesses that fall under “essential” based on Governor Evers order. One of the bullet points on the list is “CISA List” which states:

CISA List

Any business or worker identified in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response, issued March 19, 2020.

The WEDC page is referencing the original list that was issued on March 19, 2020. We are hoping that the site will be updated soon to reference today’s list.

We strongly suggest that you print these pages and have your crews carry them to any job sites. We also recommend that you post this information in your office and shop.

It is important that we are all maintaining safe working conditions. All personnel

should be following the CDC's recommendation on social distancing and basic hygiene. All of the CDC's recommended practices are designed to drastically reduce the possibility of spreading the disease. Be sure you are sanitizing tools and equipment along with ensuring that all vehicles are cleaned at the end of every shift – making sure that all surfaces are wiped down. Also, when possible, it is best to limit one employee per vehicle and no more than two at the most. As industry professionals we want to ensure that we are demonstrating to our employees, our customers, our vendors and the authorities that we are taking the situation seriously and are doing our best to minimize the spread of the disease.

[CDC Guidelines](#)

Thank you for your patience as we worked through this issue.

Stay safe and healthy!