



## DESIGNATION AS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPLIER

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Dear Valued CEM Partner:

As the Nation comes together to slow the spread of COVID-19, on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the President issued updated Coronavirus Guidance for America. This guidance states that:

*“If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule.”*

The federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) provides strategic guidance, promotes a national unity of effort, and coordinates the overall federal effort to ensure the security and resilience of the Nation's critical infrastructure.

On March 19, 2020, CISA listed **ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKERS DURING COVID-19 RESPONSE** to help State and Local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. This list includes **“Critical Manufacturing:** workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for **medical supply chains**, transportation, **energy**, communications, **food and agriculture**, **chemical manufacturing**, **nuclear facilities**, the operation of dams, water and **wastewater treatment**, emergency services and the **defense industrial base.**” CISA, [Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce](#) (Mar. 19, 2020).

CEM Corporation is part of the nation's **Critical Industry Infrastructure**. Under current guidance, CEM will remain open for business in order to do its part to support our countries' infrastructure during the pandemic, while monitoring and maintaining a safe working environment.

Because you are a supplier of CEM Corporation, **your company and all your employees are recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as WORKERS ESSENTIAL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE DURING COVID-19 RESPONSE** by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. States that are enacting COVID movement restrictions have similar exemptions. Therefore, your workers and carriers may be appropriately considered exempt from shelter in place orders, curfews, and other restrictions when commuting to or from work or performing their job functions that support CEM and other Critical Manufacturing industry sector members.

We are focused on working with our supplier network to take efforts to protect the supply and availability of our products, to ensure that our customers continue to have access to critical products and support during the pandemic.

Thank you for your continued partnership while we navigate these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO