ILTA Monthly Supplier Industry-Peer Exchange Call
May 27, 2020
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST
Participants – 31

Updates and Announcements

- **Introduction and Organization – Kathryn Clay**
  - ILTA has conducted weekly calls with terminal members for the past few months
    - Purposes:
      - Understanding member needs during COVID-19 and figuring out how to help them
      - Large emphasis on information exchange and peer-to-peer correspondence
      - Recently, we’ve brought regulators on the call to understand the needs of the industry and its related stakeholders and supply chains and hear updates and concerns from those regulators.
    - Because the terminal calls are so successful, ILTA opted to add a new Supplier Member Call. These calls will be held monthly on the final Wednesday of the month at 4 pm Eastern Time.
      - In addition to Washington and ILTA updates on COVID and other issues, ILTA will include a discussion and answer questions about the conference and trade show because of the large number of exhibitors attending supplier member calls

- **Legislative Affairs – Andy Wright**
  - Main focus of Congress – COVID-19 pandemic
    - Four bills (with total spending of $3 trillion) have already been passed since March
      - Individual payments to taxpayers
      - Loans to small businesses (PPP loan program)
    - House Democrats recently passed a $3 billion bill aimed at providing aid to state and local governments
      - Republicans quite opposed to it as compared to the past four bills which have been relatively bipartisan
        - Negotiations are ongoing despite the Senate being on recess
- Harbor Maintenance Tax and Trust Fund, etc. – ILTA is advocating for more money to ports and waterways to keep our industry afloat during the crisis and ensure that money collected is going toward its intended target.
  - Democrats have proposed a government-funding bonuses for essential works (HEROES Fund)
    - Federal money that businesses can apply for, doesn’t come from the businesses themselves
    - **Kathryn:** ILTA has successfully advocated for truck drivers and terminal workers loading fuel should be included in this language
  - Companies with difficulties getting masks
    - ILTA has ordered masks for smaller companies that can’t order them in the thousands, ILTA has bought a large amount in boxes of 50, please contact Andy Wright (awright@ilta.org) or membership@ilta.org for more information
  - Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund – block of money going to the Treasury from those that import goods into the US each year, ILTA has been advocating for years for all that money to be completely spent, and has recently put it into a COVID-19 bill
    - ILTA is also advocating for more money to be spent in the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, which is dedicated towards a lot of similarly important infrastructure
    - Contact Andy Wright for additional information
    - *Is the Harbor Maintenance fact sheet still up on the website?*
      - **Cathy/Andy:** we can put it up to the site and send it to anyone who needs it (CL will add today).
      - **WatsonB:** *If the government has $9 billion excess funds, they're gone.*
        - **Kathryn:** While it is a trust fund, the government uses it like a piggy bank. It’s $9 billion more than has been spent, but Congress has used it for other things. It isn’t tax dollars, it’s from user fees for waterways and ports.
- **Regulatory Affairs – Peter Lidiak**
  - Earliest things ILTA has done – working with CISA to determine who are considered essential workers. The guidance is up on the CISA website. If members are still having issues with people getting slowed down going in and out of communities, you can refer to that guidance to establish that your employees are critical workers.
  - OSHA came out announcing they would focus their workforce safety on the three parts of the workforce that were the front line to the pandemic (healthcare, first responders, correctional institutions) and would cut down on inspections and enforcement on other industries
Originally being more lenient toward workplace infections due to the sheer volume of communitywide exposure, making it difficult to determine sources of exposure.

This week OSHA has begun to crack down on enforcement, but it still recognizes that there is a great deal of communitywide exposure that makes it difficult to differentiate the source of the infection.

- Environmental issues – demand for products of all sorts have dropped off during the pandemic, particularly jet fuel and gasoline. Storage is getting extremely filled up
  - This makes it impossible for terminal companies to turn over gasoline from winter to summer grade gasoline.
  - EPA issued a national RVP waiver that allows for the sale of winter gasoline until the supply is expended
    - HOWEVER, Pennsylvania has differed from this by putting a deadline on July 15

- Terminals will have difficult time with out-of-service inspections due to the large amount of supply still in storage. ILTA is in the process of negotiating with the EPA regarding waiving these out-of-service inspections.

- FEMA’s NBEOC (Business Center for Emergencies) is a great resource for businesses trying to adapt to the pandemic
- Sector Coordinating Council’s responsible recovery compendium – available on the SCC’s website and on ILTA’s website on the COVID-19 page

- **Randy Hartung** – *What about the TWIC rule?*
  - **Peter:** Some enrollment centers have closed early and are less available, so the TSA has extended the expiration date for certain TWICs by 180 days. The Coast Guard did release its extension rule, extending the deadline for TWIC readers to May 2023.

**Conference & Trade Show - Meredith DeZemler and Kathryn Clay**
- Rebooking for the conference might potentially start next week
- George R. Brown Convention Center is no longer the scheduled venue for the trade show; new venue is the largest ballroom in the Marriott.
  - **NOTE:** The George R. Brown will return as the trade show venue for the June 2021 show.
- New 2020 trade show dates: November 16-17

**Participant Questions and Discussion**

**Upcoming Action Items:**
- **Cathy/Andy:** Upload Harbor Maintenance Fact Sheet to website, ensure that everyone who requests a copy has it
- **Next call:** June 24 at 4 PM Eastern