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## **West Virginia Construction & Design EXPO Canceled Due to COVID-19 Concerns**

Charleston, West Virginia – The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual West Virginia Construction and Design EXPO, scheduled for March 24 – 25 at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center, has been canceled due to continued concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic.

The decision to cancel the 2021 EXPO was made by the EXPO Board of Directors. The need to withdraw from an in-person March event was recognized after EXPO conducted a survey of exhibitors and another survey of attendees.

“The survey responses revealed an overwhelming majority of companies who were still not allowed to travel or attend large gatherings,” said show manager Cassidy Webb. “A number of respondents indicated they were not comfortable attending an in-person event in March because of the uncertainty of the pandemic.”

“The EXPO board wants to stay involved and give exhibitors and sponsors the opportunity to gain exposure to over 4,000 prospective attendees,” Webb stated. “A plan is being developed for a digital campaign to keep exhibitors and attendees connected throughout 2021.”

The campaign is set to roll out in the next several weeks and will be available on the website [www.wvexpo.com](http://www.wvexpo.com), as well as EXPO’s Facebook page.

The West Virginia Construction & Design EXPO features nearly 300 exhibitors, over 4,000 attendees and over 75 seminars, most offering free continuing education credit, making it an invaluable networking opportunity. Plans for an in-person event in 2022 at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center are moving forward.

**About EXPO:** EXPO is presented by the Contractors Association of West Virginia, West Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, West Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, and the West Virginia Utility Contractors Association, in addition to 24 co-sponsoring organizations. The trade show has become the meeting ground for contractors, architects, engineers, purchasing agents, suppliers, public works officials and others involved in the commercial and industrial construction markets. For more information, visit [www.wvexpo.com](http://www.wvexpo.com).

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