



The ECA Board of Directors has continued to monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation closely and has considered the many concerns raised by our members. There is no higher priority than the health, safety, and well-being of everyone involved in the ECA MarketPlace event. Based on recent events and out of an abundance of caution, ECA regrettably announces that the 2020 ECA MarketPlace which had been scheduled for April 27-29 at the Dallas Sheraton in Dallas TX will be officially canceled.

The ECA Board of Directors and staff recognize the importance of this event for our ECA members and are considering a virtual MarketPlace. We will be sending out a survey to solicit interest in creating the virtual MarketPlace; please stay tuned for the survey.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding this pandemic, the state of emergency and the fact that many businesses and hotels have closed for the near future, and the uniqueness of our event, the ECA has chosen not to reschedule this year's MarketPlace. Please save the date for the 2021 ECA MarketPlace, which will take place in Orlando, Florida April 19-21, 2021.

This decision was made out of necessity for the health, safety, and well-being not only of our members, partners and the entire community. Thank you for your understanding and continued support through these unprecedented times. We know everyone involved in the ECA is doing their part to protect our communities and working together so we can keep everyone safe and healthy.

**Over the course of the next two weeks, all registrations will be refunded. If the payment was made by credit card, the refund will be applied back to your card, and if payment was made by check you will receive your refund in the mail.**

**Additionally, I would like to mention that our funds for the Carrie Ehlers Scholarship come from donations from the ECA MarketPlace and through the ECA Golf Tournament. Therefore, if you would like to donate part of your registration refund to the Carrie Ehlers Scholarship fund please let Fiona Morgan know how much you wish to donate at [fiona@expresscarriers.org](mailto:fiona@expresscarriers.org).**

**If you have reserved a room at the Sheraton Dallas you must contact the hotel directly to cancel your reservation.**

Please remain on the lookout over the next couple of months for the following items:

1. A ballot for the board elections.
2. Invites to educational webinars from our vendor members.
3. RFPs from our shipper members looking for transportation partners.

Best wishes, stay safe, and stay healthy during this difficult period,

The ECA Board of Directors