

Morning Agenda and Program Descriptions

7 AM Registration Opens

7 – 7:45 AM Breakfast Buffet

7:45 – 8 AM Morning Welcome & Sponsor Recognition

Opening Keynote 8 - 9 AM

Economic Insights: Construction Opportunities and Risks



The Conference opens with a practical look at the financial market and what current developments may suggest for the industry. Back by popular demand, regional economic expert Tom Jalics (Fifth Third Bank), will help you understand how the economy is impacting construction locally, regionally and nationally; and what we can expect as we move further into 2024 and beyond.

Tom Jalics (Fifth Third Bank)
Pending: AIA: 1 LU Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

Breakout Sessions 9:15 - 10:15 AM

(M1) Shaping the Future of the AEC Industry

Today's construction professionals don't just work in construction — they work in data, manufacturing and robotics too. This makes the road to a completed project more complex than ever, and emphasizes the need for digital collaboration throughout the life of a project to ensure everyone is on the same page in every stage of construction. Join co-presenting sponsor Autodesk for a look at how Al, cloud platforms, and connected data are shaping the future of design and build.

Representatives from Co-Presenting Sponsor Autodesk Pending: AIA: 1 LU/HSW, GBCI: 1 CE hour Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

(M2) Zoning Code Overhaul Preps Columbus for Growth

The City of Columbus is undergoing a complete review and update of the zoning code, which has not been modernized in 70 years. The initial focus is on the busiest areas where people come together to live, shop, eat, get on or off the bus and do business. City representatives will present the findings of a recent survey seeking community input on the types of buildings that may someday be built in Columbus and how the results are developing the first phase of the new zoning code.

Anthony Celebrezze III (City of Columbus, Department of Building & Zoning Services) James Lewis (City of Columbus, Zone In Columbus) Pending: AIA: 1 LU/HSW Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

(M3) Hop on the Bus - The Benefit of Jobsite Transportation

For hourly workers facing rising costs of personal vehicles, transportation is the number one barrier for getting to work. In the construction industry, getting workers to the jobsite is essential and transportation benefits have become a new way to attract and retain employees. Discover the models available for companies to provide employee transportation and the HR data used to solve workforce transportation issues.

Ryan McMannus (Share Mobility)
Pending: AIA: 1 LU/HSW Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

(M4) Beyond Business Cards: Making Industry Connections

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Breakout Sessions 10:30 – 11:30 AM

(M5) The Columbus Region: Affordable, Innovative and Competitive

The Columbus metro ranks first among large Midwest metro areas for population and job growth since 2010, and is among the fastest growing metros in the country. Join One Columbus for an updated market overview on the state of the Columbus Region, including a benchmarking analysis against other U.S. metros, as well as growth trends, industry trends and a look at the One Columbus active project pipeline.

Jay Knox & Rich Fletcher (One Columbus)
Pending: AIA: 1 LU/HSW, GBCI: 1 CE hour Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

(M6) The Value of Strong Relationships With Your Financial Team

Construction is an inherently risky business, with financial challenges that are often beyond your control. For many contractors and developers, securing project financing has become more difficult resulting in delays, design changes and lower profit margins. The good news is having a strong relationship with your financial team can help you navigate these hurdles. Learn what these industry experts recommend to their clients, and their insight on the current state of construction financing.

Moderator: Joe Urquhart (Overmyer Hall Associates)

Panelists: David Catanese (Overmyer Hall Associates)

Keith Martinez (Plante Moran) Rachel Ross (Fifth Third Bank)

Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

(M7) The Future is Here. How Al is Redesigning Construction

After years of development, the use of artificial intelligence in construction is a reality that's poised to transform the industry. From preconstruction to project management to site safety, the various forms of AI are having an impact on all aspects of a project. Area design and construction professionals will share their AI experience, plus best practices and lessons learned.

Moderator: Brent Foley (Triad)
Panelists: Jeff Greene (Triad)

James Winters (Pepper Construction Co.)

Tony Wulk (Osborn Engineering)

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(M8) Harnessing Decisions for Quality & Safety in Construction

The average adult makes more than 35,000 decisions every day. In construction, your projects are only as successful as the sum of your crew's decisions, and the impact of unsuccessful choices can be significant. Injuries, rework and a lack of productivity can add up and cause a hit to your bottom line. Learn how empowering your crews to make successful decisions will result in a safer jobsite, increased production and quality work.

Stokes McIntyre (MindForge Studios)
Pending: AIA: 1 LU/HSW Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

Afternoon Agenda and Program Descriptions

11:30 AM Lunch Buffet

Mid-Day Keynote 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Transform the Future of Construction by Focusing on Your People

The construction industry is at a crossroads. While we are gravitating toward more collaborative project delivery methods and exciting technological advances, we struggle with issues like workforce development, diversity and inclusion, lack of innovation, safety issues, and high stress and burnout. Explore ways to address these issues by focusing on our people. There are practical solutions and readily implementable initiatives that

will help solve these problems. In addition, there are evaluations and simple methods that are easy to follow that will allow your company to overcome these issues and thrive in this new marketplace.

Brent Darnell (Brent Darnell International) Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

Breakout Sessions 1:45-2:45 PM

(A1) Design Build + Technology = Enhanced Project Delivery

Once considered an "alternative" form of project delivery, Design-Build is now the fastest growing and most commonly used project delivery system. The industry is maximizing innovative approaches to collaborate on highly successful projects and using Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) to take team collaboration to new heights. Learn how design-build teams embrace innovation and technology to create effective, efficient and transparent processes that allow every project team member to work together as one.

Brian Skripac (Design-Build Institute of America)
Pending: AIA: 1 LU/HSW, GBCI: 1 CE hour Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU,

(A2) Workforce: Accessing the Talent Pipeline

The construction workforce shortage continues to be a challenge for area firms, driving them to think outside the box for new recruitment strategies. The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO) features two options for attracting emerging talent and is seeking industry involvement. Discover how work-based learning and pre-apprenticeship opportunities are helping prepare area high school students and how you can tap into the talent pipeline.

Jama Cobb & John Hambrick (Educational Service Center of Central Ohio) Pending: AIA: 1 LU Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

(A3) Taking Construction to a New Dimension – 3D Printing

Imagine being able to erect buildings faster, with fewer workers and less waste. It's not a dream, it's how 3D printing is advancing the construction industry. Last year, The Ohio State University unveiled the state's first large-scale 3D construction printer, and the Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence has been exploring real-world applications. Learn what they've discovered, and about their goal to become a national authority on building with 3D printers.

Nate Ames & Lisa Burris (Center for Design and Manufacturing Excellence) Eric Wooldridge (Sommerset Community College) Pending: AIA: 1 LU/HSW, GBCI: 1 CE hour Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

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Breakout Sessions 3 - 4 PM

(A5) Coming Attractions! Central Ohio Growth and Development

Data centers, industrial parks and mixed-use developments are driving growth and development in central Ohio. While some followed Intel to the region, others were attracted to the variety of benefits the region has to offer. As construction projects multiply, how are local communities reacting to the change? Hear from one organization helping the region embrace the transition.

Jim Lenner (Neighborhood Strategies)
Pending: AIA: 1 LU/HSW Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

(A6) Change is Good, So is Being Cautious

As construction professionals embrace new technologies and industry advancements like artificial intelligence, it's important to consider the risks that may accompany the rewards. As technology changes how projects are built, it will also change the nature of construction lawsuits to include more complex issues like intellectual property. Gain legal insight on the steps you should take now to anticipate future issues.

Peter Hahn and Eric Kjellander (Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP) Pending: AIA: 1 LU Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

(A7) Has "Dusty" Visited Your Jobsite?

Officially known as the Dusty Robotics FieldPrinter, "Dusty" is the next generation in construction layout and is keeping busy in central Ohio. This tool automates the layout process, improving accuracy, communication and efficiency. Learn how local contractors are utilizing this technology to enhance collaboration by printing layouts for all trades in a single pass, guaranteeing that everyone builds off the same data; thereby mitigating conflicts and reducing rework.

Brandt Edler, Justin Hollandsworth & Sarah Nisky (Acoustic Ceiling & Partition of Ohio) Pending: AIA: 1 LU/HSW, GBCI: 1 CE hour Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

(A8) The Other MEP: A Multiple Employer Plan

The construction labor shortage continues to put your ability to attract, recruit, reward and retain employees at a premium. Discover essential components of building a best-in-class 401(k) plan, while minimizing your liability as an employer, reducing costs and implementing impactful employee engagement and financial education. This session will also introduce the 401(k)-plan solution now available to members of the Builders Exchange that brings these best practices together in a turnkey solution, allowing you to save time, reduce costs and transfer liability.

Brian Hanna (Everhart Advisors) Approved: PE: 1 PDH, OCILB: 1 CEU

Conference Reception/Happy Hour 4 - 5 PM

The education sessions may be finished, but the networking among attendees, presenters and sponsors continues during the Conference Happy Hour!