



Preliminary Agenda

Building Tomorrow: Innovative & Collaborative Solutions

February 2-5, 2026 / Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld

Monday, February 02

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| 8:00-5:00 | Registration/Information |
| 10:00-3:30 | Exhibits Open |
| 10:00-12:00 | Sprint Teams |
| 1:00-1:10 | Welcome & Opening Remarks
<i>Greg Sizemore, CURT</i> |
| 1:10-2:40 | "First Brood" – An Economic Update with Anirban Basu
<i>Dr. Anirban Basu, Chairman & CEO, Sage Policy Group</i>
Everyone is speculating about what 2026 will bring. After an incredibly active 2025, can the U.S. economy sustain its momentum, or will lingering economic uncertainty lead to the next recession? In this fast-paced, data-driven presentation, we will monitor the latest trends in employment, housing, commercial real estate, financial markets, and output. You can expect some surprises, perhaps an insight or two, and maybe even a few laughs as we characterize the present and predict the future. |
| 2:40-3:10 | Networking / Exhibits / Refreshments |
| 3:10-4:10 | Built to Evolve: Top Trends Shaping the Construction Industry
<i>Matt Gierke, Principal, FMI Corporation</i>
Receive the 2026 Industry Outlook and dive into the dynamic forces reshaping our sector. The outlook will encompass an examination of the overall industry forecast, market opportunities, and regional trends. We'll also provide an overview of the industry challenges companies are facing and what the best-in-class are doing to address them in their businesses in 2026.
Learning Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify key trends and policy shifts shaping the industry and evaluate their potential impact on business strategy.2. Interpret economic forecasts relevant to the sector and apply insights to enhance long-term planning and resilience.3. Develop strategic responses to a rapidly changing industry to position your organization for sustained growth. |
| 4:10-5:10 | The Future of Construction
<i>Procore Technologies & Friends</i> |
| 5:10-5:30 | Future Unlocked: First Look at CURT's New Digital Solution Platform
<i>Greg Sizemore, CURT</i> |
| 5:30 | Day One Wrap-Up |
| 5:30-6:30 | Exclusive Power Pre-Game: CURT's Women's Leadership Reception
Cohort Alumni Only |
| 6:30-8:30 | Welcome Cocktail Party
Exhibit Hall |

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Tuesday, February 03

7:00-8:00 Networking Breakfast
7:00-5:00 Exhibits Open

8:00-8:15	Safety/Lean Track Kickoff <i>Herb Strong, HazTek Safety Management</i>	Tech/AI Track Kickoff <i>Brian Langhorst, Procore Technologies</i>
8:15-9:15	Management of Change CURT Safety Sprint Team In a supply chain-driven environment where projects are expected to be delivered faster, there is still an expectation to maintain, hopefully improve, best-in-class safety performance year after year. How can we ensure success when the industry's challenges aren't addressed at a macro level? Furthermore, in an environment where our confidence in trade partners' ability to effectively manage their own risk profiles is diminished due to a labor- and skills-deficient market. In this session, we will discuss how our CURT Owners and Contractors are tackling the Management of Change.	Time to Power <i>Jim Ellis, CURT</i> <i>Angela Skow, CNA</i> <i>Andy Browning, Duke Energy</i>
9:15-10:00	Eliminating the Eight Wastes <i>John Moehnke, PIMSHQ</i> Collaborative data-management platforms, enhanced by AI, address longstanding construction inefficiencies by eliminating the Eight Wastes through streamlined information flow and better coordination among project partners. These systems reduce delays, rework, and safety risks by enabling real-time communication, automated documentation, predictive analytics, and consistent quality verification Eliminating the Eight Wastes. By bridging fragmented technologies and preserving institutional knowledge, organizations gain measurable improvements in decision-making, workforce effectiveness, and overall project delivery.	Practical Applications of AI in Construction Management <i>Shane Hanson, IPI</i> As technology continues to reshape the construction industry, Artificial Intelligence (AI) is creating new opportunities to work smarter, faster, and more efficiently. In this session, Industrial Project Innovation (IPI) will share real-world examples of how AI is being integrated into construction management workflows today—not as a futuristic concept, but as a practical tool driving daily operations. The discussion will explore how AI interfaces are being developed between key software platforms to reduce friction and enable better data flow across projects. The session will also highlight how IPI leverages AI to automate repetitive administrative tasks, streamline internal workflows, and free up teams to focus on higher-value work. Additionally, the presentation will outline IPI's approach to managing and monitoring AI use across the organization to ensure implementation is responsible, secure, and strategically aligned with business objectives.
10:00-10:30	Networking Break	Networking Break

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10:30-11:15	How a New Era of Construction Water Management Improves Worker Health & Well Being <i>Alan Pyle, Waterfleet</i> Construction sites typically focus water management on the build itself, overlooking essential human needs like drinking water, sanitation, and safety showers. Relying on outdated solutions such as Igloo coolers, bottled water, Porta-Potties, and constant fluid hauling creates unnecessary health risks for workers. By prioritizing worker well-being early in the bid process, innovative water-management systems can improve health outcomes while advancing key sustainability goals.	Using AI to Improve Asset-Centric Project Outcomes – Real World Examples You Can Use Today <i>Nicholas Johnson, Kahua</i> <i>Hugh Seaton, The AI Link</i> <i>Brian Moore, Kahua</i> <i>Andy Jackson, IBM Maximo</i> <i>Brian Ellsworth, Mayo Clinic</i> Artificial intelligence has been an essential topic across industries for the past two years. However, most of the discussion has centered on its potential or the concerns it raises. This presentation will instead focus on real-world examples of how AI is successfully deployed today and the benefits realized across the entire project and asset lifecycle. You'll hear from a leading independent construction industry AI expert, two leading technology companies, and a construction owner on what is being deployed today with immediate impact on asset-centric project outcomes. And you'll get tips for how to build your own company's AI strategy best.
11:15-12:00	Lean Then, Now, and Next: 20 Years of Continuous Improvement <i>Klaus Lemke, Midion</i> <i>John Matuska, Ruby + Associates</i> <i>Rob Wagner, Procter & Gamble</i>	Novice to Expert: Generation Centaur Integrating AI Tools in the Field <i>Mark Bridgers, Continuum Capital</i> Artificial intelligence is transforming construction by enabling individuals with average experience to perform at expert levels through accelerated learning and real-time access to accumulated knowledge. As workforce shortages, retirements, and rising project complexity strain traditional on-the-job training models, AI provides proactive insights into planning, safety, quality, and productivity that were once only attainable through decades of experience. This session demonstrates how AI-powered tools, from advanced simulations to real-time analytics, are elevating project managers, field leaders, and craft workers alike, reducing risk while improving performance across the jobsite.
12:00-1:00	Networking Lunch	
1:15-1:30	Workforce Track Kickoff <i>Andy Browning, Duke Energy</i>	Risk Mitigation/Modularization Track Kickoff <i>Angela Skow, CNA</i>

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1:30-2:15	Advancing Women in Construction <i>Gretchen Gagel, Women Thriving in Construction: A Global Institute</i> <i>Steve Dora, Toyota</i> <i>Kim Neuscheler, Turner Construction Company</i>	Beyond Compliance: Why Jobsite Culture is a Silent Threat to Risk Management <i>TBD – CNA</i> Culture in construction has long been viewed as a soft topic, something nice to have but not necessarily tied to performance. That assumption is outdated. In this session, we will examine how job site culture influences safety, quality, productivity, and profitability. Discover how to leverage culture as a strategic business asset by transforming this silent threat into a powerful risk management tool.
2:15-3:00	Craft Worker Digital Credentialing <i>Jennifer Wilkerson, NCCER</i> <i>Daniel Groves, CIR</i> <i>Shreesha Ramdas, Lumber</i> <i>Kirk Samuelson, BuilderFax</i> <i>Peter Dumont, PrairieDog VP</i>	Risk Management for Data Center Construction <i>TBD – CNA</i> As demand for computing power increases, the demand for data center construction also grows. In this session, you will learn about the specific and unique risk management needs of data center construction, including risks related to contract negotiation, material protection, phasing and sequencing, trade selection and qualification, insurance procurement, lender compliance, and claim recovery.
3:00-3:30	Break	Break
3:30-4:15	Doing More With Less: Multi-Skilling as the New Workforce Advantage <i>Kevin Sell, Kwest Group</i> <i>Brian Lines, Simplar Foundation</i> <i>Metropower</i> <i>Hensel Phelps</i> <i>Cianbro</i> <i>Ryan Kidd, Kwest Group</i> Forward-thinking contractors are actively developing multi-skilling programs to (1) address the industry's shortage of craft professionals and (2) simultaneously maximize crew productivity. In 2025, Associated Builders and Contractors commissioned a nationwide study with the Simplar Foundation to measure the benefits of multi-skilling. This panel will explain their part in the research, how they multi-skill, and how the data supports these approaches. Users will walk away understanding how these practices translate into measurable project benefits – and why they should be seeking contractors who leverage multi-skilling effectively.	Bridging the Construction Productivity Gap with Modularization <i>Bill Lewis, Microsoft (retired)</i> <i>Russell White, Primoris</i> With the current wave of project announcements along with their immense craft needs and accelerated schedules, project teams will need to leverage the productivity of fabrication facilities stateside and abroad. Utilizing modularization in the design and construction of their projects will improve probability of achieving project goals. This topic will focus on reinforcing the need for modularization strategy, productivity in the shop versus field environments, history of modularization, and defining the essential variables of modularization. Attendees can take the topic conversation to their project teams assessing what portions of their projects should be considered for modularization with a recommended blueprint for implementation available.

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4:15-5:00	Addressing Facility Systems Interrelationships <i>Insulators LMCT</i> Mechanical insulation is often overlooked in U.S. building projects due to contracting practices that prioritize speed over proper inspection, qualification, and accountability during installation. Limited industry knowledge and weak incentives to ensure high-quality insulation work lead to performance deficiencies, unnecessary energy consumption, and increased long-term operating costs. When correctly designed, installed, and maintained, mechanical insulation delivers exceptional ROI, enhances system performance, and provides significant ongoing benefits.	Legal Considerations for Modular Construction <i>TBD</i>
5:00-5:15	Wrap Up <i>Andy Browning, Duke Energy</i>	Wrap Up <i>Angela Skow, CNA</i>

Wednesday, February 04

7:00-10:00	Registration/Information
7:00-9:45	Exhibits Open
7:00-8:00	Networking Breakfast
8:00-8:15	Day Three Kick-Off <i>Greg Sizemore, CURT</i>
8:15-9:15	Project Showcase: Airside D at Tampa International Airport
9:15-9:45	Networking / Exhibits / Refreshments
9:45-10:45	Project Showcase: TVA and the Infinity Two Project <i>Andrew Campbell, Tennessee Valley Authority</i>
10:45-11:45	Pre-Construction Delays: Impacts on CURT Members & How to Avoid Them <i>Kevin Sell, Kwest Group</i> <i>Kenneth Sullivan, Arizona State University</i> <i>Brian Lines, Kansas State University</i> <i>Fred Marsh, Duke Energy</i> <i>Jon Hayes, Nucor</i> <i>Ed Luckenbach, UIG</i> Our members asked, and CURT delivered. Recent Research Sprint Team sessions identified a critical industry need to understand delays in the pre-construction phase better, revealing consistent patterns across varied project experiences. In response, CURT commissioned a comprehensive study through the Simpar Research Foundation, with findings to be presented at this event. Even more importantly, attendees will gain a thorough understanding of the pre-construction delay landscape, empowering them to develop strategies that reduce or even eliminate these issues and drive stronger project outcomes.
11:45-12:00	Closing Remarks <i>Greg Sizemore</i>
12:00-1:30	Farewell Luncheon

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The CURT Women's Leadership Initiative requires a separate registration fee.

3:00-5:00 CURT's Women's Leadership Initiative Kick Off – Cohort #3
 Gretchen Gagel, Women Thriving in Construction: A Global Institute

6:00-8:30 CURT's Women's Leadership Initiative Dinner

Thursday, February 05

9:00-4:00 CURT's Women's Leadership Initiative – Cohort #3
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