



CURT October Solutions Summit A Members-Only Event

Charlotte, North Carolina | Tuesday, October 6, 2026

- 7:00 AM Networking Breakfast
- 7:30 AM CURT Sprint Team Meetings
Construction Sustainability *Lean Project Delivery*
Procurement & Contracting *Safety, Health & Wellness*
Off-Site Construction/Modularization *Construction Industry Research*
- 9:00 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks
Greg Sizemore, President, CURT
- 9:15 AM AI in Construction Panel
Moderator
Brian Gallagher, Vice President, PPC Partners
Panelists
Hugh Seaton, Managing Director-Construction, Quantum Rise
Dr. Vivek Sharma, Associate Dean & Associate Professor, Clemson University
Michelle Palys, Vice President-Performance Excellence, Graycor
Patrick Phister, SVP Fossil Operations, Day & Zimmermann
- 10:15 AM Owner Roundtable: Solving Today's Toughest Capital Project Challenges
Capital project leaders are navigating an increasingly complex environment shaped by workforce constraints, cost and schedule pressures, evolving technologies, supply chain challenges, and growing expectations for safety and performance. How are leading owners responding?
- This candid panel conversation brings together capital project leaders from major owner organizations to discuss the challenges having the greatest impact on their projects today. Panelists will share what is working, where traditional approaches are falling short, and how their organizations are adapting strategies, strengthening partnerships, and making better decisions to improve project outcomes.
- Discussion will explore:
- The most pressing challenges affecting capital programs today
 - Strategies owners are using to manage cost, schedule, and risk
 - Workforce availability and capability
 - Improving owner, contractor, and supplier collaboration
 - Where technology is creating meaningful value
 - Lessons learned that other owners can apply to their projects

Preliminary Agenda*

Chris Sappington, Sr. Manager of HSE Global Projects, LyondellBasell
Greg Davis, Director of Cost Engineering, Procter & Gamble
Andrew White, Turner Industries Group,
representing PEMEX & Cheniere Energy Inc.

- 11:15 AM The Modern Owner: What Duke Energy Needs from Its Construction Partners
- 12:15 PM Networking Lunch
- 1:15 PM What Construction Owners Need to Know About the Next-Generation Workforce
Jake Smithwick, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering Technology & Construction Management, UNC Charlotte
Gen Z is no longer simply “entering” the construction industry. Younger professionals and craft workers are already taking on increasingly consequential roles as experienced workers retire, the available workforce tightens, and AI changes how knowledge is developed and applied. Drawing on Simplar’s research with AEC students and working professionals, this session will separate evidence from generational assumptions and examine how Gen Z’s expectations regarding leadership, communication, technology, feedback, career development, and purpose are influencing project teams. Attendees will learn practical ways to strengthen mentoring and knowledge transfer, develop more value from every available person, create project environments where younger workers can succeed, and become a client of choice for the contractors and talent needed to deliver future projects.
- 2:15 PM Contractor Roundtable: Lessons from the Best Projects We’ve Delivered
Tracey Smith, Partner, FMI – Moderator
Peter Cianchette, Executive VP Corporate Development, Cianbro
Brian Hartz, SVP Business Development, Day & Zimmerman
Brian Roundtree, Sr. Director-Corporate Safety, The Haskell Company
Julia De Rosi, Market Executive, Mortenson Construction
- 3:15 PM The Decisions That Changed Everything: One Decision with the Greatest Impact on a Capital Program
Jon Hayes, General Manager-Construction, Nucor Corporation
Roddy Domangue, Safety Security Health & OIMS Lead, ExxonMobil - invited
Eric Rasmussen, SVP Capital Projects, Technical Servs Oglethorpe Power Corp. - invited
Jimmy Farmer, Craft Labor Manager, Southern Company
Kevin Holbrook, Sr. Mgr.-Construction Projects, Tennessee Valley Authority
- 4:15 PM Wrap-Up
Greg Sizemore, President, CURT

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