



The Owners Voice to the Construction Industry
CONSTRUCTION USERS ROUNDTABLE

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CONSTRUCTION USERS ROUNDTABLE NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS ITS NEXT DECADE OF INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP & ACTION, SOLUTIONS FOR TODAY'S ECONOMY & STRATEGIC THINKING FOR THE INDUSTRY

CINCINNATI, OH, October 20, 2010 – [“10 Years of the Owners Voice | Unveiling the Next Decade of Industry Leadership and Action”](#) is the theme and focus of the 10th Annual National Conference of Construction Owners, being held at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel in Orlando, Florida from November 8-10, 2010. For registration information visit www.curt.org and [follow the National Conference link](#). Given the importance of the industry at this point in our economy, and the value and timeliness of the information to be transmitted at this event, the press and media are invited to attend this Conference and Annual Awards Ceremony.

CURT members spend an estimated \$200 billion annually on construction services. The Construction Users Roundtable (CURT) is an association of leading owners and other organizations in the U.S. dedicated to the promotion of cost-effective construction methods.

“Even in a tough economy, the construction industry leads the way in employment and as an economic growth opportunity,” stated Mike Conley, CURT President and Engineering & Design Competency Leader for DuPont and who will be a key speaker during the opening session of the Conference. “The industry is at a critical point---we must not only be vigilant about ensuring shareholder value, but we must simultaneously plan forward to be ready for an economic rebound. The CURT National Conference has been designed to help owners accomplish exactly that, and has been purposefully designed as a ‘must attend event’ for all construction industry leaders, accordingly.”

Given the vital role that the construction industry has to play at this point in America’s history, the 2010 CURT conference has carefully orchestrated a wide range of keynote and panel presentations by some of the key names in the industry today. The focused charge behind all presentations is to provide practical solutions for construction users in today’s economy. Examples include:

- Nido Qubein, President, High Point University, and renowned business speaker, who will offer “A Challenge for the Next Decade of Leadership and Action”.
- John Landgraf, President, Global Pharmaceuticals Operations, Abbott, will speak about “Where to Build, When to Build and How to Build”.
- Crisis managers from Abbott, Intel Corporation, HCA Healthcare, and the U.S. Department of State will discuss “Preplanning for Catastrophic Failures”.
- Anirban Basu, Chief Economist, Associated Builders and Contractors, will help attendees understand how “It’s All About The Economy”.



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- Mark Bridger, Senior Consultant, FMI Corporation, will present empirical evidence in “Rising From The Ashes Of Recent Economic Woes” of how owner decisions in this economy are directly impacting the immediate and long-term future of the construction industry.
- Tom Hannigan, President, Zachry Nuclear, Inc., will give insight from the contractor perspective as “A Contractor Looks at the Future of Our Industry”.
- “International Construction: Trends, Challenges & Opportunities” will be examined by a panel discussion by CURT’s International Committee.
- Bruce Beck, Director, Global Facilities, Eli Lilly and Chris Ramsey, Cofounder, Executive Vice President, LATISTA Technologies, will present “Construction Quality: The Key to Successful Capital Project Delivery”.
- Sessions throughout the conference will focus on a range of key industry issues, including legal matters, integrated technology solutions, workforce planning, BIM optimization, and scheduling solutions. Speakers include attorneys and construction experts from EMCOR Group, Inc., Crowell & Moring, LLP, FMI Corporation, Turner Construction Co., KBR, Jacobs and the GSA.

Additionally, on Tuesday evening, November 9, during its Annual Awards Dinner and Ceremony, CURT will present its coveted awards for Safety, Workforce Development and Innovations in the construction industry, for which it has become synonymous.

“This year’s Conference for construction owners will allow attendees to build relationships and share best practices and workable solutions that they can use this very minute, as well as enable them to prepare to prosper in the post recession economy and beyond,” Mr. Conley commented.

About CURT

Formed in the fall of 2000 by construction and engineering executives representing major corporations from across the United States, CURT's primary goal is to enact broad, effective owner representation and increased owner leadership on construction industry issues. Continuing the 30-year effort of the Construction Committee of the Business Roundtable, CURT provides a national forum for the exchange of information, views, practices and policies of construction users from an array of industries. CURT strives to produce meaningful changes within the construction industry-promoting overall cost effectiveness; improving the way construction is planned, managed, justified and executed. Additionally, CURT works toward changing and improving what owners allow, require and accept responsibility for on their domestic and global construction projects. For additional information see www.curt.org.

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