



# Construction Summit Schedule

February 19-20, 2025 | St. Paul RiverCentre

## WEDNESDAY, February 19

6:30 AM  
7:30 AM

Registration/Breakfast with Exhibitors

7:30 AM  
9:00 AM

**Keynote Address: "Building Tomorrow: The Future of Construction Leadership"**  
Jason Kunz

9:15 AM  
10:15 AM

**Federal Regulatory Policy Update**  
Ballroom C/D | Jeff Shoaf

**Construction Safety Laws\***  
Room 4 | Dean Thomson, Mark Becker

**Are You Covered When it Comes to Equipment Operation?**  
Room 5 | Jay Tyrrell

**Technology Adoption Made Simple: Lessons for Construction Firms at all Stages**  
Room 6 | Peyton Kringle, Tyler Myrom, Aalah Traub

10:15 AM  
11:00 AM

Break with Exhibitors

11:00 AM  
12:00 PM

**Governance & Inclusion: Navigating Affirmative Action and ESG Regulations to Promote Inclusive and Responsible Cultures\*\***  
Ballroom C/D | Phyllis Karasov, Amy Court

**Beyond Buzzwords: Government-Related Efforts to Curb Carbon in Construction**  
Room 4 | Curt Turgeon

**Fall-Free Zone**  
Room 5 | Stacy Arnold, Jon Eichman

**AI Demystified: The Basics of Artificial Intelligence and its Forthcoming Role in the Construction Industry**  
Room 6 | Matthew Semerad

12:00 PM  
1:30 PM

Lunch with Exhibitors

1:30 PM  
2:30 PM

**Maximizing Your Most Valuable Asset: The Mind - Empowering Your Project and Team\*\*\***  
Ballroom C/D | Jonathan Zentner, Rachel Zentner

**Inside and Outside the Dome: MN Political Panel**  
Room 4

**Foundations for Safety Leadership**  
Room 5 | Stacy Arnold

**Robots at Work: Successes and Challenges in Construction Automation**  
Room 6 | Casey Savlov, Kyle Wilkerson, Dick Zhang

2:30 PM  
2:45 PM

Break with Exhibitors

2:45 PM  
3:45 PM

**Ethical Traps in the Post-COVID Construction Industry\*\*\*\***  
Ballroom C/D | Kyle Willems, John Holper

**The Opportunity Case for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in Construction**  
Room 4 | Kori Shingles, Taylor Boileau

**The Case for CHASE Roundtable**  
Room 5 | Lisa Hollingsworth

**Tools of the Trade, Tech of the Future: Engineering Safety Into Jobsite Solutions**  
Room 6 | Matt Henderson, Lauren Thompson

3:45 PM  
6:00 PM

**Networking Reception**  
*Featuring Mick Sterling and his band!*

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\*\*\*1.0 Legal Mental Health CLE APPROVED

\*\*\*\*1.0 Legal Ethics CLE APPROVED

## THURSDAY, February 20

7:30 AM  
8:00 AM

Registration/Breakfast

8:00 AM  
9:30 AM

**A Global and Local Perspective on Climate Change: Evidence and Consequence**  
Dr. Mark Seeley & Sven Sundgaard

9:45 AM  
10:45 AM

**Construction & Conflict: Simple Ways to Resolve Disputes**  
Ballroom C/D | Melissa DeLay

**Economic and Construction Market Update: Flow to Negotiations**  
Room 4 | Emily Beardall

**The Rise of the Climate Economy and How Contractors Can Benefit from Available Energy Incentives and Other Credits**  
Room 5 | Austin Eden, Kristin Gustafson

**Evolving Through Change: Inspiring Excellence (Part 1)**  
Room 6 | Nicole Pillow, Jeff Williams

10:45 AM  
11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM  
12:00 PM

**The Power of Email & How to Make Your Words Work for You**  
Ballroom C/D | Melissa DeLay

**Boom Town: The Proliferation of the Rochester Construction Market**  
Room 4 | Steve Sampson Brown

**Workplace Wellbeing: Building a Safer and Thriving Construction Industry**  
Room 5 | Alissa Daire Nelson

**Evolving Through Change: Inspiring Excellence (Part 2)**  
Room 6 | Nicole Pillow, Jeff Williams

12:00 PM

Brown Bag Lunch



### AGENDA ITEM KEY:

General Session

Breakout Sessions

Break / Meal / Networking Event