

Part 1 – 2021 First-Half Outlook: Key Construction Risks Virtual Schedule and Agenda | January 26–28, 2021

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***LIVE SESSIONS:** Registered attendees can watch and ask questions in “real time” or view the session recordings at their convenience after the event.

Tuesday, January 26 | Virtual Live Session: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ET

Pandemic Economic Outlook for Construction – LIVE*

Ken Simonson, AGC of America
(Moderator)

Richard Branch, Dodge Data & Analytics

Paul Hart, ConstructConnect

Kristopher Lengieza, Procore

This session will take a deep dive into the data and economic indicators relevant to construction and share a first-half 2021 economic outlook. AGC’s Chief Economist will moderate a panel featuring presenters from Dodge Data & Analytics, Procore and ConstructConnect. This expert line-up will offer predictions, informed by each organization’s unique construction-specific information and research. The panel will break down factors affecting all construction markets, including labor and materials, and explore the broader economy and employment projections.

Wednesday, January 27 | Virtual Live Session: 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. ET

Surety Market Outlook and Moving Beyond COVID-19 – LIVE*

Edward Reilly, American Global
(Moderator)

Richard Barnett, Chubb Surety

John Spencer, TransRe

Nate Zangerle, Liberty Surety

Hear from surety, reinsurance and brokerage executives regarding 2020 surety results (including what they saw from their contractor clients), what they see as the top risks, keys to success in the marketplace in 2021, suggested steps contractors should take early in the year to ensure they maintain adequate surety capacity, and takeaways from the last economic slowdown that may help inform contractors in the near to intermediate term. Surety executives will share key underwriting considerations and best practices they use to assess/evaluate credit risk in the current environment. The panel will also touch on how the virus, and other events financially impacting the insurance sector, play a role in the capacity they offer contractors.

Wednesday, January 27 | Virtual Live Session: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ET

Insurance Market Outlook and Challenges – LIVE *

Amy Iannone, DPR Construction
(Moderator)

Danette Beck, USI Insurance Services

Joe Charczenko, Construction Risk
Partners

Thomas Grandmaison, AON

Nils Sorenson, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

As COVID-19 continues to change the landscape, so does a hard insurance market. The headlines announce that carriers are increasing premiums, pushing for higher deductibles and trying to limit coverage. But such headlines are far from enough to guide business decisions. In this session, a seasoned panel of insurance professionals will therefore drill into the facts on the ground. Which of the many lines of coverage are seeing the most change? What and how big are those changes? What are the drivers? Are they leading to regional variations? And what do they tell us about how long the hard market is likely to last? As the panelists address these and other questions, they will also identify and discuss practical strategies for mitigating the impact on construction contractors' cost of managing risk.

Thursday, January 28 | Virtual Live Session: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. ET

Construction Risk Outlook: Short-term and Intermediate Risks and Strategies for Addressing Them – LIVE *

Sabine Huynen Hoover, FMI Corporation
Matthew Keen, Autodesk Construction
Solutions

AGC/FMI's Survey of the Risk Environment: In October 2019 and again in November 2020, AGC and FMI undertook a survey of the risk environment in the construction industry. The first half of this session will cover the research results, which shed light on how the construction risk environment is changing due to the pandemic, what strategies contractors are implementing to manage risk today, and how they're preparing for an uncertain future.

Autodesk's Construction Risk Outlook: In the last half of this session, Autodesk will dive into the results of its first annual Construction Risk Outlook: a detailed report derived from internal product data as well as data sourced from external industry partners and economists. The report will identify local trends that affect a contractor's ability to remain profitable including labor projections, the relationship between state legislature and incident rates, the Architecture Billings Index (ABI) and more. Attendees will discover trends in labor availability, project availability, material costs, health & safety and design risks – and what they mean for general contractors in the year to come.



ON-DEMAND / PRE-RECORDED SESSION

Where You Stand Depends on Where You Sit: Different Perspectives on Construction Disputes

Thomas Tripodianos, Welby, Brady & Greenblatt, LLP
Virginia Trunkes, Robinson & Cole LLP
Nicole Woolard, AECOM

Using a series of hypotheticals, this session will explore the different viewpoints a contractor, subcontractor and owner will have looking at the same issue. The discussion will then explore what contractual remedies exist and whether, from a practical standpoint, they should be exercised. Learning Objectives: (1) Understand applicable contractual provisions and how courts interpret them; (2) Identify legal concepts and rules that may come into play; (3) Apply the law to the situation at hand to determine a course of action; and (4) Understand competing legal and practical concerns and viewpoints.

ON-DEMAND / PRE-RECORDED SESSION

Mental Health & Suicide Prevention in Construction: How to Build Wellness Programs with Impact

Cal Beyer, Cobb Strecker Dunphy & Zimmerman (CSDZ)
Brynn Huneke, AGC of America
Jonathan Oppenheim, Willis Towers Watson

Mental health and well-being are an invisible crisis in construction. Before the pandemic, the construction workforce had issues with mental health, substance use disorders and suicide risk. These issues have been exacerbated by the pandemic. The numbers are a powerful reminder of the work that needs to be done and of the people who suffer in silence. Construction risk control efforts must address mental health and well-being and not focus solely on physical loss.

During this session, you will discover how and why employees are the core strategic asset in human capital risk management. To break through the stigma and taboo surrounding the topic it must be talked about with the entire labor force and made the subject of safety meetings and company communications. Many construction companies are successfully addressing these “elephants in the room.” Take advantage of this opportunity to learn from the leaders in the industry. Find out how you can introduce a holistic approach to well-being – and reduce the hidden costs and risks of not adequately addressing the mental and behavioral health of your workers.