



2026 Call for Proposals – Submission Guidelines and Instructions

AGC's Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference

January 26–28, 2026 | Sunseeker Resort, Charlotte Harbor, FL

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) is now accepting proposals for speaking opportunities at its 2026 [Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference](#), to be held at the Sunseeker Resort on Charlotte Harbor in Southwest Florida, from January 26 to January 28. We invite you to submit a proposal for a one-hour breakout or general session (solo, co-presented, or panel format) that delivers **advanced-level content**, **real-world case studies**, and **interactive discussion**.

The deadline to submit a proposal is 11:59 PM (ET) on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025.

This conference brings together top professionals in construction risk management, including:

- Senior Executives of Construction Companies (particularly in-house lawyers and risk managers)
- Insurance Carriers and Insurance Brokers
- Sureties and Bond Producers
- Lawyers and other Service Professionals on whom these executives depend for advice and assistance.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Surety bonding trends
- Insurance developments/innovations
- Contract risk management
- Claims management/resolution
- Regulatory/legal developments
- Risk mitigation case studies

These guidelines and instructions outline AGC's expectations of all speakers. **Please review this information carefully before completing the online form to submit a proposal to deliver a presentation or to lead a panel discussion during AGC's 2026 conference.**

NOTE: *Presentations cannot be strictly a sales pitch or a product showcase. If you are a product or service provider to the construction industry, AGC strongly encourages you to include a contractor as a co-presenter and focus on industry challenges and solutions, using product or technology examples.*

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- Speaker proposal deadline: **Sept. 15, 2025**
- Proposals reviewed by AGC: **Sept. 15 – Oct. 17, 2025**
- Notifications sent to speakers/submitters: **by Oct. 31, 2025**
- Deadline for “CLE speakers” to submit manuscript papers: **Dec. 5, 2025**
- Deadline for all speakers to submit slide decks and handouts: **Jan. 12, 2026**

**Timelines are subject to change.*

HOW TO SUBMIT

All proposals must be submitted online [using this link](#) by 11:59 PM (ET) **Monday, Sept. 15, 2025**.

Limit: 3 proposals per company.

Steps:

1. [Create a free Proposal Space Account](#).
2. Click on Start a Proposal.
3. Select the **2026 Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference**.
4. Start building your proposal.
5. Proposals can contain presentation-ready content or abstract content.

Below is a list of the information you will need to complete the online proposal form:

Title of Session

This will be used in the agenda and promotional materials. It should be concise, specific, and engaging.

Short Description

This description will be used to help promote your session before and during the conference. It should clearly describe your session presentation and motivate people to attend. Please limit it to 150 words to maintain consistency and readability in AGC materials.

Target Audience

Conference attendees include senior-level professionals from construction, surety, insurance, legal, and consulting sectors. They include construction contractors’ in-house lawyers and risk managers, sureties, surety bond producers, insurers, insurance brokers, construction and insurance lawyers, and various consultants. Please identify your target audience and explain why your session would be relevant to them.

CLE Credit (Optional)

AGC is exploring the possibility of offering Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit for select sessions at the 2026 conference, subject to the availability of an outside provider to manage the accreditation process. In the meantime, we'd like to gauge interest from prospective speakers. If you would be willing to offer your session for CLE credit—and are prepared to meet the additional requirements—please indicate that in your proposal.

If CLE is offered, participating “CLE speakers” must submit original written course materials in print-ready form (minimum 1,500 words) in addition to their slide deck and meet earlier deadlines (see “Important Deadlines”). CLE papers must be substantive and capable of standing alone as instructional tools. They will be made available through the conference app and AGC’s post-conference “[Hot Topics Resource Library](#),” and may also be featured in AGC’s *Construction Risk Insights* newsletter (currently ~7,500 subscribers).

Learning Objectives

Each proposal must include at least four learning objectives that clearly define a new and demonstrable skill and/or understanding that attendees can expect to take away from the session.

Session Format & Engagement Style

AGC would like to know the approach you plan to take. Options include a traditional lecture, a series of case studies, a series of hypotheticals, or some combination of these things. You may also propose a new and completely different approach. Note AGC is particularly interested in sessions that will allow attendees to be actively involved and interact with the materials, presenter(s), and other attendees. The regular attendees are seasoned senior-level professionals eager to share their experiences and insights. If proposing a panel, please ensure that it includes diverse perspectives, and that panelists are not all from the same firm or company.

Speaker(s) Information

You may propose a single speaker, multiple presenters, or a panel—based on your topic and target audience. For panel sessions, please identify a discussion leader (moderator) and limit participation to no more than four speakers to keep the conversation focused and engaging.

AGC encourages diversity of thought by including speakers from different firms and professional backgrounds.

At a minimum, AGC will require the following information about the Primary Presenter or Discussion Leader: Name, Title, Organization, Email, and Telephone Number. If someone other than the Primary Presenter or Discussion Leader is the main Point of Contact, please provide their details as well.

Breadth of Perspectives

AGC values a wide range of viewpoints, professional experiences, and perspectives to foster innovation and informed risk management. Strong session proposals reflect this by including varied speaker backgrounds, industry sectors, and/or project examples. Please indicate how your proposal brings together different perspectives or approaches to address the topic.

CRITERIA FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

- Proposals submitted with complete speaker information will be given higher priority.
- Presentations cannot be strictly a sales pitch or a product showcase.
- Must contain enough advanced-level content for 60 minutes.
- Should share experience-based learning and case studies from the commercial construction industry.
- Should offer innovative techniques or compelling best practices and next steps.
- Should challenge the thought leaders in the construction, surety, and insurance industries to critically examine their policies, practices, and procedures and identify opportunities for further improvement.
- Should allow attendees to be actively involved and interact with the material, the presenters, and each other where appropriate.
- Should provide a handout and/or other meaningful takeaways for attendees. All presentation slides (e.g., PowerPoint files) must utilize AGC-designated PowerPoint templates.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

AGC will expect all speakers to:

- Sign the AGC speaker agreement that outlines the speaker's roles and responsibilities.
- Deliver content that matches the proposal and meets all deadlines.
- Grant AGC the right to distribute conference materials to attendees (and may include permission to record the session in audio and/or video format).
- Understand that it is strictly prohibited to solicit for a company, service, or product, or to recruit.

SPEAKER EXPENSES

All speakers *must* register for the conference and *may* use a discount code to receive 50% off the price of registration. This code will be provided after notification of selection and acceptance, upon request. Speakers who have already registered at the time of selection will not be eligible for a refund for the speaker's discount.

AGC cannot reimburse selected speakers for hotel accommodations, travel to/from the conference, or any expenses incurred in developing content or materials.

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

Proposals must meet or exceed the criteria listed in these submission instructions. **Submission of a proposal does not guarantee inclusion in the conference schedule.** The review process will take place in October. **AGC will notify the designated Point of Contact of the status of your submission by October 31st.**

AGC staff will work with the speakers selected to present at the conference to ensure that all General and Breakout Sessions meet their assigned Learning Objectives (and the Continuing Legal Education requirements, if applicable) and to avoid unintended overlap in educational content. AGC will provide onsite facilitation and support as needed during the conference.

QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding this CFP process, please contact AGC's Crystal Yates, program coordinator for risk management, at crystal.yates@agc.org or 703-837-5437. Complete details on AGC's 2026 Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management Conference will be posted online at <https://risk.agc.org> as they become available.