

THURSDAY, JUNE 16 | WELCOME

REGISTRATION OPEN | 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE KICK-OFF RECEPTION & DINNER | 7:30 – 9:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17 | GENERAL SESSION #1

COFFEE & NETWORKING WITH THE EXHIBITORS | 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST & OPENING REMARKS | 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Michael (Sully) Sullivan, President & CEO, ACEC Georgia

8:30 – 9:10 a.m. | **How to Truly Differentiate Your Firm from Competitors in Presentations & Proposals**

Chuck Roberts, President & CEO, Performance Management Group, Inc.

9:10 – 9:50 a.m. | **Protecting Your Firm from Cyber Security Threats**

Heather Kuhn, Senior Counsel, Freeman Mathis & Gary

Mark Willey, Director of Operations, WideDataCorp

Moderator: Jeff Mitchell, RPLU, AU, INS, Professional Liability Specialist, IOA

9:50 – 10:30 a.m. | **Winning The War for Talent**

Veronica Jenkins, CEO, HIVE Talent Acquisition Firm Inc.

Kyle Mote, Talent Development Manager, Georgia Department of Transportation

Travis Riker, VP Client Solutions, Arista Consulting Group

Moderator: Charlene Smart, Human Resources Director, CERM

REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING WITH THE EXHIBITORS | 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17 | BREAKOUT SESSIONS A & B

BREAKOUT SESSION A | 11:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Track 1 – Internal Ownership Transition

Keith Costley, PE, President & CEO, Keck & Wood

Greg Teague, CEO, CROY

Trey Wingate, Vice President, WK Dickson & Co.

Moderator: Rob Jacquette, PE, PTOE, Vice President of Operations, Keck & Wood

Track 2 – How to Retain Your Employees After a Merger or Acquisition

Kelli Snider, Director of Consulting Services, Thinc Strategy

Track 3 – Running Your Own Firm? What You Need to Know

Brad Carr, Senior Partner, Andersen, Tate & Carr

Lee Edmond, Vice President, Professional Liability Specialist, Risk Strategies

Brad Thomas, PE, Principal Engineer, Co-Founder, Capital Projects and Georgia State Representative

BREAKOUT SESSION B | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Track 1 – Water Utility Update

Pam Burnett, Executive Director, Georgia Association of Water Professionals
Kristopher Campbell, PE, Deputy Director – Engineering and Construction, Gwinnett County Department of Water Resources
Mike Hopkins, Executive Director, Newton County WSA
Moderator: Stuart Jeffcoat, Vice President, HDR

Track 2 – Georgia DOT & Tennessee DOT Update

Paul Degges, PE, Deputy Commissioner / Chief Engineer, Tennessee Department of Transportation
Albert Shelby, Director of Program Delivery, Georgia Department of Transportation

Track 3 – GSFIC / State Agency Vertical Construction Update

John McCall, AIA, Director, Design Review Group and State Fire Inspector, GSFIC
Gifton Passley, Director of Operations – Construction Services., GSFIC

ADJOURN | 1:00 p.m.

OPTIONAL AFTERNOON ACTIVITY | 1:15 - 3:30 p.m.

- Walking Tour of Downtown Nashville Redevelopment Projects

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 | BREAKOUT SESSIONS C & D

BREAKFAST WITH THE EXHIBITORS | 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION C | 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Track 1 – I Found My DBE Partner – Now What? Maximizing the Prime/DBE Relationship

Jennifer Etheridge, President, Aulick Engineering
Kate Henry, Partner and Vice President, Aulick Engineering

Track 2 – The Engineer as Negotiator: Strategic Skills for Winning Business and Solving Problems

John Lowry, President, Thrivence

Track 3 – BNA Vision: Planning for Growth at the Nashville International Airport

Robert Ramsey, PE, AAE, IAP, EVP & Chief Operating Officer, Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority

BREAKOUT SESSION D | 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Track 1 – Business Intelligence + Business Improvement for Effective Strategic Planning

Kate Allen, PE, MBA, Director, AE Advisory Services, Stambaugh Ness

Track 2 – How to Lead a Multi-Generational Workforce

Skot Waldron, Internal Communications Strategist and GiANT Consultant, GiANT

Track 3 - Retaining Your High-Performing Employees with “Stay Interviews”

Jeff Gross, CEO, Chief Empowerment Leadership Consultant, Gro-Nova Inc.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 18 | GENERAL SESSION #2

PRE-GENERAL SESSION | 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Sponsor Slot (15 MIN)

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. | Retaining Talent: What Your Younger Employees Are Looking For

Elizabeth Hartzog, Assistant Program Quality Manager, HNTB

Leon Hendee, PE, PMP, Project Manager/Engineer, Peoples & Quigley

Melissa Ting, Chief Operating Officer, Blue Cypress Consulting

Moderator: Michael (Sully) Sullivan, President and CEO, ACEC Georgia

11:15 – 11:45 p.m. | CID Executive Directors Update

Joe Allen, Executive Director, Gwinnett Place CID

Ann Hanlon, Executive Director, Perimeter CIDs

Tracy Styf, Executive Director, Town Center CID

Kristin Winzeler, Deputy Executive Director, North Fulton CID

Moderator: Michael Leithhead, Founder, Leithhead Consulting

11:45 – 12:15 p.m. | What is Leadership?

Larry Weaver, Motivational Speaker & Comedian

ADJOURN | 12:15 p.m.