

Redefining Our Industry:
Solutions through Collaboration, Innovation and Organization
39th Annual Engineering and Construction Contracting Conference

Houston, Texas (May 1, 2007) – The Engineering & Construction Contracting Association’s 39th Annual Conference will be held on September 26-29, 2007 at the five-star, five-diamond Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. At a time of unprecedented project activity and increasing complexity in terms of projects, resources, geographies and technologies, we all realize we need new ways of working. At this year’s conference, industry leaders will share what is already being done to renew the industry so that we can respond to the current market more effectively...and together, we will explore leading edge ideas around *collaboration*, *innovation* and *organization* that will transform how we approach, plan and execute capital projects in the coming months and years.

The conference theme, “Redefining our Industry: Solutions through Collaboration, Innovation and Organization” will be reinforced by the event keynotes including:

David McCullough, Author, Historian

Chronicling two of the most amazing engineering feats of our time in his books, **The Path Between the Seas** (which records the creation of the Panama Canal) and **The Great Bridge**, (which tells the epic story of the building of the Brooklyn Bridge), McCullough outlines the vision and determination, success and failures that were a part of these colossal projects both begun in late the 1800’s. He will share insights into these incredible undertakings that we can apply to our life and work today.

Tony Meggs, Group Vice President, Technology - BP

Mr. Meggs was appointed Group Vice President, Technology in 2001. He is accountable to the BP Managing Directors for technology strategy and performance across all of BP. At the conference, Mr. Meggs will comment on the way our industry is changing through the application of breakthrough technologies and share his insight and forecast for the coming years.



Panels and Forums

This year's panels and forums will shed light on how many successful organizations are adjusting their strategies and practices to ensure they are viable in the future.

- **Session 1: Collaboration & Cooperation – What a Concept!** *Session Moderator:* Richard Westney, PE, PMP, Westney Consulting Group

How will our industry deal with the challenges we face? As we wrestle with the issues of risks, resources, changing markets and emerging technologies, can we afford to be wasting energy on managing the rough edges of the client – contractor interface? This session will look at lessons from our own and other industries to point the direction for collaboration and cooperation.

- **Session 2: Innovative Technology Solutions: What really works and why?** *Session moderator:* Don Runaldue, ExxonMobil

This panel session will focus on specific innovative technology solutions and best practices which have made a significant difference on capital projects. The session will present success stories from our industry, and other related industries, to illustrate the benefit to capital projects of some emerging technologies, as well as innovative uses of existing technologies.

- **Session 3: Organizational Models Today and Tomorrow** *Session Moderator:* John C. Moore, BASF

How are we organized in the engineering and construction functions in our companies? This panel has researched the actual models in use today, and will provoke discussion on how well the strategies are handling workload variability, large vs. small projects, shifting contracting strategies, exploitation of new technology, resource limitations, and changing workforce demographics and motivation. What is working well, what is not, and what is the future bringing?

The interactive forums will cover such topics as

- Tackling the Unique Challenges of Mega Projects
- Money: The Constraining Factor?
- Sharing Work Globally...No Longer Just a Cost Based Solution



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- Exploring Different Models for Outsourcing and Collaboration
- Rethinking the Technology Challenge
- Sustainability: What Are the Benefits To Our Business?
- Attracting Young Engineers Into the Industry

For registration, agenda, venue and general conference information, visit the website at www.ecc-conference.org.

About the ECC

The Engineering & Construction Contracting (ECC) Association (www.ecc-conference.org) is an affiliate of the AIChE, an organization of owners, contractors and suppliers committed to improving the outcome of capital projects and improving the global competitiveness of all members. ECC activities serve interests of a broad cross section of the process, refining, pharmaceutical and power industries as well as general manufacturing. The organization's annual conference, now in its 39th year, brings together on average 400-450 key players from leading companies to help delegates discover better ways of improving capital project effectiveness. The ECC board of directors and sponsors include executives from leading companies including ABB, Aker Kvaerner, Aveva, BASF, BE&K, Bechtel, Bentley, BP, CDI Business Solutions, CH2MHill, Chemstress, Commonwealth Engineering and Construction, ConocoPhillips, The Dow Chemical Company, E. I. du pont de Nemours & Co., Eastman, ENGlobal Engineering, ExxonMobil, Fluor, Inelectra, Intergraph, IPA, Jacobs, KBR, Merck & Co., Mustang, Pathfinder, LLC, SNC-Lavalin, Technip, Trimble Navigation, Trinity Technologies, URS, Valero,