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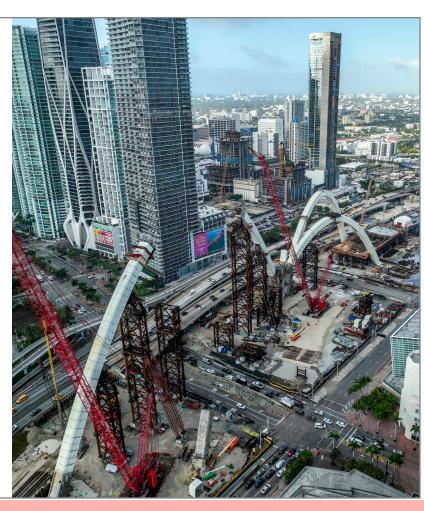
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Registration Desk Hours

Thursday, June 5: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm **Friday, June 6**: 7:30 am – 12:30 pm

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Upon checking in at registration, you will automatically be scanned in for the conference and you will receive 6.5 PDH credits post event. In the event you are unable to attend any of the educational sessions, we ask that you fill out one of the paper PDH forms found at the registration desk with an accurate account of your attendance and return it to the registration desk upon leaving the event.













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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 5, 2025			
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration & Networking Contine		
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Welcome 1.5 PDHs Sandra M. Bucklew, PE – Transportation Committee Chair, ACEC Florida Florida Transportation Builders' Perspective Dan Hurtado, PE – President, FTBA Federal Transportation Perspective Matt Reiffer – Lobbyist, ACEC National FDOT Secretary Address Jared W. Perdue, PE – Secretary, FDOT		
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Networking Refreshment Break		
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Keynote Speaker Jason Barger		
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Networking Lunch		
1:15 pm - 2:45 pm	Technical Session #1: Planning D Moderator: Scott Perfater, PE – Operation Panelists: Will Potter, PE – FDOT Ed Kestory, PE – FDOT Anson Sonnett, PE – FDOT Pete Vega, PE – FDOT Joseph M. Lauk, PE – PGA		
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Networking Refreshment Break		
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm	1.5 PDHs	ivision Construction Services Leader, HNTB Topic #2c: Quality Ashley Anderson, PE – FDOT Robert Whar – HNTB	
	Topic #2b: Workforce Development Wendy Parrish – MI-4 Len Becker – HNTB Corporation Courtney Hance, PE – MI-4	Topic #2d: Technology Taylor Carlquist – FDOT Richard Hewitt, PE – FDOT Josh Carter, PE – RK&K	
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks Scott Perfater, PE – Relations Committee Chair, ACEC Florida		
5:00 pm - 6:15 pm	Meet the Presenters Reception		



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 6, 2025		
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Networking Continental Breakfast	
8:30 am - 10:00 am	ACEC Florida Outstanding Project Awards Sandra M. Bucklew, PE – SE Division Construction Services Leader, HNTB Corporation Will Watts, Jr., PE – Assistant Secretary, FDOT Ben Watts Partnership Award Presentation Scott Perfater, PE – Operations Director, Burgess & Niple, Inc.	
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Networking Refreshment Break	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	FDOT Work Program Overview Lisa Saliba – Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration, FDOT	
	Technical Session #3: Major Projects Update 1.5 PDHs Moderator: Sandra M. Bucklew, PE – SE Division Construction Services Leader, HNTB Corporation Topic #3a: Moving I-4 Forward & Modified Phase Design Build Keith Slater, PE – MI-4 Team Jason Watts – MI-4 Team Marc Hustad – MI-4 Team Mike Gwynne, PE – MI-4 Team	
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Topic #3b: Howard Frankland Bridge Austin Petersen, PE – Interstate/CCEI Resident Engineer, FDOT David Alonso, PE – Construction Senior Project Manager, FDOT Marianne Brinson, PE – CM Lead - Florida Region, AtkinsRealis	
	Topic #3c: First Coast Expressway Ben Smith – Construction Project Manager – FDOT D2 Taylor Byrd, PE – Construction Engineer, FDOT – Jacksonville Construction Kenny Geisendorff, PE – Senior Project Engineer, VIA Consulting Services, Inc. CJ Youmans, PE – Associate Vice President, RS&H	
12:30 pm - 12:45 pm	Closing Remarks Rick Acree, PE – President, ACEC Florida	



SPEAKER



Conference Welcome (1.5 PDHs)

Sandra M. Bucklew, PE | Transportation Committee Chair, ACEC Florida Sandra M. Bucklew brings over 33 years of experience in highway and bridge construction to her role as Southeast Division Construction Services Leader at HNTB Corporation. A licensed Professional Engineer in Florida, Indiana, and Illinois, Sandra has led the successful delivery of more than 70 transportation infrastructure projects, including major CEI contracts across Florida and the Midwest. Her expertise spans construction engineering, project management, and strategic business development, with a focus on delivering high-quality, timely, and cost-effective solutions for public and private sector clients.



Florida Transportation Builders' Perspective

Dan Hurtado, PE | President, Florida Transportation Builders Association Dan joined the Florida Transportatio Builders Association team in 2025 and leads the association after spending 19 years with the FDOT, where he most recently served as Chief Engineer. Dan is a Florida native and has a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Florida State University.



Federal Transportation Perspective

Matt Reiffer | Lobbyist, ACEC National

Matt Reiffer is ACEC's primary lobbyist on all federal transportation issues, including roads and bridges, aviation, rail, and transit matters before Congress and the Administration. In his role he also oversees the Council's infrastructure advocacy agenda, including energy, environment, and water infrastructure issues. Prior to joining ACEC in 2008, Matt served for six years as the Legislative Director and Counsel for Congressman Vern Ehlers of Michigan, a senior member of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. He received his undergraduate degree from Calvin University and a J.D. from Notre Dame Law School.

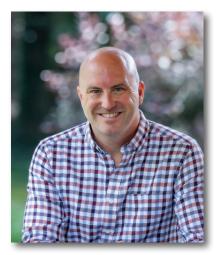


BIOGRAPHIES



FDOT Secretary Address

Jared W. Perdue, PE | Secretary, Florida Department of Transportation Jared W. Perdue was named Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by Governor Ron DeSantis on April 7, 2022. As Secretary, Perdue oversees the lead agency in state government with the statutory responsibility to coordinate the planning and development of a safe, viable, and balanced transportation system serving all regions of the state, and to assure the compatibility of all components, including multimodal facilities. Through the years, Perdue has played integral roles in both operations and development where he has held positions as the District Geotechnical Engineer, District Traffic Operations Engineer, as well as the District Design Engineer.



Keynote Speaker

Jason Barger | Author, Speaker, Consultant

Jason Barger is committed to engaging the minds and hearts of people in order to strengthen leadership, culture, and clarity of mission, vision & values. He is a globally celebrated creator of the Step Back from the Baggage ClaimMovement - featured in the New York Times, National Geographic Traveler, Kiplinger, Book TV, and many other spots worldwide. His dynamic storytelling and engaging keynote speeches have resonated at global leadership conferences around the world. He has partnered with Burgess & Niple for over 4 years on a wildly successful culture-shaping and leadership development initiative. He also contributed as a facilitator for the FDOT of Central Florida's collaborative effort to establish a Safety Strategic Plan.



FDOT Work Program Overview

Lisa Saliba | Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration, FDOT Lisa Saliba has served as the Assistant Secretary of Finance and Administration of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) since October 2021. In her role, Lisa leads the Office of Administration, Office of Comptroller and the Office of Work Program and Budget. These offices support the successful delivery of critical department-wide functions such as accounting, development and financing of the work program and budget, human resources, training, administration, procurement and other administrative programs.

SESSION

Technical Session #1: Planning | Design Dual Panel (1.5 PDHs)

Moderator: Scott Perfater, PE | Operations Director, Burgess & Niple, Inc.

Will Potter, PE | Director, Office of Design, FDOT Ed Kestory, PE | District Design Engineer, FDOT

Anson Sonnett, PE | District IV Consultant Project Management Engineer, FDOT

Pete Vega, PE | District 2 TSM&O Program Manager, FDOT

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Nick Benedico, PE, PMP, AICP, ENV SP | Vice President, SE Regional Manager, HW Lochner

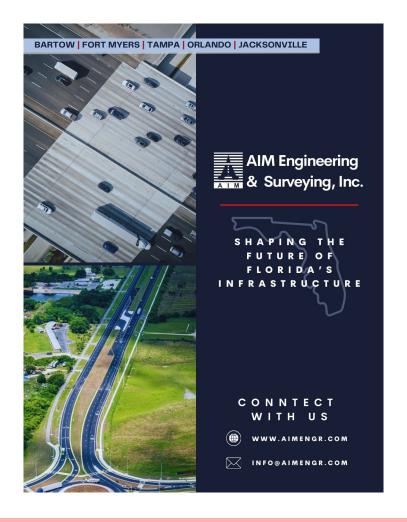
Nathan Mozeleski, PE | Intelligent Transportation Systems | Traffic Engineering, AtkinsRealis

Angelo Belluccia, PE | District Director, Burgess & Niple, Inc.

Linda Hess, PE, PTOE, RSP1 | PD&E Project Manager, WGI, Inc.

Summary:

Technical Session 1 will seek to move beyond the typical talking points associated with safety, quality and technology and focus on key aspects of improving how, why and when we DELIVER in these key areas. Safety discussions will center on the downward trend in serious injury and fatal crashes, examining contributing factors such as driver behavior and young driver education and encouraging urgency and policy mindset shifts in the fight to reach Zero. Additionally, the session will provide an overview of FDOT's new rail safety initiative, focusing on the role of technology in identifying near misses and problem intersections. Data-driven quality control and quality assurance discussions will summarize the current state of consultant quality and review task force findings, conclusions and best practices. The session will underscore the shared responsibility in maintaining sound QC and QA practices and the benefits of partnering between ACEC Florida and the Florida Department of Transportation and the importance of giving and receiving authentic, data-supported feedback. The session will highlight the rapid pace of technological change and its significant impact on transportation delivery and budgeting. It will stress the importance of quickly identifying, evaluating, piloting, and implementing new technologies and the role technology can play, perhaps should play, in the future.





DESCRIPTIONS

Technical Session #2: Program Management | Construction Dual Panel (1.5 PDHs)

Moderator: Sandra M. Bucklew, PE | Southeast Division Construction Services Leader, HNTB Corporation

Topic #2a - Industry Productivity

Tim Lattner, PE | Director, Office of Construction, FDOT Brent Wilkins, PE, DBIA | Associate Vice President, RS&H Joey Wood, PE | Senior Project Engineer, Eisman & Russo, Inc.

Topic #2b - Workforce Development

Wendy Parrish | Deputy Program Manager, MI-4 Len Becker | Senior Vice President, HNTB Corporation Courtney Hance, PE | Deputy Program Manager -Controls, MI-4

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Topic #2c – Quality

Ashley Anderson, PE | Forecasting and Project Cost Engineer, FDOT

Robert Whar | Sr. Project Controls Manager, HNTB Corporation Group

Topic #2d - Technology

Taylor Carlquist | Final Estimates Specialist, FDOT **Richard Hewitt, PE** | State Construction Pavement Engineer FDOT

Josh Carter, PE | Director, RK&K

Summary:

Technical Session 2 will address program management and construction, emphasizing the need for a changing partnership to deliver future projects. It will include discussions on FDOT's initiatives to improve productivity and efficiency on projects through initiatives such as Voluntary Acceleration and Lump Sum CEI. Workforce development will be a major focus, with an overview of the Florida Department of Transportation's programs aimed at assisting workforce development and their impact on the engineering community. The session will tackle issues such as talent shortages, declining engineering college application rates, and retention problems, and will propose strategies to make the transportation industry more attractive to work in. Quality discussions will revolve around estimates and the independent cost process, highlighting the benefits seen from the Florida Department of Transportation's Forecasting and Performance Office in project costing and work program delivery. The session will also discuss the use and piloting of new tools to improve productivity for contractors, CEI, and the Department, including the use of rovers, drones, OnStation, e-ticketing, and other technologies.



SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Technical Session #3: Major Project Update (1.5 PDHs)

Moderator: Sandra M. Bucklew, PE | Southeast Division Construction Services Leader, HNTB Corporation

Topic #3a – Moving I-4 Forward & Modified Phase Design Build

Keith Slater, PE *MI-4 Team*

Jason Watts MI-4 Team

Marc Hustad MI-4 Team

Mike Gwynne, PE *MI-4 Team*

Topic #3b – Howard Frankland Bridge

Austin Petersen, PE

Interstate/CCEI Resident Engineer, FDOT

David Alonso, PE

Construction Senior Project Manager, FDOT

Marianne Brinson, PE - CM Lead Florida Region, AtkinsRealis

Topic #3c – First Coast Expressway

Ben Smith

Construction Project Manager - FDOT D2

Taylor Byrd, PE

Construction Engineer, FDOT - Jacksonville Construction

Kenny Geisendorff, PE

Senior Project Engineer, VIA Consulting Services, Inc

CJ Youmans, PE

Associate Vice President, RS&H

Summary:

Technical Session 3 will provide updates on major projects, presenting challenges as opportunities in disguise. The session will include an update on the Moving I-4 Forward project and the use of Modified Phased Design Build (MPDB) to advance accelerated congestion relief projects. It will discuss the pros and cons, feedback from accelerated start procurement, lessons learned, and future applications. The Howard Frankland Bridge project will also be highlighted, with a major milestone reached in the opening of the new bridge. The session will discuss the challenges faced and how they were turned into opportunities, as well as remaining challenges as the project moves through its final phases. Workforce shortages, materials, utilities, and other impacts on production and delivery will also be addressed. Lastly, the session will provide an update on the First Coast Expressway project, discussing how project challenges were turned into opportunities, coordination with adjacent projects and Turnpike, acceleration plans for early completion, and Cost Savings Initiatives under consideration



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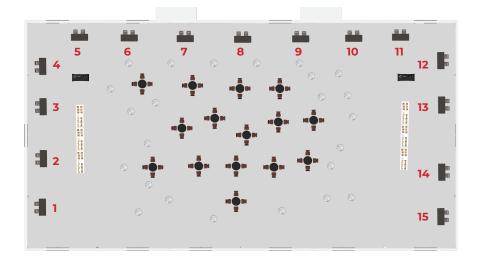
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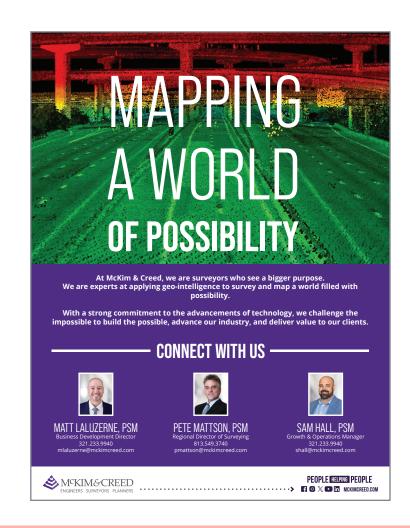
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- 4. NG Companies
- 5. Columbia Engineering and Services, Inc.
- 6. McFarland-Johnson, Inc.
- 7. Rekor Systems, Inc.
- 8. McKim & Creed Inc.
- 9. Brifen USA, Inc.
- 10. Structural Technologies
- 11. Burgess & Niple, Inc
- 12. Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC (RES)
- Environmental Science Associates (ESA)
- 14. Duke Energy
- 15. Hyatt Survey Services, Inc.







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Brifen USA, Inc. Table 9

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Burgess & Niple, Inc.

Table 11

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Established in 1912 and a local partner in Florida since 1999, Burgess & Niple is a nationally recognized engineering firm dedicated to enhancing communities with practical infrastructure solutions, including design build projects. Our services cover roadway, traffic, safety, drainage/stormwater, and utility infrastructure, alongside planning. Pioneering new technologies like water treatment and bridge inspection, we innovate to provide cost-effective solutions. Our expert team excels in addressing complex transportation challenges, producing solutions that ease congestion, enhance access, minimize accidents, and expedite travel.

Columbia Engineering and Services, Inc.

Table 5

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Columbia Engineering and Services, Inc., has provided Civil and Transportation Engineering, Planning, Landscape Architecture, and Surveying services throughout the Southeast since 1963. Our focus and expertise in designing and implementing infrastructure projects has a significant impact on the quality of life of our community.



Duke Energy

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Duke Energy, a Fortune 150 company headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., is one of America's largest energy holding companies. Duke Energy is executing an ambitious energy transition, keeping customer reliability and value at the forefront as it builds a smarter energy future. The company is investing in major electric grid upgrades and cleaner generation, including natural gas, nuclear, renewables and energy storage.



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Earth Resources, Inc. Table 3

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Earth Resources is the leading Small and Woman-owned (D/WBE/SBE) environmental consulting firm in Florida. The company's areas of expertise include protected species surveys and permitting, state and federal environmental permitting, ecological studies and analysis, habitat restoration, wetland monitoring, and Project Development & Environment (PD&E) studies. Our understanding of Florida ecosystems coupled with knowledge of the laws and rules governing regulation has enabled us to find creative solutions for our clients.

Environmental Science Associates (ESA)

Table 13

Tori Kuba | tkuba@esassoc.com

Environmental Science Associates (ESA) is a California-based environmental consulting and planning firm committed to the principles of sustainability. We bring more than 55 years of experience in all aspects of project planning, environmental assessment, natural resource management and regulatory compliance. In Florida, ESA has 35 years of experience in the transportation industry, and has expertise in all modes of transportation including roads, bridges, trails, rail, transit, ports, and aviation. We serve the Florida Department of Transportation statewide along with many airports, ports, counties and local municipalities.





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Hyatt Survey Services, Inc.

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Hyatt Survey is a full-service woman-owned surveying and mapping company with a professional staff possessing extensive multi-faceted surveying experience. Our work

history also includes clients such as the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Florida Department of Transportation, and South Florida Water Management District in addition to Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota and Pinellas Counties.

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Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC Table 12

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Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC (RES) is the nation's largest ecological restoration company. We support the public and private sector with solutions for environmental mitigation, environmental and ecological assessments, stormwater and water quality, and climate and flooding resilience.

McFarland-Johnson, Inc.

Table 6

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McFarland-Johnson, Inc. (MJ) is an employee-owned multi-disciplinary consulting firm with fully-staffed engineering, planning, environmental, construction administration and technology departments. As a people-centric company we are guided by the belief that employee owners are more committed to delivering quality services.

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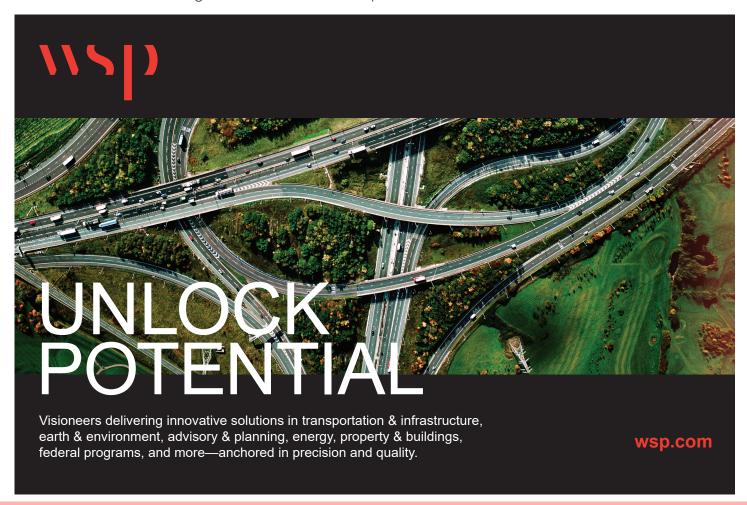
Scott Fink | sfink@ssmc.us

Southeastern Surveying and Mapping Corp. (SSMC) is a leading provider of geospatial services across Florida and the Southeast. With over 50 years of experience, we specialize in Surveying, Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE), and GIS for transportation, utilities, and municipal infrastructure. Our team has supported the FDOT and transportation partners on projects across all districts for decades.

Structural Technologies Table 10

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