



**CONSTRUCTION OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
OF ALBERTA**

**CONSTRUCTION BEST PRACTICES XVII**

**CONFERENCE THEME:**

***“It’s Going to Get Better – We’d Better Get Going”***

**SHAW CONFERENCE CENTRE**

9797 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB

**May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**MAY 19<sup>th</sup> Evening PRESENTATIONS**

TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIME
REGISTRATION - <i>Light Snack</i>		5:00 - 6:00
OPENING REMARKS & AGENDA REVIEW <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>COAA Don Currie Award Presentation</li></ul>	<b>Rick Watters</b> – Team Lead, Facility Asset Management, EnCana Corporation	6:00 - 6:20
<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS:</b> The economy – provincial, national and global – will shape the future of heavy industrial construction in Alberta. Delegates will hear from two of Alberta’s most respected economic analysts and one of industry’s most influential corporate voices, who will provide context for the sector in today’s investment environment and talk about strategies and approaches companies should consider as they plan their places in Alberta’s economic recovery.	<b>Todd Hirsch</b> – Senior Economist, ATB Financial Services <b>Dr. Mike Percy</b> – Dean, School of Business, University of Alberta <b>Tom Katinas</b> – President and CEO, Syncrude Canada Ltd.	6:20 - 7:50
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS		7:50 - 8:10
EVENING WRAP UP	<b>Rick Watters</b> – Team Lead, Facility Asset Management, EnCana Corporation	8:10 - 8:15
SOCIAL & TIME TO NETWORK <i>Hors-d’oeuvres</i>		8:15 - 10:00



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**MAY 20<sup>th</sup> Morning PRESENTATIONS**

<b>REGISTRATION</b>		<b>7:15 – 8:00</b>
<b>WELCOME</b>	<b>Rick Watters</b> – <i>Team Lead, Facility Asset Management, EnCana Corporation</i>	<b>8:00 – 8:05</b>
<b>CIB CONFERENCE</b>	<b>Russ Thomas</b> – <i>Director – New Initiatives, National Research Council of Canada – Institute for Research in Construction</i>	<b>8:05 – 8:10</b>
<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	<b>John Brogly</b> – <i>Manager, Engineering Support, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.</i>	<b>8:10 – 8:15</b>
<b>SAFETY</b>	<b>Peter Dunfield</b> – <i>Senior Advisor, Safety Health and Environment External Interfaces, Syncrude Canada Ltd.</i>	<b>8:15 – 8:35</b>
<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>Terry Burton</b> – <i>Manager, Construction Labour Relations, Shell Canada Energy</i>	<b>8:35 – 9:00</b>
<b>WORKFORCE FORECAST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alberta Construction Workforce Supply Demand Forecast</li> </ul>	<b>Herb Holmes</b> – <i>Northern Manager, Construction Labour Relations - Alberta</i>	<b>9:00 – 9:25</b>
<b>CONTRACTS COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Dariel Suhan</b> – <i>Purchasing Leader – Strategic Capital Projects, NOVA Chemicals</i> <b>Jane Sidnell</b> – <i>Partner, Fraser Milner Casgrain, LLP</i>	<b>9:25 – 9:40</b>
<b>BREAK</b>		<b>9:40 – 10:10</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WorkFace Planning</li> <li>Benchmarking</li> </ul>	<b>Al Wahlstrom</b> – <i>Director, Central Construction, Suncor Energy Inc.</i> <b>Steve Revay</b> – <i>Vice President – Western Region, Revay and Associates Limited</i> <b>Larry Sondrol</b> – <i>Manager, Project Controls, Estimating &amp; Benchmarking, Suncor Energy Inc.</i>	<b>10:10 – 10:55</b>
<b>BEST PRACTICE AWARDS</b>	<b>Rick Watters</b> – <i>Team Lead, Facility Asset Management, EnCana Corporation</i> <b>Shirley Howe</b> – <i>Deputy Minister, Alberta Employment and Immigration</i>	<b>10:55 – 11:30</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>		<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>



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**MAY 20<sup>th</sup> Afternoon WORKSHOPS**

<b>WORKSHOP TOPICS</b> <u><b>ONLY TWO SESSIONS PER PERSON PLEASE</b></u>	<b>WORKSHOP SELECTION</b>	
	<b>SESSION I</b> (12:45 - 2:15)	<b>SESSION II</b> (2:30 - 4:00)
<b>1. Benchmarking – Alberta Report</b> The Alberta Report from COAA Benchmarking Project is now available. This workshop will provide details and interpretation on the results of Phase 1 of the project and outline steps for moving forward with the Benchmarking project.		
<b>2. Path of Construction – Laying the Foundation for Success</b> The COAA WorkFace Planning Committee is hosting this interactive workshop on the path of construction. The workshop will feature flow diagrams, procedure and checklists that can be used by participants in their application of WorkFace planning on their projects.		
<b>3. Incident Investigation Best Practice</b> COAA’s Safety Committee has been working with industry and government stakeholders to develop a consensus for how on-site OH&S investigations, data gathering and witness statements should be conducted. The goal is to determine most effective methods and guidelines that will result in unbiased incident reports and protect the rights of employers and workers. This workshop will outline progress on this effort to date and next steps in developing this Best Practice.		N/A
<b>4. The Health and Safety Association Network (HSAN) Training Records System</b> HSAN is a network of safety and employer associations representing all industries in Alberta, with a focus on the identification of common safety training standards, mutual endorsement of these standards, accreditation of training providers. This workshop will provide an overview of the new HSAN Industry Training and Tracking System and outline the process for companies to get involved with the new system.		N/A
<b>5. Noise Management Best Practice</b> This presentation is the first step in a three-step process to develop a comprehensive noise management strategy for industrial construction projects. Participants will discuss the next steps in the development, which will include a formal COAA Best Practice and toolkit on Noise Management.	N/A	
<b>6. Alcohol and Drug Policy Update (CANCELLED)</b> The latest developments in alcohol and drug testing policy development will be showcased during this workshop. Participants will take away information on company and government initiatives and will discuss future COAA activities to address this issue of continued importance.	N/A	



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<p><b>7. Contracts – More Construction for Your Money</b> The Contracts Committee has assembled a panel of corporate executives and industry leaders to lead an interactive discussion with workshop participants on issues relating to construction contracts. Topics include balancing risk, effective communication, clarity of roles and scope, and proposals to amend the Builders’ Lien Act.</p>		N/A
<p><b>8. Industrial Construction Crew Supervisor (ICCS) Development Program Best Practice</b> This participatory workshop will give delegates an opportunity to shape the ICCS Development Program’s new website and program tools that will be used to help develop better supervisors for industrial construction projects.</p>		
<p><b>9. Absenteeism Research Study</b> The COAA Absenteeism Committee will be presenting its preliminary findings with respect to a methodology on how to determine the causes and impacts of Absenteeism in the industrial construction sector. The committee's research body, the University of Alberta (U of A), has piloted a methodology for collecting absenteeism causes at a single industrial site since the fall of 2008. The next step on the project is to broaden the research to other job sites across the province and identify how different factors affect absenteeism. The U of A will share its recommendations relating to effectively collecting absenteeism data on the projects. Finally, the U of A will also be giving a glimpse at some of the information coming out of the pilot site research. Recommendations from workshop participants will be useful in improving the pilot study methodology for future data collection.</p>	N/A	
<p><b>10. Improving Construction Productivity on Oil and Gas Capital Projects</b> On behalf of Alberta Finance and Enterprise, Dr. George Jergeas has conducted a new survey of more than 100 industry professionals in Alberta from the oil and gas industry. During his workshop, he will introduce the findings of the survey on strategies for improving construction productivity on oil and gas capital projects. Workshop attendees will receive a copy of the findings and will be asked to make comments, present new ideas and help in prioritizing the top factors for improving construction productivity.</p>		

**MAY 20<sup>th</sup> Afternoon EVENT**

<p><b>CLOSING RECEPTION</b> If you did not have an opportunity to meet or speak to members of COAA’s Board of Directors, Executive Committee or Best Practices Committees during the conference, here is your chance to catch up with them in an informal setting. This event, first introduced at last year’s conference, was very well received as a unique networking opportunity away from the fast pace of the main conference.</p>		<b>4:15 – 5:30</b>
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