

The 44th Annual STATE CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

March 6, 2025

Final Agenda

7:00 **REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING**

8:00 **OPENING GENERAL SESSION – ROOM 1**

Welcome

Michael Shumsky, PE, Director of State Construction Office
Gabriel Esparza, Secretary, NCDOA

8:15 Special Guest Speaker

TBD

8:25 State Building Commission Update

Katherine Lynn, Chair, State Building Commission

8:55 SCO News

Michael Shumsky, PE, Director of State Construction Office

9:15 HUB Overview

Alicia Lyon, Director, NC HUB Office

John Guenther, Interim Deputy Director, NC HUB Office

9:30 Inspection Discoveries

Joseph Baden, PE, Building Systems Engineer, State Construction Office

10:00 **BREAK AND NETWORKING**

10:30 State Budget Revenue Forecast
and Capital Updates

Ed McLenaghan, Assistant State Budget Officer, OSBM

Brian Farmer, Budget Analyst, OSBM

10:50 Construction Economic Outlook

Kenneth Simonson, Chief Economist - AGC of America

11:30 **LUNCH SESSION - ROOM 2**

12:10 Certificate of Merit Awards

Katherine Lynn, Chair, State Building Commission

12:20 Frank B. Turner Award

Michael Shumsky, PE, Director of State Construction Office

12:40 HUB Awards for Excellence

Alicia Lyon, Director, NC HUB Office

Angela Sellars, Director, NC MBDA Business Center

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS (Attend one session for each time slot)

1:00

ROOM 1 (A&B)

▶ High Rise Construction Lessons Learned

William Johnson, RA, Assistant Director, State Construction Office
Chris Roberts, AIA, VP/Principal, LS3P; Paul Kitchens, PE, Partner, Newcomb
& Boyd

ROOM 1 (C&D)

▶ 2024 NC Fire Code Changes

Charlie Johnson, Chief Fire Code Consultant, NC Office of State Fire
Marshall

ROOM 3

▶ Diversify to Thrive: How to Lead as a
HUB Champion

Denisha Harris, Assistant Finance Director, Town of Cary

ROOM 6

▶ Ethics & Rules of Professional
Conduct for Engineers in NC

Vinnie Goel, PhD, PE, Board Vice Chair, NCBELS

David Evans, Asst. Executive Director, NCBELS

Wes Tripp III, Board Counsel, NCBELS

2:00

ROOM 1 (A&B)

▶ Safety and Sustainability for
Existing Concrete Structures

Dave Tepke, PE, Principal Engineer, SKA Consulting Engineers, Inc.

	ROOM 1 (C&D)		Robert Talley, PE, Assistant Director, State Construction Office Ralph Taylor, PE, Project Manager, State Construction Office Jeff Schmedeke, Project Manager, State Construction Office Samantha Farrington, Project Manager, State Construction Office
	▶ “If I only knew then . . .”		
	ROOM 3		
	▶ Owner Duties after Ribbon Cutting		Matthew Marbois, PE, Electrical Supervisor, State Construction Office William Stevens, Chief of Facilities Engineering & Construction Services, NC Department of Health and Human Services
	ROOM 6		
	▶ Utilizing Prefabrication to Benefit Public Construction		Michael Ali, PE, Assistant Director, State Construction Office Connor Bailey, SE Regional Prefabrication Leader, DPR Construction
2:45	BREAK AND NETWORKING		
3:00			
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	ROOM 3		
	▶ Diversify to Thrive: How to Lead as a HUB Champion		Denisha Harris, Assistant Finance Director, Town of Cary
	ROOM 6		
	▶ Ethics & Rules of Professional Conduct for Engineers in NC		Vinnie Goel, Board Vice Chair, PhD, PE, NCBELS David Evans, Asst. Executive Director, NCBELS Wes Tripp III, Board Counsel, NCBELS
4:00			
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5:00	ADJOURN		

FOLLOW-UP EVENTS

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - 21st Annual Contractor’s Networking Reception & Expo - NCDOA Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses
(Open to all Conference Attendees)