### **Issues Affecting the Construction Industry**

- Current Economic Conditions
- Construction Industry Fragmentation
- Driving Productivity in a Supply Constrained Market
- Policy and Legislation





Construction industry spending is at an all-time-high, allowing some companies to catch up, but most are still in need of skilled workers.

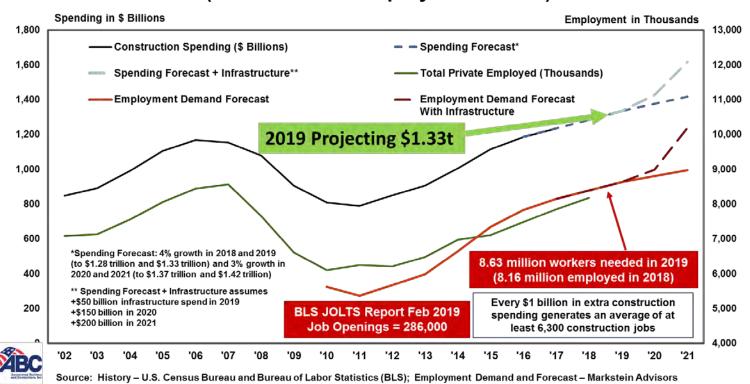
### **CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS**





# Construction Spending and Employment History and Forecast

#### (Excludes Self-employed Workers)



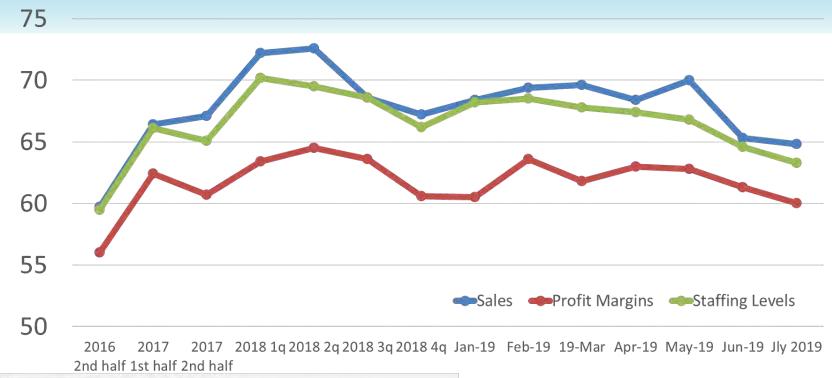


### **ABC Construction Backlog Indicator**





#### **ABC Construction Confidence Index**



#### Notes:

Index greater than 50 is deemed confidence in growth over the next 6 months

Sales – How confident are you in your sales increasing over the next 6 months?

Profit Margins – How confident are you in your profit margins increasing over the next 6 months?

Staffing Levels – How confident are you in your staffing levels increasing over the next 6 months?





#### **ABC Construction Confidence Index**

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Response	July 2019 Expectations	June 2019 Expectations	Percentage Point Change
	Sales Exp	ectations	
Up Big	12.5%	10.5%	2.0
Up Small	50.1%	56.4%	-6.3
No Change	23.6%	18.5%	5.1
Down Small	11.4%	13.1%	-1.7
Down Big	2.3%	1.5%	0.8
	Profit M	largins	
Up Big	6.0%	4.1%	1.9
Up Small	46.7%	50.0%	-3.3
No Change	31.1%	34.1%	-3.0
Down Small	14.0%	10.8%	3.2
Down Big	2.3%	1.0%	1.3
	Staffing	Levels	
Up Big	6.6%	7.7%	-1,1
Up Small	49.6%	51.7%	-2.1
No Change	35.3%	32.6%	2.7
Down Small	7.7%	7.9%	-0.2
Down Big	0.9%	0.0%	0.9

C Associated Builders and Contractors, Construction Confidence Index

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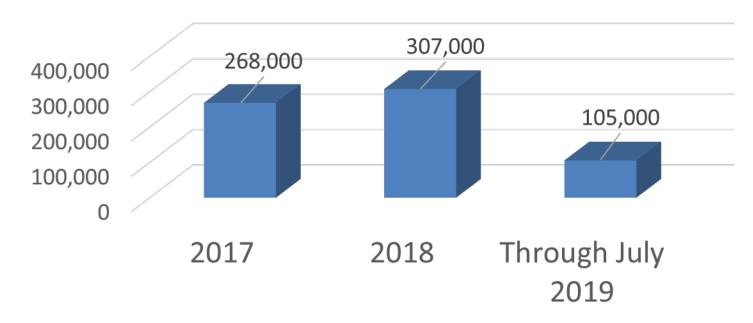
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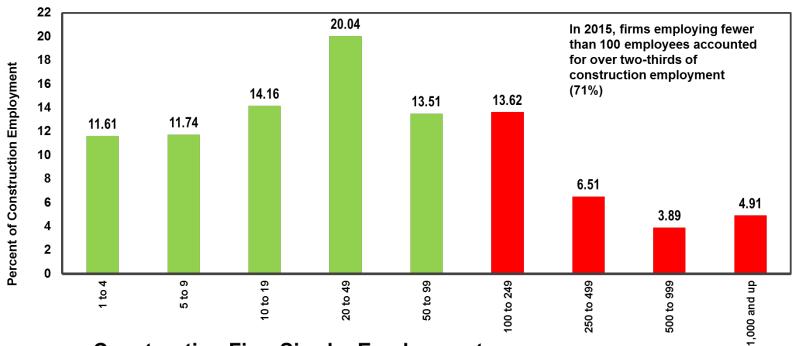
## CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FRAGMENTATION

Companies that employ 100 people or fewer are key to creating and filling jobs





### Construction Companies that Employ <100 Construction Professionals Account for 71% of Construction Employment



**Construction Firm Size by Employment** 

Markstein Advisors

Source: Census Bureau 2015 County Business Patterns

### DRIVING PRODUCTIVITY IN A SUPPLY-CONSTRAINED MARKET

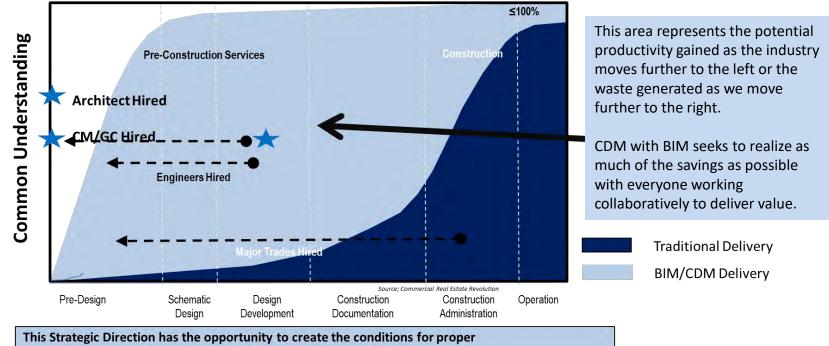
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#### **LEADERSHIP – Collaborative Delivery Methods**

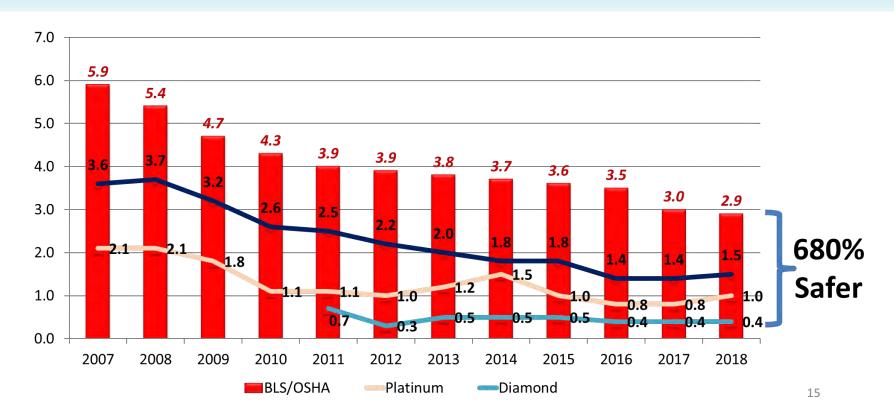
BIM/Collaborative Delivery Methods (CDM): Driving the waste out by increasing the level of understanding and collaboration earlier in the process



planning, virtual coordination, collaboration, building trust, innovative thinking, standardization, prefabrication and elimination of variation and rework.

It does not necessarily address the Workforce Conditions and Production at the workface, but should.

## LEADERSHIP IN SAFETY TRIR Benchmark Graph 2007-2018 STEP Levels and BLS



## PEOPLE – Cause and Effect of Substance Abuse – Best in Class Policy Deployed vs. All Other

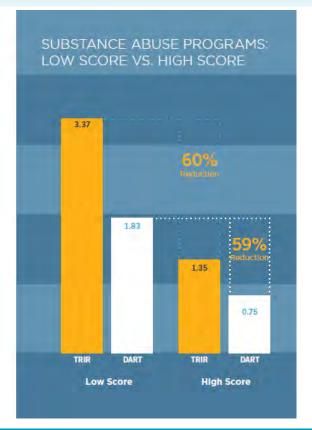


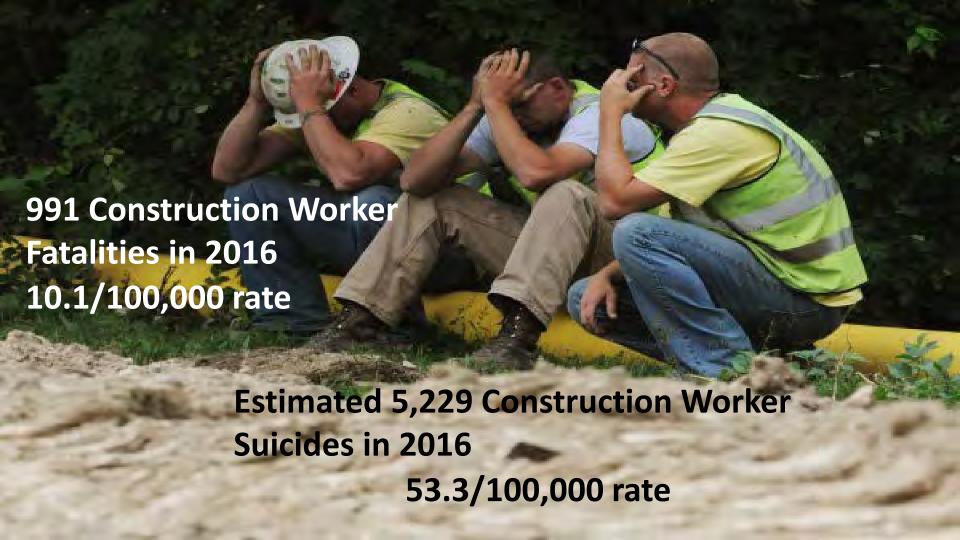
### CORE LEADING INDICATORS Substance Abuse Programs

One-third of all incidents on construction jobsites are drug- or alcohol-related. Companies with substance abuse programs/policies with provisions for drug and alcohol testing where permitted are 60 percent safer than those without a program. Plus, substance abuse testing can be an effective method of incident prevention if used properly.



ABC is an active member of the Construction Coalition for a Drug- and Alcohol-free Workplace. Take the pledge at drugfreeconstruction.org.





### People



Pledge to American Workers

Provide career opportunities and education that will help Americans thrive in the construction industry

#### Workforce Development Framework Fundamentals:

- 1. Get Americans In- Identify, create, and promote the diversity of entry points into the Construction Industry for those who choose construction as a career
- 2. **Get Americans Educated** Create and provide career advancement educational opportunities that add value to the employer and the employee
- **3. Give Americans a Dream** Create and promote a construction career development ecosystem that aligns the employer needs with the employee dreams



### **MEANS AND METHODS**

Prefabrication, Multi-Discipline Pre-Fab, and Modular Construction are workflow solutions now and in the future













### **TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY**

Additive Manufacturing (3D printing), Un-manned Vehicle Technology, IoT Sensors, Telematics, and Robotics are disruptive technologies adopted due to workforce crisis

















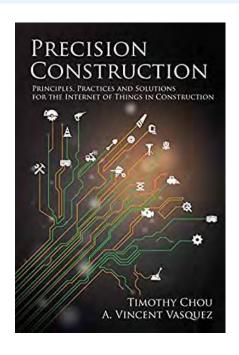


#### MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

IoT, Barcoding, RFID, Super Wi-Fi will enable materials to be manufactured, delivered, unloaded, erected into place and accounted for during the warranty and miniatous period autonomously



### Internet of Things



Do

Learn

Collect

**Connect** 

Things





### **Cyber Security**











Elections have consequences

### **POLICY AND LEGISLATION**





### Policy and Legislation Affecting Construction Industry What has been done?

- Tax Cut and Jobs Act
- Expanding Apprenticeships EO
- Perkins Act
- Streamlining the Permit Process EO
- WOTUS Reg Rewrite
- First Step Act

- Tariffs and Trade
- Buy America EO
- OSHA Transparency in Reporting and Retaliation
- Deregulation





## Policy Issues Affecting the Construction Industry What more can or may be done workforce?

- Provide financial support to education sponsors and students in apprenticeships
   to what is provided to colleges and their students
- Tax Incentives to stimulate growth, jobs, education, safety,...etc.
  - Expand 529s so they can be used for apprenticeship training
- All the above training certifications (competency based multi-skilling and time based)
  - Portable certifications and credentials
- Substance Abuse Employer Rights to a best in class policy
- Fair and Open Competition Procurement Laws
- Immigration TPS and H2B processes must be addressed





## Policy Issues Affecting the Construction Industry What more can or may be done?

- Reform (or eliminate) prevailing wage laws
- Collaborative delivery methods welcoming innovation
- Cyber Security
- Streamlined permitting and inspection processes
  - Entertain alliance partnerships and self-certified inspections
- Safety Partnerships VPP
- Author regulations, which welcome innovation and disruptive technologies
- Partner with business to help design most effective and efficient regulatory environment
- Tax Incentives to stimulate growth, jobs, education, safety,...etc
- Infrastructure Mix of private and public funding to upgrade infrastructure safety and invest in projects that create the best value for the taxpayer





#### 25 States Ensure Fair and Open Competition

