

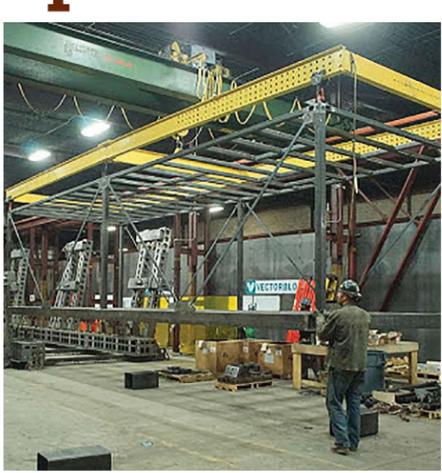


Construction Trends to Anticipate in 2020

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A new decade has begun, and the next ten years are sure to bring advancements in the construction industry that we cannot even begin to imagine. On a smaller scale, trends that are already in the works are likely to evolve and become more common in 2020, and along with the emergence of new trends, these advancements will likely shape the construction industry and how it functions moving forward. Increases in efficiency, sustainability, safety, and more are on the horizon. Below are some construction trends to watch out for in 2020.

planning to execution. Sustainable construction efforts include switching to LED lighting wherever possible on construction sites, as well as developing more effective thermal performance materials to use for buildings constructed in 2020. Green construction processes often allow for the construction of buildings that are both environmentally and economically friendly, which makes this trend appealing for both those who need structures built and those who are doing the building.



process. Waste is also reduced through this process because it allows for the easy recycling of unused materials. This process is ideal for repetitive structures and allows for the construction of these structures at a much faster rate.

Modular Construction Projects

Trends in every industry often emerge due to the desire to make things simpler and more convenient, and this is evident in construction through the rise of modular construction methods. 2020 will likely bring about an increase in modular projects because they save time, money, and energy—office buildings, hotels, apartments, and more come to life through prefabricated pieces. Since the bulk of these buildings is assembled offsite, construction companies do not have to worry about the weather or other external factors that will significantly slow down the construction

Green Construction Processes and Sustainability

Sustainability should be considered in all areas of life, and 2020 will likely see an increase in sustainable efforts in the construction industry. In order to complete major construction projects while conserving the environment at the same time, various steps can be taken. "Green construction" considers the impact of the work on our planet during each step of the construction process, from

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 Contact: Kate Grotteberg, 401-847-1608, kate@newportchamber.com
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 New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office, 25 Capital Street, 1st Floor, Concord, NH
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division
 Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, miguel.moralez@sba.gov
 Fee: Free; registration required

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How to Become a GSA Federal Supply Schedule Holder and Government Contracting 101
 Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 10:00 am–1:30 pm
 Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, 1st Floor, Boston, MA
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center
 Contact: Stephen Edmonds, 781-801-3036, sedmonds@umass.edu
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