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6 Issues Impacting the Commercial Construction Industry

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The construction industry has always been important because of its fundamental role in building society as we know it. However, the industry is facing some critical issues that will be crucial for its future development. Here are some of the most essential issues impacting the commercial construction industry.

Worker Safety

First and foremost, there's the issue of safety. The construction industry has been struggling with worker safety for years. The commercial construction industry is one of the leaders in the total number of worker deaths. Keeping workers safe has been a major source of concern among employers within the industry.

There are several ways to protect workers from accidents and injuries while they do their job. The most obvious is training. Training employees to become better at protecting themselves in critical situations can prevent them from getting injured and prevent accidents from happening. Training employees to be better specialists, on the other hand, will help them perform their tasks more accurately, precisely, and safely.

Another way to reduce the number of accidents and injuries in the workplace is by getting rid of hazards. All the safety measures for storage, transportation, and use of potentially dangerous objects should be strictly followed to ensure that the risk of disaster is reduced. Continuously training your workers can also help employees better understand what should be done in different situations and what objects should be stored in what conditions.

Technology Use

Another issue that will ultimately impact the commercial construction industry is the adoption of technology. The construction industry is notorious for adopting new technologies very slowly. Many construction business owners tend to underinvest in new technologies despite knowing that these technologies can significantly improve the results and performance of any project.

Emerging technology like virtual and augmented reality, robots, drones, and 3D printing are all ex-



amples of such new underused technologies that are being adopted by the construction industry day by day. Hopefully, more projects will be completed with the help of new technologies.

Many issues and problems listed in this article can easily be solved by using a certain technology. For example, drones can be used to improve security and keep employees safe by monitoring everything from above and ensuring that every process is performed correctly. Project management software can help with scheduling and planning while VR and AR can help with visualizing the final product.

Labor Shortage

One thing that not everyone anticipates in the construction industry is the labor shortage. Ever since the Great Recession, the employment numbers in the construction industry have been struggling to get back to their prerecession statistics. Over 2 million jobs were shed by the industry during the economic downturn of the late 2000s with workers either leaving voluntarily or being fired.

These workers mostly found jobs in other industries that sustained them for a while. But what happened next is that many of them realized they were better off in those jobs. Many of these specialists didn't come back to the construction industry creating this labor shortage. Moreover, the construction industry is not attracting enough talent to meet the growing demand for qualified professionals and specialists.

Employers should be more mindful of the experts they already have employed in their firms. More and more companies are realizing how important it is to create the right offer to "sell" their unoccupied positions to potential candidates. If employers have opportunities to offer that others don't, they are more likely to get to hire the specialist they are looking for, i.e., skilled, experienced, educated, and motivated.

Decreased Productivity

Decreased productivity seems to be a pain point for many spheres, so it's obvious that the commercial construction industry suffers from it as well. The problem is that construction projects are becoming more and more complex every year which is why the decreased productivity is way more damaging than it seems. Multiple factors lead to decreased productivity which is why it is so hard to prevent it completely.

For example, improper scheduling and planning are some of the primary causes of decreased productivity. When employers and employees have no idea what they are supposed to do and what



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What To Do With That Glut of Office Construction

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By Les Shaver,

COVID-19 came on the heels of a glut of office construction in some markets. Now that the realities of the pandemic have sunk in, attention is turning to what will become of that excess inventory.

"You look at San Francisco, and there has definitely been a boom in office construction in the last decade," says Nima Wedlake, principal at Thomvest Ventures. "For the most part, those offices are getting leased up before construction is completed. The Salesforce tower was getting leased at record-high rates."

But the tech companies in San Francisco are letting workers telecommute well into 2021, if not permanently. "Outside of our interest in real estate, we have a portfolio of technology companies, many of whom are based in San Francisco," Wedlake says. "Every single one has announced a work-from-home policy that will extend into 2021. I think that's table stakes at this point."

With this movement towards telework, Wedlake thinks it will be hard to fill those towers in San Francisco, much less underwrite news ones.

"I think there is too much uncertainty to underwrite a commercial office construction project in a place like downtown San Francisco, where the model only works if you can get \$95-plus per square foot from one of the blue-chip tech companies," Wedlake says. "There is too much uncertainty around what the future will hold to be able to underwrite that and finance a project like that successfully."



Ultimately, Wedlake thinks there will be a long lull in underwriting office projects in cities, such as San Francisco. "You'll probably see a halt, which might mean less new supply hitting the market," Wedlake says. "Maybe the existing supply will rebalance demand."

Wedlake wonders if some of the excess office buildings may change uses. "We've already seen some conversations about converting offices to residential when applicable, and we've actually seen some startups that are trying to enable that," Wedlake says. "I could see under-utilized office space getting converted into residential space in some of these big cities."

While Wedlake sees a slump in the office market, he thinks people will eventually end up back at work around their coworkers.

"When everyone is fully remote, the only way they interact with your coworkers is on Slack or via email or on Zoom," Wedlake says. "I think there is something to be said about the serendipity of being in an office environment and in a dense city, like New York or San Francisco. And there are opportunities born out of that serendipity."

That desire to be around people convinces Wedlake that there will probably be a hybrid office structure after the pandemic.

"People might be encouraged to come into an office two to three times per week, in order to get that face time or network in real life with their coworkers," Wedlake says. "For the balance of the week, they'll be able to work from home or in a remote environment."

SOURCE: www.globest.com/2020/08/24/what-to-do-with-that-glut-of-office-construction/?slreturn=20200811133910

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aims they should be pursuing, they become increasingly demotivated. That's where the decreased productivity starts setting in. It's crucial that the proper amount of time is dedicated to planning and preparation.

The lack of collaboration and communication can lead to a lot of time wasted on insignificant matters which also results in less work completed and, consequently, decreased productivity. In addition to all of that, the shortage of labor can contribute to this issue as fewer specialists can be working on one project at the same time. In other words, there are multiple things you should keep in mind to truly start increasing productivity on a construction project.

Higher Material Costs

One of the expected issues that probably most employers in the construction industry have already anticipated is the higher material costs. Inflation is affecting every industry, so it is only logical that the costs of the required materials for every other project are growing too.

The only thing that can be done about this is a smart balancing and management of the budget. The budget needs to be directed at the right aspects of a project. For instance, if one part can be done with reduced expenses, this "saved" money can be then used on other parts that need more funding.

Environmental and Sustainability Issues

Environmental and sustainability issues are becoming way more relevant as the question of climate change and global warming is more discussed. This also leads to more companies in the construction industry adapting to them.

Of course, the only way to deal with these issues is by finding solutions to them. More mindful and sustainable construction projects are being completed successfully which paves the way for others to do the same.

Final Thoughts

The commercial construction industry will have to overcome several problems in the near future, but once you understand what challenges you need to prepare for, this becomes much easier.

SOURCE:

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Ohio Contractors Association, Industry Members Set For Construction Safety Week

The Ohio Contractors Association (OCA) is joining state, national and global construction groups in recognizing and participating in the 2020 Construction Safety Week, September 14-18, as well as making work zones and project sites across Ohio safer for workers and the traveling public.

The construction industry is one of the nation's most dangerous to work in. According to the U.S. Department of Labor and the Occupational Health & Safety Administration (OSHA), the construction industry has a fatal injury rate higher than the national average for all industries. Statistics show that of every 5,000 worker fatalities, one in five occur in the construction industry.

In an effort to promote safety, the National Construction Safety Week was organized in 2014 as a five-day event urging the industry's more than 11.2 million workers to be better safety leaders through collaboration and sharing of best practices.

OCA, a statewide trades association of nearly 500 contracting and supply companies involved in Ohio's heavy, highway and utility construction industry, is using the week's national safety observance to highlight what Ohio is doing to bring awareness and to help prevent two of the industry's "focus four" worksite occurrences – electrocutions and struck-by accidents.

According to OCA Labor & Safety Affairs Director Mark Potnick, common hazards on the construction worksite are when dump trucks fail to lower their beds. "There are two hazards involved in that work," he said. "One is striking overhead electric lines, which can cause injury and death to the ground people; and the second is truck beds striking overhead structures, like bridge decks, which then causes falling chunks of concrete or objects that can strike ground employees." The most-recent U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show annually that electrocution and struck-by incidences in industry resulted in 6,340 work-related injuries and 438 fatalities nationally.

To alleviate the risk of electrocution and struck-by accidents, OCA's Safety Committee set out to develop an overhead warning device that would be consistent to all industry members in the state as well as compliant with the Federal Highway Administration, Ohio Department of Transportation and OSHA.

"Since it is such a positive issue and a safety-related issue, we thought we would coordinate our distribution of the devices to our membership in an event during National Construction Safety Week," Potnick said. The OCA event, set for September 17 at

its Columbus headquarters at 1313 Dublin Road, will further educate its members on electrocution and struck-by occurrences and distribute 500 overhead warning signs to heavy, highway and utility construction contractors throughout the state. The initial 500 signs are being funded through the Ohio Laborers – Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (Ohio LECET).

The 2020 National Safety Construction Week was originally set for May, but was rescheduled in order to plan and provide proper COVID-19 protocol. The focus of this year's national event

will be thanking workers who support safety and recognize efforts to be injury free; increase awareness of the importance of being committed to safety every day; encourage the sharing of best practices and working to strengthen the construction industry's safety culture; and conduct onsite activities to support safety education.

SOURCE:

www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/ohiocontractors-association-industry-membersset-for-construction-safety-week-301128124. html

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Participation of Minority-and Women -Owned Business Enterprises ("MWBE") and Equal Employment Opportunities ("EEO"). Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBE") in United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Programs pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 33; DBE is a Disadvantaged, Minority, or Woman Business Enterprise that has been certified by an entity from which EPA accepts certifications as described in 40 CFR 33.204-33.205 or certified by EPA. EPA accepts certifications from entities that meet or exceed EPA certification standards as described in 40 CFR 33.202. USDOT DBE certifications accepted. See: City of Columbus, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, 614-645-4764 and www.columbus.gov/odi/.

Inviting qualified contractors, specifically MBE and WBE firms certified/eligible as listed above, to contact Shea-Traylor JV (Prime Contractor listed below) regarding subcontracting services and material supply opportunities in connection with the upcoming tunnel and shafts project. The Work under this contract is in Columbus, Ohio. The Work consists of:

Construction of Tunnel & Shafts: Lower Olentangy Tunnel, Contract 135-2016 Owner: City of Columbus Dept. of Public Utilities 910 Dublin Road - 3rd Floor, Columbus, OH 43215 BID DATE: October 14, 2020 at 3:00 PM EDT (Electronic Bid Only)

Opportunities to participate exist in the following specific areas of soil and rock excavation, hauling, excavation support systems, ground freezing, deep foundation system(secant-piles), underground blasting, structural steel, engineering, survey, instrumentation and monitoring services, materials testing, demolition and site preparation, traffic control, sewer tap and sewer bypass pumping, A/C paving, environmental investigation, utility relocation, paving, fencing and gates, planting and seeding, retaining wall, geotechnical and structural instrumentation, secant piles, cast-in-place concrete structures, reinforcing steel, ground stabilization, rock-bolts, steel dowels, shotcrete, concrete finishing, mechanical steel pipe, ventilation HVAC, precast concrete shaft covers, temporary office buildings/services, Temporary electrical substation, waterproofing, service utilities, grouting, electrical services, pest control, IT services, waste disposal, cleaning services, and security services.

Any business seeking to participate as a MBE or WBE in the Contract that is not currently certified DBE by the EPA and the requirements set forth above should review 40 CFR 33.204-33.205, certified by EPA or City of Columbus, Office of Diversity and Inclusion at https://www.columbus.gov/odi/ as shown above to obtain current certification.

Shea-Traylor JV set up an FTP site where you can view all plans, specifications and addendums for your convenience. Please contact Steve Fiori at (909) 595-4397, Steven.Fiori@jfshea.com, to receive instructions on accessing the FTP Site.

Shea-Traylor JV, (An EEO Employer)

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