

# THE CONSTRUCTION USERS ROUNDTABLE

"THE OWNERS VOICE TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY"

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## **CURT Presents "Surviving and Thriving: The State of the Association"**

***---Keynote Egon Larsen, CURT President, Highlights Accomplishments and Challenges Ahead for CURT and Construction Industry ---***

CINCINNATI, OH, November 17, 2009 – The Construction Users Roundtable's (CURT) 9<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference kicked off yesterday; the theme of the conference is "Surviving and Thriving in Today's Construction Industry." The conference is being held November 16-18, 2009 at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

The Construction Users Roundtable is an association of leading corporations and government organizations in the United States and Canada, dedicated to the promotion of cost effective construction methods. Collectively the members of CURT spend more than \$160 billion annually on construction services.

CURT President Egon Larsen highlighted the many accomplishments of the CURT organization over the past years on behalf of the construction industry. Most notably in the areas of Safety and Workforce Development, the association has established industry wide annual awards recognizing companies with outstanding achievements in the areas of Safety and Workforce Development; the Workforce Development Awards and the Safety Excellence Awards are being presented tonight from the Conference.

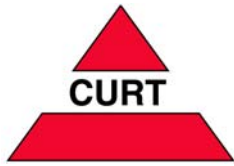
Mr. Larsen announced that the same efforts that CURT has placed against the areas of Safety and Workforce Development will now be placed against the area of "Productivity." Specifically, by improving timing and quality of deliveries of materials, productivity of projects will increase.

"We are looking to continue our positive impact on the construction industry," stated Mr. Larsen. "The strides we make today will not only influence the industry, but the overall economy of the country."

Additionally, Mr. Larsen reiterated that CURT continues to leverage their ability to bring the key stakeholders and decision makers to the table to address and resolve important issues in the industry. "We must continue to tackle new and important issues and make a difference in our industry. CURT has not only survived, but thrived in this economy due to the efforts of our members nationwide," Mr. Larsen concluded.

### **About CURT**

Formed in the fall of 2000 by construction and engineering executives representing major corporations from across the United States, CURT's primary goal is to enact broad, effective owner representation and



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increased owner leadership on construction industry issues. Continuing the 30-year effort of the Construction Committee of the Business Roundtable, CURT provides a national forum for the exchange of information, views, practices and policies of construction users from an array of industries. CURT strives to produce meaningful changes within the construction industry-promoting overall cost effectiveness; improving the way construction is planned, managed, justified and executed. Additionally, CURT works toward changing and improving what owners allow, require and accept responsibility for on their domestic and global construction projects. For additional information see [www.curt.org](http://www.curt.org).

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