



# CIRT PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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## Construction Industry Round Table

## 2018 SPRING MEETING AGENDA

The Park Hyatt Washington ♦ Washington, DC

April 30, 2018 – May 2, 2018

### Monday, April 30, 2018

3:30pm – 6:00pm (Gallery Ballroom 1)

#### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual CIRT National Design & Construction Competition & Outstanding ACE Mentors Recognition

All members and guests are invited to observe this exciting competition where high school teams will vie for a top prize of \$5,000 before a panel of distinguished judges composed mostly of CIRT members.



6:00pm – 7:00pm (Gallery Ballroom 2 & 3)

#### Welcome Reception for Members & ACE Mentor Program Participants

All CIRT attendees arriving on Monday are invited to attend this reception where you will have a chance to catch up with colleagues, meet the students and their mentors as well as to view the project designs.

7:00pm – 9:00pm (St. James Park)

#### Government Relations Committee Dinner (participants will be notified individually)

### Tuesday, May 1, 2018

7:30am – 9:45am **CIRT Executive Committee Breakfast** (St. James Park)

10:30am – 12:45pm **Board of Directors Meeting & Luncheon** (Drawing Room 2)

#### SMALL GROUP (GENGROUPS) SESSIONS

8:30am – 9:30am **Breakfast Available** (Salon Foyer)

9:00am – Noon **Small Group Breakout Sessions** – rooms assignments TBD

### \*\*\* Lunch on own for all attendees \*\*\*

1:00pm **Opening Session / Welcome Remarks** (Gallery Ballroom 1 & 2)

1:30pm – 2:30pm **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: What in the World is Going On?** The 24/7 news cycle seems to buffet us with endless stories of soon-to-be announced scandals or failures by the current Administration that never actually materialize or turn out to be “fake news” as some put it. BUT, what is the real story and are there forces at play that would rather not report on aspects of governance that are having a positive impact on jobs, competitiveness, and the economy? Hear from someone inside the “belly of the beast” who can give us a “Listener’s Guide to News.” **Speaker: Tucker Carlson** is the host of *Tucker Carlson Tonight* and founder of *The Daily Caller*, one of the largest and fastest growing news sites in the country. Carlson was previously the co-host of *Fox and Friends Weekend*. He joined FOX from MSNBC, where he hosted several nightly programs. Previously, he was also the co-host of *Crossfire* on CNN, as well as the host of a weekly public affairs program on PBS. [Read more.](#)



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## Tuesday, May 1, 2018

2:30pm – 4:00pm

### **Overview of the Economy: The Numbers AFTER Tax Reform**

There are signs the economy is thriving with the passage of tax reform, but how long will it last and what are the signs of a turning point that will either suggest long-term growth. . .vs. a bubble likely to burst? Understanding the key factors or indicators to track is critical for our CEOs to plan for their teams and make decisions when it comes to markets. **Speaker: Dan Clifton**, Director & Head of Policy Research, Strategas Group



4:00pm – 5:00pm

### **The Administration's Views on the Infrastructure Initiative**

What are the key factors related to the President's "Infrastructure Initiative" that foster: employment, economic expansion and global competitiveness. How will the initiative be funded with respect to alternative methods, whether federal (gas taxes), state and local; or alternative sources such as bonding and private equity investments. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions of Council Chairman Hassett not only regarding infrastructure but also on other domestic and international economic policy that impacts the design / construction industry.

**Speaker: Kevin Hassett**, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisors, The White House

6:00pm – 8:30pm

**Reception & Dinner** (Gallery Foyer / Drawing Room for Reception; Gallery Ballroom for Dinner)

## Wednesday, May 2, 2018

7:00am – 8:00am

**Networking Breakfast** (w/ CIRT Business last 15 minutes) (Gallery Ballroom 1 & 2)

8:00am – 8:30am

**SAFETY WEEK UPDATE: We are Stronger, Safer Together** (Gallery Ballroom 1 & 2)

### **CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 9:00am – 9:45am**

#### **TRACK A**

#### **TALENT REPORT: Findings from the CIRT-FMI Study on Board Governance** (Salon 1)

Session will report out the initial findings from the CIRT-FMI study that focused on the relationship between corporate performance and a series of factors that could influence that performance – primarily those related to the domains of talent management and corporate governance, specifically to Board actions. Simply stated: do these factors indeed correlate to financial performance over time?

**Speakers:** Ron Magnus & Michael Magnus, FMI

#### **TRACK B**

#### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Apprenticeship & Training** (Gallery Ballroom 1 & 2)

Changes are afoot in the approaches and rules governing workforce development related to apprenticeships and training. New rules that make "sector training" a requirement for states, along with possible Presidential recommendations are driving review of a host of potential changes that may revamp what types of training programs are accepted and recognized. By broadening accepted programs the goal is to meet the promise of good jobs w/o college degrees whether the training is within or not current restrictive certification requirements. Determining how these initiatives may impact a firm's training program will be a key takeaway from this session.

**Speaker: Greg Sizemore**, Vice President, HSE and Workforce Development, Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC)

## Wednesday, May 2, 2018

- 10:00am – 11:30am **Infrastructure Initiative in 2018 - Panel Discussion** (Gallery Ballroom 1 & 2)  
With passage of tax reform, the White House has signaled that their goal is to pass a major infrastructure initiative in 2018. A cross-section of interests have already begun to rally around such an initiative with the goal to pass some major pieces in what could be a multi-trillion dollar decade long plus endeavor. CIRT has joined with other organizations to articulate a series of key elements including: funding commitments (both traditional and alternative approaches), streamlining of the process, focus on critical projects, innovation, and the need to attract talent/skilled workforce to accomplish the work.
- Panelists:**
- **Norman F. Anderson**, President & CEO, CG/LA Infrastructure
  - **Neil Bradley**, Executive Vice President and Chief Policy Officer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
  - **Andrew Marino**, Co-Head of Global Infrastructure, The Carlyle Group
- 11:30am **CIRT Conference Concludes**

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## CIRT CONFERENCE & HOTEL INFORMATION

**Registration Fees** – There are no registration fees for CIRT members-of-record to attend, but members are responsible for their travel and hotel expenses. Likewise, spouses (other than extra events), all potential members, and/or successors that are invited to attend as a guest also will not be charged. However, a registration fee of \$575.00 (based on cost) will be charged for additional people attending from the same company beyond those described. The CIRT conferences are intended exclusively for members and *invited* guests.

**Attire** – Dress for the conference event is business attire.

**Hotel Reservations** –The [Park Hyatt Washington](#) will serve as the host for the 2018 Spring Conference (24<sup>th</sup> & M Streets, NW, Washington, DC) and is located in Washington's fashionable West End Georgetown neighborhood. The Park Hyatt Washington is just steps from boutique shopping and minutes to the White House and other historic sites. A dedicated website is now available for members and guests to book their hotel rooms online. Reservations can be made at this web address: <https://aws.passkey.com/e/49529931>

**CIRT Conference Rate:** \$420.00 run-of-house

Should additional rooms be required after cut-off, Premier Park Deluxe rooms will be offered at \$470.00 (based on availability).

\*Rates are net and exclusive of 14.5% occupancy tax. The group room rate will apply three (3) days prior and three (3) days after the convention dates based upon room availability at the time of the request.

**Please make your reservations before 5:00pm Friday, March 30, 2018.** If you would like to make your reservation by phone, please call 202-789-1234; or 800-778-7477 and reference the **2018 CIRT Spring Conference**. Check-in is 4:00pm; check-out is 1:00pm.

**Spouse Information** – Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend the CIRT meetings. Depending on the spouse attendance, a special spouse event may be planned on Tuesday, May 1 from late morning to early afternoon. **TBD.**

**Travel** – The Park Hyatt Washington is located 15 minutes from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA); 45 minutes from Dulles International Airport (IAD); and 50 minutes from Baltimore / Washington International Airport (BWI).

**Badge Pick-Up** – Anyone attending the Design Competition and/or Welcome Reception on Mon, 4/30 may pick up their name badge in the Gallery Ballroom Foyer beginning at 3:00pm. Name badges also may be picked-up at 8:00am on Tues., May 1 outside the Gallery Ballroom. Conference materials will be available beginning at 12:30pm outside the Gallery Ballroom.



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This CIRT agenda will be updated accordingly and times may vary slightly as the program develops. For questions, please contact Jane Bonvillain at 202-466-6777; or 843-609-9125; Email: [jane@cirt.org](mailto:jane@cirt.org)