

# CONSTRUCTION TECH EVENT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH  
PARAMOUNT CLUB, NYC

REGISTRATION: 9:30 AM

SESSIONS & KEYNOTE: 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

RECEPTION: 3:30 - 4:30 PM



ABC Empire State, ABC Connecticut, and ABC New Jersey chapters present this industry-exclusive day, bringing together tech experts from across the construction industry. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about safety and innovation, drones and robotics, cyber security, data center innovation, and implementing tech and innovation to grow your business.

## 9:30 AM - REGISTRATION

10:30 AM - Event Opening

10:40 AM - Opening Keynote: **The Economy, Innovation & Construction: Headwinds, Tailwinds & The New Toolbox**

*Paul Doherty, AIA, CSI, CDT, IFMA Fellow, DFC Senior Fellow*

11:45 AM - Investing in the Future: **What's Driving the Next Wave of Construction Tech** *Matthew Abeles, VP Construction Tech and Innovation, Associated Builders and Contractors; Kirk Walker, Division Manager, Utility Structures, Power and Construction Group, Inc.; Adam Handfinger,*

*Co-Managing Partner of Peckar & Abrams, and Co-Founder, Document Crunch;*  
*Zak Schwarzman, General Partner, MetaProp*

## 12:30 PM - BREAK

12:45 PM - Lunch Keynote: **KEY TRENDS in Contractor Innovation**

*Steve Jones, Dodge Construction Network; Lunch is served during keynote address.*

1:30 PM - **Cyber Security Update For Contractors - Satyam Verma,**

*AEC Practice Leader, Egnyte*

## 2:00 PM - BREAK

2:15 PM - **Tech Demos: 3 different technologies impacting ABC members in 3 major categories - Nino Efendic, Founder, Aerial Prospex; Nigel Coelho,**

*General Manager, Agentic AI Compliance, Lumber; Brett Bilodeau, Regional Account Manager, Trimble*

3:15 PM - **Closing Remarks**

3:30 PM - **RECEPTION**

## OPENING KEYNOTE: **The Economy, Innovation & Construction: Headwinds, Tailwinds & The New Toolbox – 10:40am**

*Drones, BIM, Blockchain, AI and Digital Twins have emerged to be powerful tools in our industry, while Smart Materials, Spatial Computing and Smart Contracts are on the horizon. Join us for a journey of discovery, where inflationary pressures on labor and materials are being met with new tools that can assist with keeping your company profitable. In today's construction world, embracing innovation not just as a tool, but as a strategy is your pathway to success. The next decade of construction will be defined not by what we build, but how we choose to build it.*

### PAUL DOHERTY

*Paul is Chairman and CEO of TDG (the digit group, [www.thedigitgroupinc.com](http://www.thedigitgroupinc.com)), a globally renowned and award-winning architect who is one of the world's most sought after thought leaders, strategists and integrators of process, technology, and business. As seen on The Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg TV, acknowledged by CNBC as one of America's Business Titans and reported by Forbes as "Changing the World", Paul is a Senior Fellow of the Design Futures Council and a Fellow of the International Facility Management Association (IFMA). Paul's current work is as Chairman of TDG Global Ventures, a Smart City real estate development company that provides financing, design-build and innovative technology solutions around the world. Concurrently, Paul is also the co-founder and producer of the critically acclaimed AEC Hackathon ([www.aechackathon.com](http://www.aechackathon.com)) that launched at Facebook Headquarters. His past successful ventures include Revit Technologies (Sold to Autodesk 2002), Buzzsaw (Autodesk 2001) and TRIRIGA (IBM 2011). His two latest books are "Smart Cities: Reimagining the Urban Experience" published by Quality Press, which has been listed by BuiltWorlds and the Smart Cities World Congress Recommended Reading List and "Unlocking the Metaverse: A Strategic Guide for the Future of the Built Environment", published by John Wiley & Sons, which rated #1 New Release and an Editor's Pick on Amazon.com. Paul is the founder of Sky Hawk Systems ([www.skyhawksystems.us](http://www.skyhawksystems.us)) a pioneering US manufacturer of drones, bringing to the market the Internet of Drones (IoD)™. Paul sits on the Advisory Board of John Wiley & Son's Architectural Graphic Standards. Paul also sits on the Board of Directors of the United Nations International Mayors Communication Center, dedicated to the proper implementation of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in urban environments.*



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## Investing in the Future: What's Driving the Next Wave of Construction Technology – 11:45am – 12:30pm

This session explores the key innovation trends that are attracting major investment and gaining traction across the industry. Attendees will get an inside look at where funding and momentum are heading—and what that means for the future of jobsites, workflows and business strategy. Discover insights on autonomous vehicles, robotics, artificial intelligence, 3D printing, drones and more.

### Matthew Abeles, VP Construction Tech and Innovation, ABC

Matt Abeles is the vice president of construction technology and innovation for ABC National. In his role, he is responsible for educating, and innovating ABC members nationally through multiple mediums. He is also collaborating with the tech community, especially in his effort with the tech alliance, to bring exclusive offerings, content, education and resources to ABC's members and chapters. Helping our members be safer, more profitable and win work through technology and innovation is Abeles's primary objective. He helps leads ABC's construction technology and innovation committee to ensure national efforts are constantly heading in the right direction supportive of ABC members in the right way.



Abeles has advised and raised capital for many construction technology companies, as well as positioned himself as an industry leader in the technology construction field. He co-founded BuiltWorlds in 2014, a media company and digital network for construction, real estate, finance and development leaders, which hosts global events and produces industry research. In this role, he was responsible for outreach to established and emerging players in the construction and real estate sectors developing next-generation technologies, as well as talking to influential audiences about the future of the construction industry.

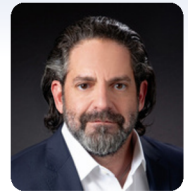
### Kirk Walker, Division Manager, Utility Structures, Power and Construction Group, Inc

Kirk Walker serves as Division Manager, Utility Structures, for Power & Construction Group, Inc. (P&CG), a leading specialty contractor that serves the energy industry. Additionally, Kirk leads a variety of strategic initiatives focused on helping enable business performance leveraging technology. Kirk began his career with P&CG as a Laborer in 2002 and progressed rapidly through more responsible roles at the company. With more than two decades of hands-on experience in the construction and utility industries, he brings a practical, field-first approach to leadership, operations, and emerging technology. He is passionate about finding practical solutions that improve safety and efficiency, while staying grounded in the blue-collar work ethic that drives the industry. Kirk is especially interested in the future of AI, drones, robotics, automation, and data-driven tools in construction and utility work. He is passionate about mentoring the next generation of tradespeople and helping organizations adopt technology that creates real value in the field. He serves on the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) National Technology Committee, the ABC Empire State Chapter Board, and the Board of the American Welding Society (AWS). He resides in the Rochester, New York area with his family.



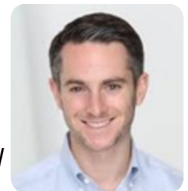
### Adam Handfinger, Co-Managing Partner of Peckar & Abrams, and Co-Founder, Document Crunch

Adam Handfinger is Co-Managing Partner of Peckar & Abramson's Miami office. He is certified by the Florida Bar as a Construction Law Specialist, representing national and regional contractors and developers in complex construction and litigation matters. Adam also teaches a Construction Management Class for Nova Southeastern University's Master of Real Estate Development (MSRED) Program, and co-founded Document Crunch, a construction technology AI platform.



### Zak Schwarzman, General Partner, MetaProp

Since joining MetaProp as a General Partner in September of 2016, Zak has led MetaProp's venture capital funds, investing in high-growth PropTech startups that are transforming the way we conceptualize, utilize, build, transact, interact with, and manage physical space. Zak manages MetaProp's investment activities and works closely with portfolio companies to move their businesses forward.



Zak's investment experience spans seed, multi-stage and corporate venture capital and he is an active member of New York's startup community. Prior to joining MetaProp, Zak was an investor at Gotham Ventures, a seed-stage venture capital firm and affiliate of the Draper Venture Network. Zak's previous venture capital background includes experience with Canaan Partners, AOL Ventures and LearnCapital.

In addition to his role at MetaProp, Zak is an Adjunct Professor at Columbia Business School where he teaches the graduate venture capital seminar. Zak is a Kauffman Fellow and holds an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School and a B.A. in Political Economy and Business from Tulane University.

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## KEY TRENDS in Contractor Innovation – 12:45pm – 1:30pm (LUNCH SERVED AT THIS TIME)

Steve Jones will explore key findings from Dodge Construction Network research and share what's ahead for the industry. Expect a quick, insight-packed presentation on where construction technology is headed and what it means for the industry.

### Stephen Jones, Dodge Construction Network

Steve Jones joined Dodge in 2003 to found the Industry Insights Research practice, which conducts focused studies on how emerging economic, project delivery and technology trends are transforming the global design and construction industry. These studies are published in Dodge's SmartMarket Report series, which are distributed worldwide and frequently cited as authoritative references. Leveraging this research, Steve has presented at hundreds of industry events around the world and written many articles for relevant publications. Steve also frequently serves as a juror for awards and events.



Before Dodge, Steve was a VP at Primavera Systems (now part of Oracle), a global leader in project management software. Before that, Steve spent 19 years in creative and management roles with top architectural/engineering firms, most recently as a Principal and Board of Directors member with Burt Hill, one of the largest A/E's in the US (now merged with Stantec).

Steve holds an MBA from Wharton and a BA from Johns Hopkins.

## Cyber Security Update for Contractors – 1:30pm -2:00pm

Construction is the second largest industry in the US being targeted with cyber-attacks. Satyam, will talk about the state of cyber security in the construction industry, and best practices to keep your business safe. Also, he will talk about the latest regulations on cyber policy like CMMC, which impacts many of the contractors at the event and in the area.

### Satyam Verma, AEC Practice Leader, Egnyte

Satyam Verma currently serves as the Construction Practice Leader at Egnyte, where he excels in driving value through market recognition, product positioning, and collaborative execution. Verma is a seasoned professional with a robust track record in revenue operations, go-to-market strategies and strategic partnerships. His diverse experience spans roles across early-stage startups and Fortune 1000 companies. Satyam is renowned for his exceptional relationship-building skills, revenue development expertise, and agile leadership.



## Tech Demos – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

Hear from three different technologies impacting ABC members in three major categories. You will hear from leaders in Robotics, AI and drones, and how these services are helping contractors be safer and more profitable. These companies will give in depth demos on their services and answer questions from the audience too.

### Nino Efendic, Founder, Aerial Prospex

Nino Efendic is the founder of Aerial Prospex, a Pennsylvania-based drone solutions company specializing in autonomous drone dock deployments for construction, mining, and industrial operations. With a background in mechanical engineering and field technology integration, Nino has become a leading voice in the use of drone docks, off-grid mobile command trailers, and real-time aerial intelligence for heavy civil and commercial construction projects. He serves on the Associated Builders and Contractors National Tech Committee and works with contractors nationwide to modernize jobsite operations through automation, remote monitoring, and data-driven workflows.



### Nigel Coelho, General Manager, Agentic AI Compliance, Lumber

Nigel Coelho leads agentic compliance at Lumber, building AI-driven tools that help construction companies navigate complex regulatory demands. Having a background in construction himself, he was a former Deloitte consultant who spent years helping construction clients cut costs, sharpen financial management, and navigate complex compliance scenarios. Before Lumber, Nigel led sales and marketing for AI products at Salesforce and founded Pivla, a vertical AI company focused on automated labor compliance, which was acquired by Lumber. He holds a Wharton MBA and guest lectures at NYU's Schack Institute of Real Estate.



### Brett Bilodeau, Regional Account Manager, Trimble

Brett is the New York Metropolitan Regional Account Manager for BuildingPoint Northeast. His product and market knowledge make him a valuable asset to his clients. Spending the last 15 years serving the New York Metropolitan construction market, Brett's application-based approach has helped numerous clients achieve their most difficult project goals. Brett graduated and played hockey for Franklin Pierce University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice/ Pre-Law.



## CLOSING REMARKS – 3:15pm – 3:30pm

Matthew Abeles, VP Construction Tech and Innovation, Associated Builders and Contractors; ABC Board Members; ABC Chapter Presidents

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