

**Location:** Royal Sonesta Hotel, New Orleans  
**Title:** Crisis in Construction: Help Wanted  
*Mitigation Strategies and Long-term Solutions*  
**Date:** June 5-6, 2007

## Tuesday, June 5

- 8:00-3:30 pm** CURT's members-only business meeting
- 3:00 pm** Forum Registration Opens/Exhibits Open
- 4:00-6:30 pm** *Tour of New Orleans damage zones for all attendees. The tour will be led by Duane Gapinski. Dwayne was an ENR newsmaker when he was in charge of the dewatering of New Orleans for the Corps of Engineers, and he is now Eastern Region Deputy Director for Federal Programs at HDR.*
- 6:30 pm** Combined reception for CURT members and Forum attendees.
- 7:00 pm** Ray Nagin, mayor of New Orleans, Welcome to the City

## Wednesday, June 6

- 7:00 am** Continental Breakfast/Exhibits Open
- 7:30 am** Welcome TBD
- 7:45 am** **Keynote:** Jim Porter, Chief Engineer and Vice President, Engineering and Operations, DuPont
- 8:15 am** **“How Bad Is It? How Bad Can It Get?”**  
**Moderator:** Jan Tuchman, ENR Editor-in-Chief  
**Speakers:**  
Richard F. Gill, Executive Vice President, Chairman of the Executive Committee and Interim President of the Power Division, Shaw Group  
William E. “Bill” Hardaway, Vice President, Human Resources, Fluor Corporation  
Tim Horst, President, Becon Construction Company, Inc. which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bechtel Construction Operations Incorporated and Program Manager for the Gulf Coast Workforce Development Initiative .  
Sean McGarvey, Secretary-Treasurer, Building and Construction Trade Department, AFL-CIO  
Steven Satrom, Vice President, Engineering Energy Businesses, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.  
Ron McGillis, Manager, Safety Compliance & Contractor Quality, Ontario Power Generation  
*This session will review the results of CURT's work force white paper and the white paper “Ideas for Action” that came out of the McGraw-Hill Construction ENR work force think tank held last fall. A panel of professionals from different sectors of industry will discuss experiences they have had with worker shortages around the country, including the Gulf Coast. This panel will set the stage for exploring solutions to workforce problems.*
- 9:15 am** Networking Break/Exhibits Open

**9:45 am “What Owners Really Think”**

**Moderator:** Gerald Sprentall, CSC IQ Construction Manager, Intel Corp and CURT Work Force Committee Co-Chair

**Speakers:**

Steve Mongiardo, Senior Director, Global Engineering Services at Merck and CURT Work Force Committee Co-Chair

Ashley Baker, VP, Environmental Projects and Construction, Southern Companies

Ed Allison, Site Engineering Manager, DuPont

Mark Fields, Global Category Manager-Americas, Shell

Joseph Sprys, Manager, Project Planning & Administration, General Motors

*The CURT work force committee members and invited guests will discuss how owners are implementing short term mitigation solutions while establishing longer term strategies to create a healthy work force. The moderator will share CURT’s recent member survey on the subject.*

**10:30 am Analysis of Supply & Demand**

**Moderator/Speaker:** Harvey Bernstein, McGraw-Hill Construction Analytics & Research

**Speakers:**

George Gritzotis, Executive Director, Construction Sector Council, Canada

Robert M. Gasperow, Executive Director, CLRC Construction Labor

*This session will raise awareness of data and systems that attendees may not be familiar with.*

*Invited experts will discuss what the industry knows right now about work force supply and demand. We will look for estimates of the needs for professionals and craft workers compared to estimates of available workers.*

**11:45 am Pre Lunch Reception/Exhibits Open**

**12:15 pm Lunch Keynote** Dr. Edward Blakely, Executive Director of Recovery Management, City of New Orleans

**1:45 pm Barrier Busters: Innovative Solutions That Work**

**Moderator:** CURT Executive Vice President, Greg Sizemore

**Panelists:**

Eddie Clayton, Southern Companies, presenting Southeast Manpower Tripartite Alliance

Matt Clarke, Dean of Construction Technology Institute, presenting the “Choice” program

Brian Lash, Target Logistics, presenting a guest worker program

Charles E. Ware, Executive Vice President, AGC Wyoming Contractors Association, presenting its training program

Leonard P. Toenjes, President, AGC of St. Louis, presenting its charter school

Jim Pavesic, Assistant to the UA Director of Training, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry

*Presenters from different sectors of the industry will give short talks about specific mitigation strategies that work. They will cover who, what, when, where and why as well as how transferable the idea is. The audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.*

**3:00 pm Interactive Q&A and Wrap-Up**

*Using hand-held voting devices, attendees will register their opinions about the issues of the day. The results will become part of the white paper prepared by McGraw-Hill Construction Analytics and ENR that will be distributed via e-mail to industry and government leaders and posted on ENR.com.*