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Bob is the author of the widely circulated Dodge Construction Outlook—a seminal reference for the industry—and he serves as anchorman for Dodge Data & Analytics’s prestigious Construction Industry Outlook Conference held in Washington each October. He also conducts a series of construction outlook seminars every spring and fall in various cities across the U.S. and Canada.

Bob joined McGraw Hill in 1980 as an economist, with a primary focus on analyzing construction industry trends. In the mid-1980s he directed a team of economists that developed the Construction Market Forecasting Service, providing five-year projections for 22 building types by nine regions of the U.S. This product has become the preeminent forecast of the nation’s construction industry, and it serves as the foundation for other construction and real estate forecast products offered by Dodge’s Analytics group, located in Bedford, MA.

Bob received his bachelor’s degree from Princeton University, and he holds both an M.B.A. and a master’s degree in economics from Columbia University.