

For Immediate Release

Media Contact:

Allan Fliss

973-794-1188

allan@nallacomm.com

**IMUA ANNOUNCES 2-DAY BUILDERS RISK CONSTRUCTION FORUM
Virtual Conference To Cover Four Unique And Growing Construction Methods**

New York, NY, October 5, 2020– The Inland Marine Underwriters Association’s (IMUA) announced its agenda for its much-anticipated Builders Risk Construction Forum. The forum will examine Cold-Formed Steel Framing and Mass Timber/CLT on Thursday, November 5th, and Accelerated Bridge Construction and Modular Construction on November 12th. Both sessions will run from 2:00 PM to 5:15 PM EST.

In making the announcement, Kevin O’Brien IMUA President & CEO, said, “We are extremely pleased to offer this virtual two-day conference which will cover four unique and growing construction methods. Each of these methods is experiencing major growth. They also present changes in exposure for underwriting builders risk insurance. These topics are among the most requested by our members and we were able to get key professionals to present their insights into each. Members can register for the full conference agenda or just one of the two dates.”

The agenda for the IMUA two-day forum is:

2:00pm-3:30pm EST - Thursday, November 5, 2020

COLD-FORMED STEEL FRAMING

A durable, reliable and cost-effective option for mid-rise building projects. It involves a manufacturing process where metallic-coated sheet steel is roll-formed into products such as studs, joists, headers, truss members and other components. Cold-formed steel framing has been used successfully in building projects greater than 10 stories in height.

Presenters: Larry Williams, Executive Director, Steel Framing Industry Association (SFIA); Don Allen, P.E., Director of Engineering, Super Sud Building Projects, Inc.

3:45pm-5:15pm EST - Thursday, November 5, 2020

MASS TIMBER / CLT

Mass timber is a manufactured product first developed in Europe in the 1990s. The term is often referred to as Cross Laminated Timber or CLT and encompasses all manner of large-scale beams, truss systems, or load-bearing panels. Mass timber construction has grown in popularity due to its long life, fire resistance and lower carbon impact.

Presenters: Cheri Hanes, Cris LEED, AP, Construction Risk Engineer, AXA XL; John Strack, Project Executive, Nabholz Construction; Val Zivras, P.E., Technical Services Engineer, NFPA

2:00pm-3:30pm EST - Thursday, November 12, 2020

ACCELERATED BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) is an important tool in the engineer's toolbox to address the issues associated with infrastructure renewal. ABC has become a widely accepted way to deliver rehabilitation and replacement projects across the country, where large portions of a bridge are constructed offsite or adjacent to a site and installed in as little as a weekend. ABC significantly reduces road and lane closures, traffic delays, and environmental impacts.

Presenters: Michael P. Culmo, P.E., Chief Bridge Engineer, CHA Consulting, Inc.; YUWEI SHI, Director, Heavy Civil Construction, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance

3:45pm-5:15pm EST - Thursday, November 12, 2020

MODULAR CONSTRUCTION

Modular construction is the process where buildings are made up of individual sections (“modules”), constructed in an off-site, controlled manufacturing facility and assembled together at the final building site. This building method can take half the time of traditional ones, while it’s controlled manufacturing and quicker installation can reduce builders risk exposures.

Presenter: Timothy Swanson, Formerly Chief Design Officer, Skender Construction

The costs for the two-Day Conference (Nov 5 and 12) are \$195. Individual day costs are \$125 for Thursday, Nov 5, 2020 and \$125 for Thursday, Nov 12, 2020. To register for the forum, visit the IMUA events calendar online or go to:

https://www.imua.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=11%2F5%2F20&eventid=95

For more information or to register online visit the IMUA website at www.imua.org and click on the Upcoming Events tab. Contact Allie Monreale at alliem@imua.org or call 212-233-0550 to learn more.

#

IMUA is the national association for the commercial inland marine insurance industry. IMUA serves as the voice of its member companies representing over 90 percent of all commercial inland marine insurers. The association provides its members with comprehensive professional development programs, as well as research papers and bulletins and industry analysis. IMUA was founded in 1930.