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Additional Information on Speakers & Presentations

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Keynote: The Future is Now - How Today's Tech is Disrupting the World's Oldest Industry
James Benham, *JBKnowledge*
Bio: With extensive experience in the design, development and use of technology to improve efficiency, James is a sought-after speaker across the United States, Canada and abroad on business information technology, data security and innovative technology solutions for the construction industry.

The 5 Workflows Every Contractor Should Optimize with Mobile Apps
Rob McKinney, *JBKnowledge*
Bio: Over the past decade, Rob has managed safety, quality and training programs with a focus on mobile applications and device usage on construction project sites.

The Construction Technology Ecosystem: Selecting and Integrating the Best Solutions for Your Projects
Jeff Sample, *JBKnowledge*
Bio: Jeff has devoted the past 19 years to transforming companies through technology by educating others on the value of a secure and thriving IT ecosystem. Jeff's signature technology solutions place emphasis on functionality and fiscal responsibility.

Construction Innovation Panel Discussion
Trent Soholt, *Nova Scotia Construction Sector Council (Moderator)*
Bio: Trent is the Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Construction Sector Council-ICI (NSCSC) - a not-for-profit organization that partners with industry stakeholders to provide human resource solutions and labour market information for Nova Scotia's industrial, commercial and institutional construction sector. Working with contractors, labour organizations, training providers, stakeholders and government, Trent fosters collaboration, supports innovative approaches to training, career awareness, industry research, strategic planning and encourages advances in technology adoption.

Jean Léger, *Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP) (Panelist)*
Bio: Jean is the Industrial Technology Advisor, Atlantic & Nunavut for the Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP). He works with client firms to improve their innovation capability by providing advice on technology and the innovation process leading to improved competitiveness, productivity and profitability. He is a civil engineer with municipal and heavy construction management experience and has worked as an Industrial Technology Advisor since 1998.

Jas Saraw, *Procore Technologies (Panelist)*
Bio: Jas is Vice President, Canada for Procore Technologies, the world's most widely used construction management software. Passionate about innovation and the construction industry, he has over 17 years of technology leadership experience specializing in SaaS, ERP, CRM, Financial, E-Commerce and Content solutions. Working with his team and through his interactions with construction companies across Canada he brings a unique understanding and viewpoint of construction technology as it applies and is being applied practically coast to coast.

Dr. Ivanka Iordanova, *Pomerleau (Panelist)*
Bio: Dr. Ivanka Iordanova, CanBIM-CP, is a diplomaed architect and has a PhD from the Université de Montréal. She spent numerous years in academia teaching and contributing to research related to digital media, building performance and BIM. After a post-doc at the ETS, she integrated Pomerleau. Now, as Innovations and VDC Director, she is leading a team of >30 people across Canada. She actively works for innovation, collaboration and better productivity and quality in the construction industry through the adoption of new technology.

Jamal Mohammed, *SITECH Mid-Canada (Panelist)*
Bio: Jamal Mohammed, Director of Sales and Professional Services of SITECH Mid-Canada with responsibilities including the management of sales and support staff, while excelling in the ability to build customer relationships on multiple levels, and outline and implement sales and marketing strategies for continued growth. Jamal is a Civil Engineering Technologist, with thirty-one years of transforming and aligning computers and computerization in the core competencies of the Canadian heavy civil industry.