



## Practice Area Summit

InterContinental Houston- Houston, TX | February 26-27, 2026

### Thursday, February 26

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<b>7:30 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Kickstart Breakfast: Meet Your Coalition Community</b>
<b>9:00 AM – 11:45 AM</b>	<b>Coalition Executive Committee Meetings (Closed)</b> Executive Committee meetings (CASE, COPS, GEO, LDC, MEP) by Invitation Only.
<b>9:00 AM – 11:45 AM</b>	<b>Morning Connection Lounge: Coffee with Sponsors &amp; Speakers</b>
<b>11:45 AM – 1:15 PM</b>	<b>Luncheon Keynote: Inside the Digital Engine of the Houston Airport System</b> Darryl Daniel, Deputy Director & Chief Technology Officer, Houston Airport System and Matthew Meiers, Aviator Project Manager, Burns Engineering
<b>1:15 PM – 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Transition Break</b>
<b>1:30 PM – 2:30 PM</b>	<b>Professional Practice Sessions</b>
<b>Geoprofessionals</b>	<b>Recruiting and Retention for Firms of All Sizes</b> Mark Dornak, Senior Materials Training and Development Specialist, Terracon and Gabriel Ornelas, COO, Raba Kistner
<b>Land Development</b>	<b>What Tomorrow's Land Developers Expect from Today's Engineers</b> Speaker TBD
<b>MEP Engineering</b>	<b>Leading the MEP Firm of the Future: Strategy, Structure &amp; Success</b> Speaker TBD
<b>Surveyors</b>	<b>What's Next for Surveying Professionals</b> Paul Carey, RPLS, Medina Valley Surveys
<b>Structural Engineers</b>	<b>The Contract Language Every Structural Firm Should Master</b> Karen Erger, SVP, Director of Practice Management, Lockton Companies
<b>2:30 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Coalition Leadership Roundtables and Education</b>
<b>Geoprofessionals</b>	<b>Addressing the Impacts of the Shrinking Geoprofessional Workforce with Automation and Artificial Intelligence</b> Paxton Anderson, CEO, Strata, Victor Donald, Senior Principal, Terracon, Andrew Pennoni, Regional VP, Pennoni
<b>Land Development</b>	<b>Houston: A Case Study on Housing Economics</b> Lawrence Dean, President and CEO, Community Builders Advisory Services
<b>MEP and Structural</b>	<b>Leadership Roundtable: Practice Trends &amp; Firm Strategy</b>
<b>Surveyors</b>	<b>Leadership Roundtable: Practice Trends &amp; Professional Outlook</b>



## Thursday, February 26 – continued

<b>3:30 PM – 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Coffee Break and Networking</b>
<b>4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Professional Practice Sessions</b>
<b>Geoprofessionals</b>	<b>Lessons From the Field: Real Cases, Real Consequences</b> Victor Donald, Senior Principal, Terracon
<b>Land Development</b>	<b>Leadership Roundtable: Practice Trends &amp; Market Outlook</b>
<b>MEP Engineering</b>	<b>The Future of MEP Practice: Tools, Trends, and Opportunities</b> Leading MEP Practitioner
<b>Surveyors</b>	<b>LiDAR &amp; Reality Capture: Turning Data into Decisions</b> Bill Swope, Geospatial Technical Expert, Olsson
<b>Structural Engineers</b>	<b>AI &amp; Digital Delivery: What's Next for Structural Practice</b> Jim Jacobi, Managing Principal & CIO Emeritus, Walter P. Moore
<b>5:00 PM – 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Evening Reception</b>

## Friday, February 27

<b>7:30 AM – 8:15 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast &amp; Networking</b>
<b>8:15 AM – 8:45 AM</b>	<b>What's Happening in Washington: An Advocacy Update</b> Nando Gomez, Senior Vice President of Energy and External Affairs, ACEC
<b>8:45 AM – 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Transition Break</b>
<b>9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Higher Professional Liability Limits and What They Mean for Engineering Firms</b> Roger Giulian, Senior Vice President, Greyling Insurance
<b>10:00 AM – 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sponsor Presentation</b>
<b>10:30 AM – 10:45 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45 AM – 11:45 AM</b>	<b>Driving Value &amp; Performance Through Pragmatic Solutions.</b> Josh Politte, President & CEO, ACT Velocity
<b>11:45 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Closing Program Session &amp; Remarks</b>
<b>12:00 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>CASE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS – CLOSED</b> *CASE Subcommittee members only*

