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2022 Construction Academy

The virtual room will be open by 12:30 PM each day for our facilitators and attendees to ensure the technology is performing as expected.

Day One - April 19, 2022 | 1:00 - 4:30 PM

1:00 - 2:00

Construction in COVID World

In this session, a construction attorney will review common legal issues related to the pandemic and will share procurement and contract strategies to manage and mitigate the impacts of cost-escalation, labor shortages and scheduling uncertainty on your construction projects. Attendees will review the pros and cons of the various construction delivery methods in light of the pandemic, as well as the legal requirements for using ESSER funds for construction.

Michelle Morris
Partner
Rogers, Morris & Grover
LLP

2:15 - 3:15

TEA Update on Fiscal Monitoring of ESSER Funds

- *Lessons learned from monitoring of ESSER I*
- *What to expect for monitoring of ESSER II & III*
- *Use of ESSER funds for construction costs*

Roger Hingorani
Senior Director
Federal Fiscal Monitoring
Division
Texas Education
Agency

3:30 - 4:30

Update on the New TEA School Facilities Standards

TEA adopted new School Facilities Standards that came into effect on November 1, 2021. This session will provide a review of the differences between the old and new standards and discuss the challenges and obligations that will be faced by school districts in complying with the new standards. Hear from a retired school facilities director from TEA who brings unique insight into the TEA Standards, both current and historical.

**Gary B. Marek, REFP,
RAS**
Facilities Consultant
TASB Facility Services

Day Two - April 20, 2022 | 1:00 - 4:30 PM

1:00 - 2:00

Providing Solutions to Boost your IQ In IAQ

This session will provide a general overview of IAQ in schools, its impact on the learning environment and available solutions.

Mike D. Perry
Vice President of Business
Development
ARMKO Industries, Inc.

Malek Bekka
Executive Director of
Consulting Services
EMA Engineering &
Consulting

2:15 - 3:15

Building Your Construction Project Team

How do you structure your team to ensure construction success? Discuss potential organizational structures, team members, and outside resources for ensuring effective expertise and oversight are applied for the specific aspects of your programmed work.

Jennifer H. DuPlessis,
RTSBA
Assistant Superintendent
of Finance and Operations
Lovejoy ISD

3:30 - 4:30

School Construction Update

In this session, a construction attorney will provide a legal update, including a review of recent legislative changes, new requirements for criminal background checks and other recent trends in school construction law.

John Hopkins
Partner
Thompson & Horton LLP

Day Three - April 21, 2022 | 1:00 - 4:30 PM

1:00 - 2:00

Construction Procurement

This session will discuss delivery methods and bidding strategies: pros & cons. The local labor market, bidding competition and the size of projects.

Jamie Spiegel, RTSBA
Senior Director of Business
Process Improvement
Leander ISD

2:15 - 3:15

Construction Closeouts and Commissioning

Occupancy, commissioning, setting expectations, training, and closeout/warranties.

Brandon Boyter
Executive Director of
Facilities
Allen ISD

3:30 - 4:30

Using ESSER Funds for HVAC & CMAR

Construction of any magnitude can be very complex, whether it relates to procurement, contracts or auditing. In this session, we will delve into the audit risks associates with using ESSER funds for HVAC and also the intricacies of Construction Manager At-Risk.

Celina Cereceres, CPA
Audit Partner
Whitley Penn, LLP



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