

Last Chance to Register for the 2025 ODOT/ACEC Ohio Partnering Conference



2025 ACEC OHIO/ODOT PARTNERING CONFERENCE OHIO UNION MAY 14, 2025

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Join Us for Our Partnering Conference Social Event

As part of the Partnering Conference, a social event will be held the night before the conference on **May 13** from 4:30-7 PM at Jackie O's on Fourth located at 171 N 4th St, Columbus, OH 43215. Attendees will NOT need to register for the social event.

Registration is open for the 2025 ODOT/ACEC Ohio Partnering Conference

Join your peers and clients on **May 14**, at the Ohio Union for a day of partnership between our organizations to promote cooperation between the public and private sectors. We will also be honoring the winners of the 2024 Partnering Awards! **Click [here](#) to register!**

This year's agenda includes the opportunity to attend 2 of 5 break-out sessions:

Breakout session 1: Bridging the Gap: Strategies for Effective Study-to-Design Handoffs

Transitioning from study to design isn't always seamless — gaps in analysis, documentation, or coordination during the study phase can lead to costly delays and redesigns during design and construction. In this interactive session, attendees will work in small group roundtables to tackle real-world case studies by identifying key challenges, their impacts, and strategies to prevent and resolve them. Through discussion and shared insights, participants will gain proactive approaches to mitigate risks and keep projects on track through better study development.

Breakout Session 2: Engage & Exchange

Back by popular demand! Join us for another engaging networking session this year. Session leaders will provide conversation prompts so you can have impactful connections with colleagues in minutes. This session provides a fantastic opportunity to get to know your colleagues in a way you never have before. You'll leave the session with more contacts and knowledge than you ever thought possible in only one hour. Whether you're

new to this session or a repeat attendee, you're guaranteed to meet new colleagues in this round-robin style session, with topics and people changing every 7-10 minutes!

Breakout Session 3: Cradle to Grave: Improving Communication Across Teams

Effective communication is crucial for project success, ensuring alignment, collaboration, and mistake prevention. This interactive session will cover best practices, skills, and tools for clear and efficient communication throughout all project phases. Moderators will highlight common pitfalls and strategies to overcome them before attendees break into small groups to identify key communication best practices, skills and tools. Each group will share their insights, contributing to a final list of the Top 10 Communication Best Practices for practical implementation.

Breakout Session 4: Quality Under Pressure

As the demand for faster project delivery increases, both ODOT and ACEC member firms face growing challenges and increased pressure to deliver infrastructure projects on accelerated timelines. Whether driven by funding constraints, political priorities, or urgent infrastructure needs, accelerated project timelines can lead to unintended consequences that can impact project quality, costs, and execution.

This breakout session will explore the shared obstacles that both ODOT and ACEC firms encounter when schedules are compressed, including design quality risks, resource strain, and maintaining the QA/QC process. We will examine how these challenges affect both ODOT and consultants, discussing examples and the long-term implications for Ohio's transportation projects.

Through an interactive panel discussion, attendees will gain insights into best practices for mitigating these obstacles, including proactive communication, a joint QA/QC process understanding, and usage of "over the shoulder" reviews. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of how to balance speed with quality, ensuring that Ohio's infrastructure projects remain both efficient and effective under time constraints.

Breakout Session 5: Can We Construct It? Yes, We Can!

Our panel of contractors, ODOT construction inspectors, and civil engineering consultants will discuss any design details which could be modified to improve bids, processes or construction costs. You will have an opportunity to ask questions to our distinguished panel.

Registration closes Friday, April 25, 2025.

Click [here](#) to register!