PHILADELPHIA SURETY CLAIMS ASSOCIATION Wednesday, February 28, 2018 Meeting/Luncheon



Please join Philadelphia Surety Claims Association on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant located at 1201 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Our guest speaker, William J. McConnell, PE, JD, MSCE, CDT, co-founder and CEO of The Vertex Companies, Inc., will be discussing the state of the construction and surety industries.

The US construction economy continues to flourish as we enter 2018, but this bull run will eventually come to an end. In addition, the current bull market is causing performance issues on construction projects due to the extreme shortage of skilled craftworkers and inflationary headwinds. Moreover, despite the significant increase in put-in-place construction revenue over the past decade, there has not been an associated increase in premium to the contract surety industry. Bill McConnell will address these issues and many others in his presentation.

Bill has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Denver, a Master of Science degree from Columbia University, and he is working towards his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Colorado. Bill also completed a part-time three-year business program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Bill has worked in the construction industry for nearly his entire life. He rose through the ranks from a union construction worker during high school and college summers, to a project engineer at a top 50 construction company, to a senior executive at Vertex. In addition, Bill is a top expert witness for construction disputes as he has testified over 150 times, most notably for cost and/or standard of care opinions. Many construction, engineering, and law organizations have published his articles and reports over the past two decades.

Please complete the following information and return this Form with your check to reserve your seat. Seating is limited and on a first come, first served basis.

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RSVP ON/BEFORE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Cancellation/Refund Policy: Individuals registering for lunch will receive a full refund of lunch fees paid if PSCA receives written confirmation of cancellation at least five (5) days before the event date. All others registering are responsible for lunch fees as the organization is financially liable for the head count provided to the restaurant.

I will attend the Meeting/Luncheon on February 28, 2018.

Member Payment (please check):

\$15.00 - In-house surety claims professionals

\$30.00 - All other members

Guest Payment (please check) Note: a person is only permitted to attend as a guest one time.

Guest name and Company

\$15.00 - In-house surety claims professionals\$30.00 - All others

<u>Future PSCA Event Dates:</u> Luncheons: March 21, 2018; May 16, 2018, September 19, 2018; and November 21, 2018 Golf Outing: June 4, 2018 Holiday Cocktail Reception: December 5, 2018

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