

Builders Exchange Network CONVENTION



CONVENTION

AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING







OCTOBER 1-3, 2025







HOTEL POLARIS

8989 North Gate Boulevard Colorado Springs, CO

Colorado Springs for this year's BXNet Annual Convention

It is my pleasure to invite you to our 2025 Annual Convention at the fabulous Hotel Polaris in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This year's event is planned for October 1 to 3 – with a slight change of plans versus previous years.

Our convention kicks off with a bang on October 1. We'll meet in Hotel Polaris at 2 p.m. local time for a guided jeep tour through Colorado Springs' famous Garden of the Gods park. It promises to be an unforgettable experience!



Our first day Welcome Reception has been moved to the evening of October 2 after all full day of programming with two guest speakers and special presentations from your colleagues across our network. Our convention concludes on October 3 with more programming and our Annual General Meeting.

Check out Hotel Polaris

We're thrilled to host this year's convention at Hotel Polaris in Colorado Springs.

Hotel Polaris is a brand-new property (it opened last November) located at the north gate of the United States Air Force Academy. It's the perfect jumping-off point for all the great things that Colorado Springs has to offer, including Pikes Peak, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Museum, and the Garden of the Gods.

There are, of course, several restaurants and bars on site, the most impressive of which is surely The Aviator Rooftop Bar, which offers expansive views of the Academy and the Rocky Mountains.

While we're in Colorado Springs, we'll test the hotel's three flight simulators. You can fly your choice of a Boeing 737 MAX for a commercial airliner experience or an F-16 Fighting Falcon where you can run solo missions or a compete in a dog fight against a partner.

We've been able to secure a room rate of just \$279/night for our stay at Hotel Polaris, with the option to extend your stay for three days on either side of our meeting if you'd like to discover more of what this fabulous area has to offer.

Looking forward to seeing you in The Springs!

Sincerely, Krista Smith, President

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 2025

ARRIVAL AND JEEP TOUR

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Delegate Registration & Check-in

Collect your registration package at Hotel Polaris.

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Garden of the Gods jeep tour

We've secured a fleet of jeeps with our partners at Adventures out West for a tour of the remarkable Garden of the Gods. Our tour takes

us all the way through the park, with bonus stops at some of the lesser-seen – and just as fantastic – vistas that are a little more off the beaten path.

This tour is accessible to all guests, and operate year-round, rain or shine. Check the weather and come prepared!



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 2025

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast

Join us for a buffet breakfast at our Santa Fe meeting space.

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Introductions and Ice Breaker

Introductions around the room. Who are we, where we are from, what we do?



9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Introducing Careers in Construction Colorado with Renee Zentz

Renee Zentz will introduce Careers in Construction Colorado, a non-profit dedicated to working with high schools across the state to bring more young people into the construction trades. She'll share some of the success of the program, and help us understand how the model can be replicated at scale. *Presenter: Renee Zentz, Careers in Construction Colorado*



11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Break

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 2025

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SPONSORED PRESENTATION:

Session details to be confirmed. Stay tuned!

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER – Transit Strategies & Analytics

Joe Burak, the Chief Strategist at TRANSiT Strategy & Analytics, joins us to talk artificial intelligence in the association and exchange world. Joe has long experience working with national construction-related associations, and has branched out into the world of developing artificial intelligence strategies and solutions for these organizations. He'll talk to us about ways to use Al for easy wins at your exchange, and ways to mine data deeper for even greater results.

Presenter: Joe Burak, Chief Strategist, Transit Strategies & Analytics



2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions – Discussions

In this session, participants will break away into groups. Each group will be given different topics to discuss for 45 minutes. They'll take notes and appoint a speaker to present their findings and conclusions.



3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions – Presentations

We'll reconvene to hear from each of our groups about their discussions and their findings.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception and Flight Simulator Experience

Join us for cocktails and light snacks in the Skyline Room. As a special bonus, we have also secured private access to Hotel Polaris's awesome flight simulators. Our guests can try their hands at piloting a Boeing 737 MAX a commercial airliner experience, or run missions in an F-16 Fighting Falcon.





FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2025

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast

Join us for a buffet breakfast at our Santa Fe meeting space.

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Share Your Innovations

If you're like most exchange or association managers, you're probably looking for ways to do more with less. In this session, we'll invite delegates to share their favorite tools – websites, apps and other new tech – that they're using every day, and which helps them be more productive. Anything goes. Bring your best ideas!



9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Branding and Key Messaging - MBEX's experiences

The Minnesota Builders Exchange recently went through a detailed brand-assessment process to sharpen its mission and vision statements, it core values, its unique selling proposition, its key messages, and profiles of ideal member. David Siegel will walk us through the results and findings his team took away from the process, and deliver some takeaways to get you started on this all-important exercise.

Presenter: David Siegel, Minnesota Builders Exchange



10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Design-build Trends: Continued Growth of Alternative Project Delivery Methods

Owners have historically depended on design-bidbuild as their procurement methodology of choice. But as their needs and project demands have evolved, they are increasingly moving to alternative project delivery methods such as design-build, construction management and public-private partnerships. In this session, our panelists will look at how LCAs and BXs can change their approach to remain relevant.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd, 2025

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The BXNet Annual General Meeting

Featuring the President's Report, the Treasurer's Report and the installation of the 2025–26 Board of Directors.



12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Town Hall: Concluding Thoughts

Our final convention session will wrap up some our findings from the previous two days of programming, and open up the floor for discussion on any issues we didn't discuss, or want to dive deeper on. Anything goes!





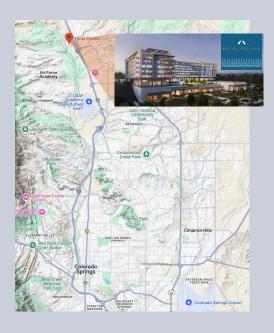
YES, I would like to REGISTER for the 2025 BXNet Annual Convention

Registration is now open for our 2025 Annual Convention.

- Delegate costs are \$800 each. Your package includes registration to all the convention sessions, lunches and dinners, cocktails and finger foods at our Welcome Reception, and access to our special group outing.
- Non-members may also join us at the rate of \$1,100 each with full access to all the convention programming and perks.
- And, as always, we would be pleased to welcome your spouse, partner or a guest to Colorado Springs. For just \$400, your guest can join us at our group outing on October 1, our Welcome Reception on October 2, and breakfasts on October 2 and 3.

Our **CheddarUp** page has all the registration and sponsorship details – with options to pay by credit card.

Book your space at Hotel Polaris Hotel Polaris



Hotel Polaris offers an aviation-inspired resort experience just outside the north entrance of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. This mid-century modern-designed hotel features 375 stylish rooms and suites with stunning views of the Rocky Mountains and the Academy, blending contemporary comfort with sleek, airy design elements that evoke the spirit of flight.

The hotel boasts 46,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, alongside the rejuvenating Ascend Spa & Wellness center and an outdoor heated pool. A standout feature is the exclusive flight simulator experiences, where guests can pilot F-16 fighter jets or a 737 MAX commercial aircraft in fully equipped cockpits, making it the only hotel in America to offer this thrilling adventure.

We have been fortunate to secure room rates of \$279 per night for our delegates and guests. Book today through our dedicated booking website!

Getting to COS is easy



The city is served by Colorado Springs Airport (COS), which connects direct to major hubs like Dallas, Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles, and more.

For those flying from more distant locations, Denver International Airport offers more than a dozen connections to COS daily. Or if you prefer a more scenic approach, Hotel Polaris is located less than an hours' drive from Denver International. Couldn't be easier!



HELP US MAKE OUR 2025 CONVENTION AGREAT SUCCESS

Our BXNet convention is a success year over year thanks in large part to the support of our sponsors.

We've opened up a range of sponsorship opportunities for this year's event, with special recognition and registration discounts. Your sponsorship support helps ensure we balance our convention budget.



At \$5,000, our Pikes Peak Sponsor is our lead event sponsor. You'll have the opportunity to welcome our delegates and their guests, and you'll receive a 10-percent discount on delegate registration rates for the 2025 BXNet Annual Convention. We'll also include advertising placements in the BXNews, all materials and our post-event wrap up materials.

Special thanks to Barryhund Administrators, our Pikes Peak Sponsor for our 2025 Annual Convention!







At \$1,600, our Olympic City USA Sponsors will each have the opportunity to introduce conference programming on one of our convention days. You'll also receive preferred recognition on event signage and programming content, a 10-percent discount on delegate registration rates for the 2025 BXNet Annual Convention, and advertising placements in the BXNews.

















