

THE CONSTRUCTION USERS ROUNDTABLE

"THE OWNERS VOICE TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY"

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CURT Presents How the Construction Industry Has Helped the U.S. Navy Deliver Fleet Readiness

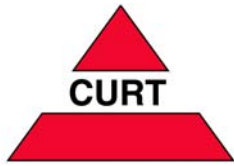
---Keynote Vice Admiral Mike Loose Underscores Need For Expediency In Today's Navy Operations And Seeks Ground-Breaking Ideas From Construction Industry---

CINCINNATI, OH, November 17, 2009 – The Construction Users Roundtable's (CURT) 9th Annual National Conference kicked off today; the theme of the conference is "Surviving and Thriving in Today's Construction Industry." The conference is being held November 16-18, 2009 at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

CURT members spend collectively more than \$160 billion annually on construction services; CURT is an association of leading corporations and government organizations in the U.S. dedicated to the promotion of cost-effective construction methods.

Vice Admiral Mike Loose, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics, U.S. Navy, was the one of the Conference's initial keynote speakers. "CURT and the private sector construction industry has helped Naval Operations accomplish many of our initiatives, and for that we are grateful," stated Vice Admiral Mike Loose. He continued, "Given the high cost to operate and maintain facilities, we aggressively seek new ideas from the construction industry as well as take new risks to put these ideas into play. Further, the Navy has shortened the time it takes to get great ideas on the table. We understand that construction today is a bold business and, in order to recruit fresh talent and secure innovative ideas from the private sector, we must have a process that is faster and easier."

Vice Admiral Loose also spoke about the 97% of the Navy's facilities construction that is done by the private sector. "The CURT Conference attendees represent the best and the brightest in the construction industry today---the group that is on the leading edge," stated Vice Admiral Loose. However, with employment down, he stressed his concern for retaining and recruiting new talent in the construction industry and keeping the industry vibrant and helping the industry evolve; he also spoke about the Navy's efforts to address this need. Specifically, as a result of the feedback received from private sector construction industry members, "The Navy and Federal Government have become quicker to act and adopt methods that allow for innovative new initiatives along these lines," concluded Vice Admiral Loose.



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About CURT

Formed in the fall of 2000 by construction and engineering executives representing major corporations from across the United States, CURT's primary goal is to enact broad, effective owner representation and increased owner leadership on construction industry issues. Continuing the 30-year effort of the Construction Committee of the Business Roundtable, CURT provides a national forum for the exchange of information, views, practices and policies of construction users from an array of industries. CURT strives to produce meaningful changes within the construction industry-promoting overall cost effectiveness; improving the way construction is planned, managed, justified and executed. Additionally, CURT works toward changing and improving what owners allow, require and accept responsibility for on their domestic and global construction projects. For additional information see www.curt.org.

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