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Georgia DOT to Offer Virtual Industry Forum for Design-Build Teams Interested in US 280/SR 30 Widening and Interchange Improvement Project

What:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) has announced a virtual Industry Forum for the [US 280/SR 30 Widening and Interchange Improvement Project \(PI 0016618\)](#). The project consists of widening US 280/SR 30 from two lanes to four lanes from just south of Olive Branch Road to Oracal Parkway. Additionally, the following roundabouts are proposed at each intersection: two roundabouts at the I-16 ramps, a roundabout at Oracal Parkway, a roundabout at Dillon Drive, and a roundabout at the new I-16 Frontage Road.

This improvement project is part of a series of projects that will provide more efficient access to a new Bryan County Mega-site development and the surrounding area. The Georgia DOT projects, and Bryan County Mega-site development are separate endeavors.

When:

Friday, April 14, 2023

- Interested attendees are strongly encouraged to [preregister](#) for the Industry Forum. Registered attendees will be emailed an early access link to the presentation on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 8 a.m. EST.
- Within 24 hours (Friday, April 14, 2023), the prerecorded Industry Forum presentation will be posted to the Design-Build web page with the link to the presentation and a list of registered attendees, including contact information.
- One-on-one meetings will be held on April 18 and April 19, 2023.

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4 Steps to Take When a Worker Is Injured on Your Construction Site

The construction industry continues to be one of the fastest-growing labor trades. According to the [Center for Construction Research and Training](#), since 2019, 11.4 million U.S. workers have been employed in construction, a 25% increase from 2011. Amid this growth, the industry has remained one of the most dangerous, and workers are often at higher risk of injuries and deaths due to occupational incidents. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are 150,000 injuries on construction work sites annually.

Under Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) law, employers have a responsibility to provide a safe work environment. That includes providing a workplace that is free of serious recognized hazards. Despite best efforts in implementing risk-mitigation and safety protocols, employers must be prepared with an incident procedure should an incident occur on a jobsite. Taking immediate, clear actions can impact the severity and outcome of injuries from a workplace incident. With this in mind, employers should take the lead in implementing safety procedures for injuries on construction sites and should inform all safety site managers and workers of the steps that should be taken. Below are steps employers should consider following a workplace incident on a construction site:

STEP 1: Keep the injured worker calm and seek immediate medical attention.

First and foremost, it's important to keep the injured worker and all bystanders calm and take steps to control the area. When an incident initially occurs, an injured person may experience feelings of high stress, panic or a wave of emotions such as distress, anger or frustration. It is important that the injured individual and those around them try to remain calm in order to take stock of the surroundings, monitor those injured and help everyone make the best decisions they can in that situation. If the injury hazard is still present in the area where the incident occurred, remove workers from the area and block it off to prevent other staff or bystanders from entering. Unless they are at immediate risk for further injury, do not move the injured individual until medical personnel arrive on the scene.

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The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on GDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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