Presenters

*Driving Innovation Through Design-Build*

**Chad Critcher, P.E., DBIA, RS&H**
Chad serves as the Senior Vice President for RS&H’s Contractor Delivery group. He has 30 years of consulting engineering experience, with specific focus on the heavy highway transportation development process. He has extensive planning and design experience and has served in management roles on several prominent projects, including large, accelerated design-build projects that include extensive innovation, stakeholder outreach, and team coordination. Chad’s efforts include identifying balanced risk share between industry partners in the design build environment and he is currently serving as co-chair for ARTBA’s Risk & Alternative Delivery Task Force.

**Chris Gaskins, PL.E., P.G., DBIA, SCDOT**
Chris Gaskins is a true champion and innovator for design-build in the state of South Carolina. As Preconstruction Design-Build Engineer for the South Carolina Department of Transportation, Gaskins leads a dynamic 12-engineer group that oversees the delivery of statewide design-build projects. He also facilitated the development and implementation of the Design-Build Procurement Manual and, along with every member of his Design-Build Group, has achieved DBIA certification as a Designated Design-Build Professional. Before joining SCDOT in 2007, he spent 10 years with Law Engineering as a project manager and senior geotechnical engineer where he worked on one of South Carolina’s first design-build projects. Gaskins is a Registered Professional Engineer and a Registered Professional Geologist in the state of South Carolina and has 20 years of experience in geotechnical engineering. Along with being an active member of DBIA, Mr. Gaskins is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists.

**Traci Holton, P.E., C.M., Nashville International Airport**
Mrs. Holton is the Assistant Vice President Development & Engineering and the Chief Engineer for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNAA). Mrs. Holton has been with MNAA since October 2003. As Chief Engineer, she is now responsible for the design, construction and quality assurance of the Airport’s $1.4B Vision Program and Capital Improvement Program for both Nashville International (BNA) and John C. Tune (JWN) airports.
She is a licensed Professional Engineer in Tennessee. Her education includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering from Tennessee Technological University and a Master’s Degree in Engineering Management from Lipscomb University.

**Felipe Jaramillo, P.E., Ajax Paving Industries**
Felipe Jaramillo is currently Ajax Paving Industries of Florida’s Alternative Contracting PM managing all forms of alternative delivery contracts. Felipe received his civil engineering degrees from USF and UF and has 17 years’ experience constructing transportation focused infrastructure. Felipe received his DBIA certification in 2010 and has work exclusively on design build contracts since 2006. Felipe is an active member of FDOT/FTBA Alternative Contracting Steering Committee and the newly formed FDOT/FTBA Progressive Design Build CM/GC Task Force. Felipe also serves as FTBA Specifications Committee Chairman.

**Pete Kelley, Superior Construction Co.**
With more than 31 years of construction experience, Pete supports Superior Construction’s continued growth and success. Having spent his childhood watching his father build roads and bridges, he combines passion for building our communities with his strategic vision for growth. Having worked on some of the most complex transportation projects in Florida, his team focused approach combines the efforts of our self-performing crews with subcontractors for successful project completion and increased return to our clients. Pete leverages his experience to develop opportunities and continue to position us as the contractor and employer of choice. As a thought leader, he continually looks for ways to bring more value to both our employees and our clients.

**Kathy Thomas, Florida Department of Transportation**
Kathy currently holds the position of District 2 Design Engineer. In this position, she manages and directs the activities of the District Design Office which includes the subsections of Roadway Design, Structures Design, Survey and Mapping, Drainage Design, Utility Design, Quality Assurance, and Consultant Project Management. She provides design guidance that is consistent with the Department’s goals, mission and vision.

Kathy holds a B.S. degree in Engineering from University of Florida and is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Florida. Kathy has been involved in design and production with the Department of Transportation since 1990.