



What's New? What's Next?

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Abstract

The construction industry has been notoriously slow in adopting innovative ideas. What that really means is many opportunities exist for new engineering ideas and innovative construction techniques. As technology continues to evolve and the need for innovation in construction approaches crisis-level, there isn't a better time to be an engineer.

Ron Klemencic has enjoyed a 40-year career at the leading edge of structural engineering and construction innovation. He will share highlights of what has been accomplished, what is new, and what he believes is next.

About Our Speaker

Ron Klemencic is Chairman and CEO of Magnusson Klemencic Associates (MKA), an award-winning, 155-person structural and civil engineering firm founded in 1920 and headquartered in Seattle, Washington. He leads the research and development of many new technologies and systems that further the engineering profession and has championed numerous innovations throughout his career—from implementing Performance-Based Seismic Design for high-rise buildings beginning in the mid-1990s, to the development and successful application of the first-of-its-kind, non-proprietary SpeedCore structural system starting in the early-2000s, to recent advancements in Performance-Based Wind Design and Structural Fire Design. Engineering News-Record (ENR) included Ron on its annual list of Top 25 Newsmakers on three occasions, and he received an Award of Excellence from ENR. He was named an AEC Industry Innovator and Disruptor by Building Design+Construction magazine and Structural Engineer of the Year by the journal Structural Design of Tall and Special Buildings.

Ron earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Science in Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. He is a member of the UC Berkeley Civil and Environmental Engineering Department's Academy of Distinguished Alumni. He received an honorary Doctorate of Engineering, the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award, and the Civil Engineering Alumni Achievement Award from Purdue University.

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