CFMA Central Ohio October Newsletter

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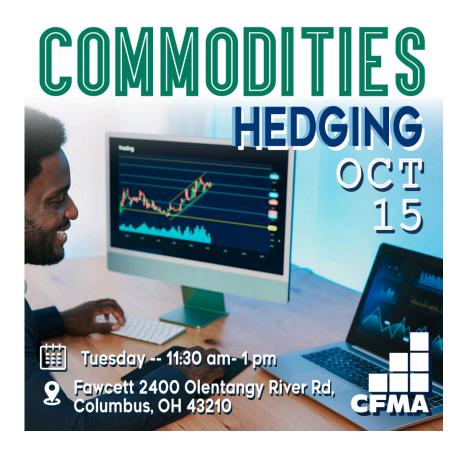
Upcoming Events:

Oct 15 - Commodity Hedging: Strategies for Market Stability (panel discussion)

Nov 19 - Financial Benefit Plans w/ speaker Brian Hanna

Dec 17 - Tax Update 4pm @ the Land-Grant and Holiday Social from 5-7 p.m.

Further details on/communication on these events below.





Commodity Hedging: Strategies for Market Stability

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PRESENTERS:

Jake Marwil, Fifth Third Bank Commodity Risk Management Group

Marc Gase, VP of Price Risk and Supply Chain for Worthington Steel

DESCRIPTION:

Join us as we host a panel discussion covering the current state of commodity markets, what's driving all of the price volatility and what can be done about the inherent risks.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Market Update
- · Conversation around risk in the markets
- Intro of tools available to mitigate

WHEN:

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

11:30 – 12:00 Registration and
Networking

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and Presentation

WHERE:

Fawcett Center 2400 Olentangy River Road Columbus, OH 43210

REGISTRATION:

Scan above QR code or click here

COST:

\$40 for CFMA members \$50 for non-members

QUESTIONS:

Contact admin@centralohiocfma.org

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Financial and accounting professionals with construction companies and their financial advisors.



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SPEAKERS:

Marc Gase is the VP of Price Risk and Supply Chain for Worthington Steel. He began his career 28 years ago at Worthington Steel in Delta, Ohio working on the production floor of a green filed operation. In his time at Worthington, Marc has worked in Purchasing, Price Risk, Pricing, and now Supply Chain. Marc set up the Price Risk group and trading desk for Worthington Industries 14 years ago, where Marc and his team are currently responsible for financially trading steel, scrap, zinc, natural gas, and diesel.

Jake Marwil is a member of Fifth Third's Commodity Risk Management Group. He began his career as a metals trader, gaining valuable experience in the industry. Transitioning from metals, Jake now focuses on assisting companies with exposure to both metals and energy in navigating market volatility. At Fifth Third, he collaborates with manufacturing, industrial, and transportation companies, providing education and tools to stabilize commodity prices; aiming to enhance operational efficiency.



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Imagine that you're in a crucial financial meeting about a recent project where you realize your cash flow is suddenly under pressure, and you can't afford any delays that might jeopardize your project's progress. Your team is hustling to find the right solutions, and you're actively seeking strategies to keep your projects on track while optimizing cash flow.

CFMA's brand-new Construction Cash Management Nano Learning Series is your game-changer in this cash flow challenge! Whether you're a seasoned professional in the construction industry or just starting out, this innovative series is finely crafted to equip you with the skills and insights you need to navigate cash management challenges effectively.

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General Member Communication:





To help lift our General Members, we are excited to announce the creation of a private chat group exclusively for General Members. We believe this will provide a dedicated space for meaningful conversations, idea sharing, and collaboration. The private chat group will be a GroupMe platform where construction finance leaders can connect on a more personal level to share and support each other. If you are a General Member and interested in joining this exclusive chat group, click on the link below:

https://groupme.com/contact/118574029/COMYhVII

CFMA Articles:



Experts make money!

by: Thomas C. Schleifer PhD

Big business starts as small business especially in the construction industry, which is primarily made up of tens of thousands of small and medium sized privately owned companies. Today I am addressing the contractors who are still of a size to be building their organizations for maximum profitability. Contractors who have grown over years tend to become resistant to change. But companies that are coming into their own can consciously strive to create organizations of experts who market their services based on their reputation. Vision is the key to success in this modern marketplace. *Experts make money*.

The Way It Was

I began my career in construction partnering with my brother in a startup family-owned contracting firm. In the beginning we scrambled for business, taking any job we could get in our local market. We didn't particularly care what kind of project it was. We just wanted to get the work, so we bid on anything and everything. If we got a job, we would rush around hiring enough workers to get the project completed, utilizing on the job training to learn how to build any project that was new to us. We kept the home office staff to a minimum since we often didn't know where our next job was coming from. You might say we were in survival mode from the very beginning.

I am sure many of you find yourselves in survival mode, particularly if you have recently started in business. Getting out of "survival mode" and into "growth mode" and eventually "thrive mode" is your objective. The question is how do you do that? Somehow, my brother and I survived and the contracting firm we started lasted sixty years. Years later, after I became a construction academic and consultant, I looked back and asked the question, "How did we do that? Why did we survive when so many other start-up contractors failed? What were the determining factors?"

Luck Helps

Thank God my brother was a stickler for doing things right. If the work wasn't near perfect by his standards, we would tear it out and do it again. Not a good way to make money. He ran the office,

and neither of us were experts at management or finance, so we spent time running from pillar to post finding work wherever we could. Without either of us realizing it we were gaining a reputation for quality work one project at a time. We didn't necessarily have a plan. We were just doing what came naturally.

When the job of rehabbing the rectory in our church parish came around, we had an inside track to get the work. In our usual manner we did a great job on the rectory and were soon hired to build an elementary school nearby.

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6 ways Business Leaders Can Prepare for What's Next in the Digital Era

by: Brittany Diederich

As the world becomes increasingly data-driven, organizations across all industries must adapt and adopt better data practices to remain competitive.

An ineffective or non-existent data practice can result in lost sales opportunities, inaccurate forecasts, wasted time, and reduced productivity. Conversely, implementing a strategic data practice that leverages advanced technology solutions can help streamline financial processes, improve efficiency, and enhance data accuracy.

Improve Your Data & Increase Performance

As an organizational leader, these are the steps you must take to build a comprehensive data practice.

1. Understand What Data You Have & What It Represents

Before you can effectively use data to improve your construction business, you need to know what you are looking at. This includes identifying the different types of data you collect, such as project information, resource utilization, and financial data.

Once you understand your data, you can begin to identify the key metrics and indicators that will be most important to your business.

2. Centralize Your Data for a Single Source of Truth

One of the biggest challenges in the construction industry is the lack of centralized, accurate data. To overcome this, consider investing in robust data collection and management systems. These systems should be able to handle a wide variety of data types, from project plans and resource utilization to financial data and customer feedback.

This will help ensure that data is accurate and up to date, which is essential for making informed decisions.

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Supporting Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

By: Nicolle Taylor-Sheafor

For those of us in the construction industry, it is no secret that the industry has a significantly high rate of suicide. There are unique challenges that those in construction face that place an enormous amount of pressure on employees. Employees face long hours in high pressure and dangerous situations alongside a significant amount of travel.

The industry is slowly changing year by year to improve awareness and destigmatize the topic of mental health. In honor of Suicide Prevention Month, we have asked some of our fellow CFMA members to share what their companies do to support mental health and how it's impacted their workforce.

Tim Bosley, President, Bosely Electric Company

"Unlike physical health, which is typically easier to diagnose and even visible to the untrained eye, mental health struggles can often go unnoticed and be difficult to diagnose even by the trained eye of a mental health professional. Due to being diagnosed more or perhaps because of differing environments to yesteryear or other factors altogether unknown, mental illness to varying degrees seems to be more and more prevalent amongst our population.

"With that increasing prevalence, we, as employers, must become more and more aware of the signs of the possible deteriorating mental health of our employees and co-workers. As a company, we try to check in regularly with all of our employees, be mindful of any changes in behavior and/or attitude, and be sensitive to people's needs and feelings, all the while striving to create an environment that is supportive, understanding and non-judgmental.

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Included Value	chairs, if desired \$1,600 (53% of contribution) issions allotted can be used at your discretion	\$700 (47% of contribution)

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2 Admission price is based on non-member rate of \$50/person.

³ Admission price is based on regular (non-early bird) pricing of \$200/person.



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In Columbus, it is illegal to fish for whales on a Sunday in Ohio... not that there's any place to do that.

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