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Kevin Parker, DCA Executive Vice President



Andy Miller, DCA President, Alex E. Paris Contracting

2026 DCA Mid Year Meeting Wrap-Up

The Distribution Contractors Association convened in Lake Tahoe in late July for the 2026 DCA Mid Year Meeting at the Everline Resort & Spa in Olympic Valley, the site of the 1960 Winter Olympics. The Mid Year Meeting has always had a more relaxed atmosphere than our annual convention, and this year the setting only enhanced it. The family and kids-oriented event drew over 50 "kids" including a few grandkids of DCA members.

Monday, July 20

The business of the association got underway Monday afternoon with the DCA Town Hall. Kevin Parker, DCA EVP, discussed the status of the association through the middle of the year. As of mid-July, DCA counted 172 members with contractor members increasing from 71 to 72 while associate membership held at a steady 100. June brought four resignations, including a contractor member and three longtime associates, but gains continued: Supreme Industries, Sterling Site Access Solutions, Wolverine Hydro Ex, and Push Inc. all joined the DCA family since the Miami Convention.

The financial status of the Association is very strong going into the final half of the year. Parker said the investment accounts remain strong earning a great rate of return due to the stock market. As he mentioned at the

Miami Convention, we continue to reduce expenses in line with the slightly lower revenue projection forecasted for 2026. Kevin reported that both the Convention and Safety Congress were successful from a financial perspective in that they broke even or had a slight surplus. We are building a solid foundation for 2027.

Members were invited to submit topics for the Deep Dive webinar series which had a busy year in 2025 with many webinars. Parker recapped the 2026 Safety Congress, which earned a perfect 100% attendee satisfaction score, with speakers from CSRA, Caterpillar, LaValley Industries, Aubrey Daniels International, ARB Inc., Michels Corporation, Hallen Construction, Wright Traffic Control, and Haugland Group.

Parker then let the membership know that Donna Reed, an integral part of DCA operations for nearly a decade, will be stepping away at the end of August, joining her husband who is also retiring the same day. Members were encouraged to recognize Donna for all her hard work and dedication to the association. She will be sorely missed.

Parker concluded the Town Hall with a brief discussion on a subcommittee formed with the approval of the Board, to explore if merging with other pipeline associations would benefit the DCA membership and



(l to r) Business Session Speakers: Mark Bridgers, Continuum Capital; Dan Shumate, FMI Capital Advisors

our industry. The exploratory committee would report back their findings to the Board at future meetings. The Subcommittee includes Andy Miller, Nate Eastway, Dale Anderson, Dan Britz, and Parker and have only held a couple of introductory meetings.

Following the Town Hall came the Business Session where the attendees heard a presentation from Mark Bridgers of Continuum Capital and Dan Shumate of FMI Capital Advisors about pending industry opportunities and challenges. The utility and energy infrastructure industry is operating in an unusually challenging environment characterized by rapid technological change, geopolitical uncertainty, shifting economic conditions and unprecedented demand for infrastructure. Mark and Dan highlighted both the risks facing the industry and significant opportunities for contractors positioned to respond to changing market conditions.

Mark started his presentation by giving an update on the Infrastructure Protection Coalition (IPC), a group formed nearly a decade ago represented by multiple associations including the DCA. Members include NULCA, NUCA, APCA, and others. A major objective of the IPC is to build a broader membership base and develop data-rich, credible information that demonstrates the scope and consequences of infrastructure damage.

IPC continues to conduct a comprehensive assessment of state damage-prevention laws. The assessment will provide policymakers and industry stakeholders with a straightforward way to identify strengths and weaknesses in state damage prevention programs and hopefully establish a baseline for measuring improvements over time.

Another IPC initiative would look at “bad actors” and concerns about companies demanding payment for alleged infrastructure damage without adequate justification or documentation.

Market Evaluation

A recurring theme was the concept of VUCA—volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity. While these conditions create substantial challenges, they also create opportunities for companies willing to make decisions, move forward and remain flexible enough to change course when circumstances require it. In today's environment, the ability to adapt may be as important as the ability to predict.

The presentation also addressed structural changes occurring in the infrastructure market and the explosive growth of data-center construction. Data centers require enormous amounts of electricity, water and

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(l to r) Business Session Speaker Christophe Fox; Nathan Moody, RLA Utilities; Mike Fish, RLA Utilities

communications infrastructure. As a result, they are drawing substantial resources away from traditional markets and reshaping utility investment priorities. Local governments are wrestling with the implications of data-center development. Moratoriums and other local restrictions can affect where and when projects are built, creating additional uncertainty for contractors and utilities.

At the same time, data centers are competing for scarce resources, including construction workers, electrical equipment, transformers, natural gas capacity, water supplies and other infrastructure, creating a difficult balancing act.

Economic Outlook

The broader economic picture remains similarly characterized by uncertainty.

The national economy has continued to expand since 2021, but businesses have become more cautious. Spending growth has flattened in some areas even though overall spending remains positive. Job growth has fluctuated, while business pessimism has increased.

However, the outlook is generally positive for utility construction. Virtually every major utility-construction segment is experiencing growth, with particularly strong opportunities in water supply, power generation, and water and sewer infrastructure. Data centers

are expected to be a particularly powerful source of demand. Their electricity requirements will drive investment in generation, transmission, distribution and other supporting infrastructure.

Continued growth in LNG export capacity represents another opportunity for the energy construction industry, particularly companies involved in pipeline and related infrastructure. Gas distribution replacement also remains an important market. A recent pipeline incident in Dallas could increase attention on aging infrastructure and potentially accelerate repair and replacement programs.

Taken together, these developments point toward an infrastructure market that is simultaneously highly uncertain and highly promising. Geopolitical instability, interest rates, economic uncertainty, material costs and local restrictions create significant risks.

At the same time, data centers, power generation, water infrastructure, LNG exports and distribution-system replacement are generating unprecedented demand. For contractors and industry associations, the challenge is to distinguish temporary market volatility from longer-term structural changes.

According to Continuum and FMI, there is a parallel opportunity in infrastructure protection. The overarching message from the recent discussions is one of cautious optimism. Volatility does not necessarily mean contraction – it can create opportunity for companies



Mitch Cowart, Caterpillar



Dr. Sam Ariaratnam, ASU



Sam Hall, CGA

and organizations prepared to adapt. The winners in this environment are likely to be those that can identify emerging demand, move quickly, manage risk and remain flexible enough to change direction when the market changes.

Tuesday, July 21

Tuesday began with the Welcome Buffet Breakfast and a decidedly lighter touch. Christophe Fox, who won "D.C.'s Magician of the Year" in 2018 at the age of 18 was the youngest performer ever to win this recognition. His mix of close-up magic and quick wit proved the ideal way to wake up and start the meetings portion of the Mid Year.

The Safety & Risk Management Committee kicked off the working committee sessions. Co-Chair Caleb Scheve, welcomed guest speaker Mitch Cowart of Caterpillar for "Do We Really Value Safety?" Cowart's message cut against the grain of conventional programs. Acknowledging safety is undoubtedly important in construction, he argued the traditional approach may not align with deeper human motivations and virtues. By reframing safety measures in terms of moral virtue, the pursuit of the highest good, a heroic narrative, and a self-transcendent purpose, the industry can foster a culture of safety that resonates with workers more deeply to improve not only outcomes but also satisfaction and engagement. It is time, he said, to rethink safety in the construction industry. The committee also looked ahead to the 2027 Safety Congress, with Brian Carpenter of ECI, Chad Fischer of Teichert, and K.C. Murray of Hallen volunteering as co-chairs, and a long list of topics from damage prevention training and high-energy hazards to mental health topics and significant injury and fatality programs.

The Trenchless & HDD Committee met under Jim Lagios

for one of the highlights of the meeting. The committee welcomed Dr. Sam Ariaratnam of Arizona State University for his presentation, "Horizontal Directional Drilling: Past, Present, and Future." With 29 years in construction engineering and three decades of HDD passion, Dr. Ariaratnam is one of the technology's most respected global voices. He took members back to HDD's invention by Martin Cherrington and its first river crossing on the Pajaro River near Sacramento in 1971, charting the early rigs of the mid-1970s, the million-pound machines of 1978, and the first commercial Flowmole GuideDril, Ditch Witch, and Vermeer machines. Fast forward to the present—the world-record 5.2-kilometer crossing of Hong Kong Harbour in 2018 and the 4.75-kilometer Mawan natural gas pipeline—and the future, including a world-record 7-kilometer crossing now under way and the automated "drill operator of the future." It was a strong reminder of why HDD remains central to DCA's core operations.

The Workforce & Leadership Development Committee closed out the morning. Members discussed attracting the next generation, industry branding, leadership development for field personnel moving into management, and technical and soft-skill development. A recurring theme was building a database of technical schools and apprenticeship programs to identify workforce resources in every state. Infrastructure careers with grant-funded development and apprenticeships tied directly to employer hiring needs was a point of discussion.

Tuesday afternoon belonged to Lake Tahoe. Members spread across the optional activities: tee times at The Links at Everline; guided fly-fishing on the Truckee in pursuit of trout; and hikes along the Shirley Canyon trail to alpine Shirley Lake. The most popular draws, though, were the

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(l to r) Chris Zenthoefer, McElroy Manufacturing; Bonnie Tucker, Teichert Energy & Utilities Group; Eli Pagel, B&H Construction; Daryl Visser, P.E., PM, Charge EPC; Marc Krichman, 811 Spotter/Irth

lake excursions—clear kayak tours over Tahoe’s famous crystal-clear water and sailing the vintage Santa Cruz 50 monohull “Tahoe Cruz.” The evening was free, and many members closed the day at Bluesdays, the Tuesday blues concert series in The Village at Palisades Tahoe.

Wednesday, July 22

Wednesday’s Innovation & Technology Committee meeting took up a topic the industry is wrestling with: “Real-World AI Applications and Lessons from the Field.” Moderated by Eli Pagel of B&H Construction, the panel brought together Bonnie Tucker of Teichert, Marc Krichman of 811 Spotter/Irth, Daryl Visser of Charge EPC, and Chris Zenthoefer of McElroy Manufacturing. The panel cut through the hype to discuss real tools, results, and lessons from contractors already deploying AI. Panelists noted that 94% of firms that adopted AI plan to spend more on it, 35% of construction firms use AI, and roughly half of ENR 400 contractors already do—with early adopters reporting 10–25% cost reductions, 15–30% schedule compression, and a 40% or greater drop in safety incidents.

The Government Relations Committee capped the sessions with guest speaker Sam Hall, Vice President of the Damage Prevention Institute and the Common Ground Alliance, presenting updates on DPI and the Damage Prevention Action Center. Hall laid out a difficult structural reality: damages are rising as infrastructure investment soars—\$240 billion in new pipeline construction through 2030, \$1.4 trillion in grid modernization, \$42 billion in broadband, and \$200 billion in water and sewer work, while utility damages climbed to 213,985 last year from 189,052 the year before. DPI, the successor to the Gold Shovel program, attacks the problem through voluntary accreditation, monthly data submission, benchmarking, and peer review; participants in the DPI have cut damage rates about 12% over three years even as national damages rose.

Hall’s strongest warning concerned the rapid expansion of fiber-optic construction, which the data proves is driving a significant share of utility strikes. The remedy, he stressed, is for owners to properly fund safe excavation rather than reward lowest-cost performance. He called on owners to maintain accurate maps and share GIS data, contractors to follow best practices and demand safe contract language, locators to improve accuracy and timeliness, and regulators to strengthen enforcement and standardize requirements across states.

The chairs also updated attendees on the Committee’s federal advocacy efforts. DCA representatives have met with congressional offices on permitting reform and pipeline safety reauthorization, tracking the SPEED, PERMIT, and CERTAINTY acts and supporting damage-prevention, with a Washington fly-in planned once legislative timelines clear.

Wednesday afternoon again saw members on the lake and in the hills—sailing aboard the Tahoe Cruz, touring Truckee’s breweries, and hiking Olympic Valley. As the light softened over the mountains, the week built toward its finale: the Closing Dinner, where members gathered to celebrate the week and look ahead to a fall full of possibility. **Please see page 10 for Mid Year Photos.**

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendars for the following DCA events:

- 2026 Fall Meeting at The Renaissance Dallas Addison, October 19–21 Registration is now open.
- 2027 Annual Convention at Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, California, February 22–26
- 2027 Safety Congress – San Antonio, April 2027
- 2027 Mid Year Meeting at The Omni Homestead Resort & Spa in Hot Springs, Virginia, July 12–16 ▲

To register and view the agenda please visit: dcaweb.org/events/fall-meeting-3/



DCA FALL MEETING

OCTOBER 19-21, 2026

RENAISSANCE DALLAS ADDISON HOTEL, ADDISON, TX.

Government Relations Panel Discussion

Permit Reform: Transmission vs. Distribution -
Clearing the Path for Underground Infrastructure



Innovation & Technology Panel Discussion

Robotics, Automation & Remote Operation
— Rethinking the Job Site of Tomorrow



Safety & Risk Management Guest Speaker

Voice-Powered Safety: Streamlining Field JSAs
Through Speech



Trenchless & HDD Interactive Session

Beyond the Bore Plan: Rethinking
Precision in HDD Execution



Workforce & Leadership Development Panel Discussion

Building the Workforce of Tomorrow: Training &
Early Career Development in the Distribution
Industry



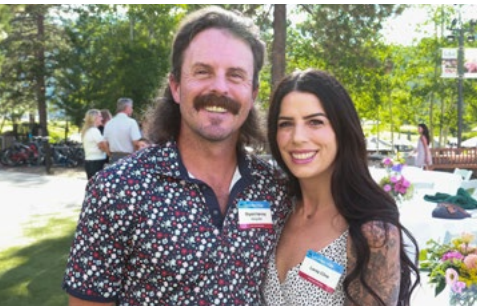
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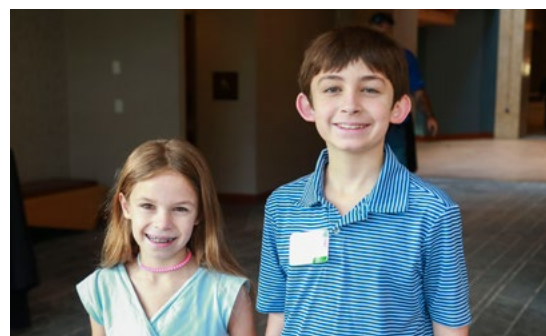
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Chairman and CEO, Howard Energy Partners



Networking Event Dinner & Putt at Puttshack







SCHOLARSHIP



DCA Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

The application process for the 2027-28 DCA - Dale R. Michels Scholarship and Curtis Allen Scholarship is now open on our website <https://dcaweb.org/letsgettowork/scholarship/>. All applications will be completed online. Click on the link and simply scroll the page and find the scholarship that you are applying for, click the button and follow the instructions. .

Basic guidelines:

- The **DCA – Dale R. Michels Scholarship** encourages students *planning to pursue a **four-year degree***, bachelor, or post-graduate degree to apply.
- The **Curtis H. Allen Scholarship** focuses on those *planning to attend a **trade, technical or vocational school***.
- Applications *must* include an unofficial or official copy of a transcript. See the specific scholarship for the correct transcript that should be uploaded.
- Remember, the student's application and supporting documents must be completed no later than **Wednesday, January 6, 2027**.
- If more than three (3) applications are received by DCA from a member company for each scholarship, the member company will be asked to review and select three (3) for inclusion in the application pool.
- The winning applicants will be awarded an unspecified amount of financial aid for the 2027-28 academic year and this amount could be renewable for up to four (4) years with proof of academic success for the Michels scholarship and two (2) years for the Allen scholarship.
- Financial need and community service will also continue to be considered by the scholarship committees.
- Please review the specific guidelines for each scholarship at <https://dcaweb.org/letsgettowork/scholarship/>.

The DCA-Dale R. Michels Scholarship Committee is comprised of the DCA President, Treasurer, Past President Director, Associate Member Director, and up to five members appointed by the DCA President.

The Curtis H. Allen Scholarship Committee is comprised of the DCA Vice President, DCA Director at Large, DCA Alternate Associate Member Director, two Halliburton Representatives, and one member appointed by the DCA President.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Harvey (tharvey@dcaweb.org). ▲

Save the Date for the DCA Convention

February 22 – 26, 2027

Terranea Resort

Rancho Palos Verdes, California







DCA's 66th Annual Convention Sponsorship

The DCA Annual Convention holds a prominent position in the association's yearly agenda. DCA takes great pride in marking its 66th year as a leading industry conference, bringing together influential leaders in gas distribution, HDD, and utility construction.

The association acknowledges and values the steadfast support from member companies over the years and sees this convention as a distinct opportunity to cultivate closer bonds with equipment and service suppliers. DCA's budget for construction equipment and services is expected to reach millions of dollars, presenting an excellent opening for your organization to help. The convention serves as a vital platform for the association to stay updated on the latest advancements in member products and services and develop a more robust professional network. Associate members are a critical part of DCA's growth and success, and the organization hopes to continue to count on your unwavering financial backing.

DCA recognizes the significant efforts that members go through to secure funding and is committed to providing networking opportunities to build fruitful relationships that

benefit the community. Sponsors will receive optimal acknowledgment at the conference based on their support level.

2026 Sponsor Recognition Levels:*

- Platinum: \$25,000 and above
- Gold: \$10,000 - \$24,999
- Silver: \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Bronze: \$1,000 - \$4,999

**equals a combination of the 2026 Auction Donations as determined by the winning bid and 2027 Cash Pledge.*

To enable DCA to finalize its financial arrangements for the occasion, access our website at <https://dcaweb.org/events/sponsorship> to complete the online form by **Friday, November 13, 2026**.

If you require any clarification, please contact Jacob Adams Mireles at jadams@dcaweb.org or phone (972) 200-2707. ▲



Annual Auction: How to Get in on the Action!

DCA is gearing up for the annual fundraiser auction, set to take place on the evening of Tuesday, February 23, 2027, during the convention at the Terranea Resort in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. DCA contractor and associate members come together each year for an exciting and spirited event that raises crucial funds for the association. These funds support DCA's educational initiatives and scholarships for deserving students who will promote and enhance the industry. With a special emphasis on Workforce Development, the 2027 auction aims to make a significant impact.

Since 1991, the DCA auction has raised over \$13 million for grants, scholarships, and educational programming, thanks to the generous donations from DCA members. A full-color catalog will be available online a few weeks before the auction, building excitement and energy from the start of the silent online bidding to the closing gavel of the live auction. The highest bidders of auction items can

also achieve Silver, Gold, and Platinum sponsorship levels for next year's convention.

To continue this tradition of generosity, we ask that you contribute an item to the auction. Your donation will directly benefit the industry and our next generation of professionals.

DCA is now accepting items for the 2027 auction. Members are invited to donate one or two highly sought-after pieces of equipment, trips, sporting events or even cash.

Visit: <https://dcaweb.org/events/annual-auction> for more information and to complete the online donor form. Along with the donor form, please include a 50-word description along with a 300-dpi high resolution photo in JPG format.

Donations must be received **no later than Friday, November 13, 2026.**▲

Industry News

Federal Appeals Court Vacates New Jersey Approval for \$1B Natural Gas Pipeline to New York City



The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has vacated a key New Jersey environmental permit needed for the proposed \$1 billion Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) project, which would deliver natural gas from Pennsylvania to New York City via new pipelines beneath Raritan Bay.

In the decision Tuesday, September 8, the court said the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection failed to adequately explain how the project would comply with the state's water quality standards when DEP issued a Water Quality Certification last November.

"NJDEP's decisional documents do not adequately explain its conclusion that Transco's dredging will comply with New Jersey's water quality standards," Judge Jane Roth wrote in the unanimous court decision.

Although the ruling is a significant setback for the project, it does not permanently stop it. The three-judge panel remanded the case back to NJDEP and directed the agency to address several issues related to the effects of dredging and project monitoring requirements.

The lawsuit was brought by the Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups against DEP. The Transcontinental Pipeline Co. LLC (Transco), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Williams Companies, intervened in the case to defend the DEP approval. NJBIA filed a brief supporting Transco's position that the water quality certification should be upheld.

The NESE pipeline project is designed to expand Transco's natural gas delivery system and provide additional gas supplies to the New York metropolitan area. The New Jersey portion of the project would include a new compressor station in Franklin Township, an onshore pipeline segment, approximately six miles of underwater pipeline beneath Raritan Bay, and 17 miles of underwater pipeline in New York waters.

Although the project does not serve New Jersey utility customers, the state would benefit economically from the construction phase of the project through jobs and tax revenue. According to the Williams Companies, the NESE project will provide \$1.8 billion in economic development to Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, and create 2,000 well-paying jobs.

Environmental groups have challenged the water quality approvals issued by both the NJDEP and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) with different outcomes in different judicial jurisdictions.

On Aug. 21, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of the Appeals upheld New York's approval that gave the project its Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification, finding that New York regulators had adequately explained their decision. Less than three weeks later, the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has now reached the opposite conclusion regarding the water quality certification issued by New Jersey regulators for the same project.

The court's ruling leaves NJDEP with several options. The agency can supplement its explanation, require Transco to provide additional information or analysis, issue a new or revised certification, or reach a different decision. ▲





FERC Bids to Free Up Pipeline Infrastructure Construction

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Various types of pipeline sector construction are destined for easier and quicker federal approval under a proposal from the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)**, which is acting where Congress has feared to tread. The commission wants to free more expensive projects from environmental and other types of reviews by increasing the ceiling on cost limits for one-time blanket certificates under section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Congress has failed in numerous recent years to approve infrastructure regulatory relief given mostly Democratic opposition. But FERC does not face those political roadblocks evidenced by the 5-0 vote of the commissioners, two of whom are Democrats. In an era of definite concern about adequate natural gas supplies for both residential consumers in some parts of the country, supplies to electric generators feeding huge, controversial data centers and LNG supplies, FERC is jumping into the void.

In a proposed rule issued in May 2026, FERC indicated it would raise cost limits for the blanket certificates to \$86 million for prior notice, \$30 million for automatic authorization and \$17 million for storage testing projects. Those are the three types of blanket certificates available. Its action was prompted by an emergency petition submitted on April 14, 2025, by the Interstate

Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) requesting that the Commission temporarily raise the cost ceilings which are, INGAA argued, out of date because of inflation.

FERC subsequently increased the cost limit for prior notice projects from \$41,100,000 to \$61,650,000 if constructed and placed in service by May 31, 2027. Projects undertaken under automatic authorization stayed at their current limit of \$14.5 million. FERC followed up that temporary action with a notice of inquiry raising the possibility of more substantial increases. Those were announced in May 2026.

Prior notice projects, while not subject to environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act, are reviewed for potential violations of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In the May 2026 proposed rule, FERC proposed to streamline the ESA process and make certain changes to the NHPA process.

COMMENTS

Many of the May 2026 proposed changes were forecast in the June 2025 notice of inquiry from FERC which received 17 comments – nine from pipeline companies and related trade associations, four from

pipeline customer groups, one from a non-governmental organization, one from a state government official and two from individuals.

Emily Mallen, an FERC-watcher at the law firm Akin Gump, wrote in a blog post after the new proposed rule was published, "The prior notice program's popularity has grown in part due to growing opposition to pipeline infrastructure. The NOPR represents a generational opportunity for interstate natural gas pipelines to expand the universe of projects executable under blanket authority, thereby expanding the size of the pipeline grid at a time when natural gas demand is rising."

Frederick Wilson, with Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, added, "Projects that should fall within the streamlined process, including compressor station modifications, meter and regulator station work and short pipeline replacements, have been pushed into the full Section 7 process by inflation rather than by any change in their actual scope or risk profile."

The May 2026 99-page proposed rule is steeped in technical arguments which, in broad terms, grant much but not all of what INGAA requested in its response to the NOI and very little of what environmentalists wanted, which included total rejection of the INGAA petition. However, FERC denied the INGAA request to increase the cost limits even further to account for projected trends in construction, costs that are not fully reflected in historical data, including the impacts of tariffs and workforce competition. The commission argued that accepting that argument "calls for speculation" and declined to do so.

INFLATION

The heart of the INGAA argument is that pipeline construction costs have increased more than the rate of inflation since 2006, the last time the costs were adjusted. INGAA analyzed Exhibit K29 data from section 7 certificate applications in 2006 and 2024 and calculated there was a 256-percent median increase in cost-per-inch-mile for pipelines and a 172 percent median increase in cost-per-horsepower for compression between 2006 and 2024.

It then used the average of those two figures (214.87 percent) as an estimated pipeline-specific increase in construction cost between 2006 and 2024. INGAA stated that if the 2006 cost limits were increased by that amount, the automatic authorization limit would be approximately \$30 million, the prior notice limit would be approximately \$86 million, and the storage testing limit would be approximately \$16.5 million – much higher than the 2024 cost limits calculated based on the GDP deflator.

The American Gas Association (AGA) supported INGAA's proposed new ceilings but warned against expanding the scope of projects that may be completed

under automatic authorization because of the limited transparency available to shippers and the Commission.

The AGA and American Public Gas Association (APGA) opposed INGAA's proposal to remove cost limits for expansions of existing compressor stations. The two groups asserted that such projects would have more than a de minimis impact on rates and that permitting such activities to proceed without a cost cap risks loss of oversight and scrutiny.

The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) explained part of its opposition based on its analysis that the average cost per blanket certificate project was \$1,694,546 in 2022, \$1,428,401 in 2023 and \$3,316,497 in 2024 and, thus, there is no reason to increase the prior notice threshold to \$61,650,000.

OTHER PROPOSALS

There are a number of specific proposals that are apt to be more controversial than others. One is that FERC would authorize, under prior notice procedures, construction, modification, replacement and operation of compression and other facilities within the fence line of an existing compressor station with no cost limit, provided the pipeline owns or leases all project land. Applicants will also be required to comply with the blanket certificate program's noise condition, which specifies that noise attributable to compression added to an existing station, or any modification, upgrade or update of an existing station, must not exceed certain levels.

Another major proposed change would allow compression and looping projects to go forward under automatic authorization. They are currently subject to prior notice procedures, where protests can be considered, even if they fall below the automatic authorization cost threshold.

FERC also sided with INGAA on what statistical model should be used to determine higher construction costs in the future. Currently FERC uses what is called the GDP deflator. But the commission agreed with INGAA that the GDP deflator, "has not adequately reflected the annual cost increases experienced by natural gas companies." It wants to use instead what is called the Handy-Whitman Index. It has a narrow focus on gas utility construction costs, and "more accurately reflects annual cost increases."

Neither Joan Drskin, senior vice president at INGAA, nor Ted Kelly, director and lead counsel at the EDF, responded to questions regarding their views on the FERC proposed rule. Their formal comments and those of others were due at the FERC after this was written. ▲

Insights



119th Congress Returns with Unfinished Business

As the 119th Congress enters its final months, DCA and the energy construction industry faces an active legislative and regulatory agenda that will influence permitting timelines, energy infrastructure investment, pipeline safety, and a general feeling of uncertainty.

From permitting reform and pipeline safety reauthorization to environmental regulation and workforce issues, the decisions made before the end of this Congress will impact the business environment for entities involved in natural gas, electric transmission, carbon capture, hydrogen transportation, and renewable energy. Following a five-week August recess, the timeline to get things done is rapidly shrinking.

Permitting Reform Remains Top Priority

Comprehensive permitting reform continues to be the energy industry's foremost legislative objective. Although Congress has considered permitting reform for several years, project developers continue to encounter lengthy environmental reviews, overlapping federal agency

responsibilities, litigation delays, and uncertain permitting schedules that can postpone major infrastructure investments for years.

DCA and other energy advocates are pushing for senate action on two bills referred to as the "SPEED Act" and "PERMIT Act," which would improve permitting processes by revising the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and sections of the Clean Water Act (CWA). All too often, both federal statutes are abused by certain states who use this authority to delay and even terminate critical projects for political reasons, not to ensure water quality.

Both bills would update and improve the infrastructure permitting process by:

- Establishing firm timelines for environmental reviews
- Expanding the use of concurrent agency reviews by both federal and state agencies
- Limiting duplicative federal agency permitting
- Requiring agencies to only evaluate environmental impacts that have a reasonably close causal relationship to the project

- Preventing federal agencies from rescinding or altering completed environmental documents unless ordered by a court
- Shortening the statute of limitations for legal challenges
- Preventing repeated requests for additional information to 'run out the clock' on the permitting process, which occurs regularly
- Narrowing permit requirements related to "Waters of the United States" regulations
- Require better coordination between federal and state agencies, which will set clearer expectations for permit completeness and agency responses

Another bill, known as the "CERTAIN Act" is bipartisan legislation introduced in April of this year, aimed at addressing the permitting dilemma by focusing on the review process for federal permits, ensuring that agencies adhere to clear deadlines and enhancing accountability. Main goals of the bill include stopping federal agencies from rescinding or indefinitely delaying permits that have already been issued, introducing enforceable accountability measures and promoting better coordination among agencies. The legislation would also require agencies to address workforce and technical needs more effectively.

The CERTAIN Act, while less known as the SPEED and PERMIT acts, is gaining attention. The legislation aims to simplify the permitting process from application submission to final decision, focusing on enhanced efficiency. The bill also emphasizes collaboration with local counties to establish timelines and ensure local input in the permitting process.

Although it has received less attention, the CERTAIN Act contains procedural reforms, such as coordinated permitting schedules, concurrent reviews, and greater transparency, that could be incorporated into a negotiated bipartisan permitting package in the remaining weeks of the 119th Congress.

Enactment of a final bill would reflect major steps toward updating antiquated and burdensome permitting requirements associated with securing permits for not only natural gas pipelines, but for water/sewer improvements, hardening the electric grid, deploying broadband, and even initiating renewable energy projects.

Pipeline Safety Reauthorization

Enactment of the next pipeline safety bill has been elusive, but significant progress has been made. Two bills have made measurable progress in the House, and the full Senate voted unanimously to pass its version of the bill in April of this year.

The legislation would take needed steps toward improved pipeline mapping and underground facility locating by requiring states to demonstrate adoption or progress toward adopting several leading practices within their damage prevention programs as criteria for applications to receive PHMSA damage prevention grant dollars. Leading practices address many policy proposals encouraged by DCA for well over a decade, including:

- evaluation and elimination of exemptions to the 811 process (including municipal exemptions)
- required positive response
- locating and marking of all lines and services (including sewer laterals)
- use of modern technologies to locate underground facilities, including superior mapping offered by geographic information systems (GIS)

The entire excavation construction community should be in support of these recommended practices, especially the one calling for increased use of superior mapping offered by GIS. At a time when the U.S. is engaged in the largest and most comprehensive infrastructure buildout in recent history, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 provided an unprecedented \$550 billion in new investments in American infrastructure, and a significant portion of those dollars will go toward improvements to underground systems.

DCA is also encouraged by the inclusion of provisions that would hold those who engage in physical attacks on pipeline infrastructure accountable by increasing criminal penalties for pipeline sabotage. These penalties include up to 10 years imprisonment.

Carbon Capture, Hydrogen, and Emerging Energy Infrastructure

Federal support for carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) and hydrogen infrastructure continues to evolve. Although Congress has enacted tax incentives supporting production, transportation and use of these fuel sources in recent years, several policy issues remain unresolved, including:

- Pipeline permitting
- Carbon dioxide transportation regulations
- Hydrogen pipeline safety standards
- Federal siting authorities

Beyond carbon capture and hydrogen, policymakers are also focused on infrastructure needed for renewable fuels, advanced biofuels, processing of critical minerals, and modern electric transmission systems addressing

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ever-increasing electricity demand. Many of these projects face the same permitting, environmental review, and siting challenges encountered by conventional pipeline and transmission projects.

Labor Regulations in Play

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is likely to move forward with a final rule on heat exposure at the jobsite, and the standard will subject to any worksite, whether indoors or outside. While legislation known as the Heat Workforce Standards Act would prohibit OSHA from promulgating its final rule or anything similar to it, the bill will likely pass in the House but will not garner the 60 votes needed to pass in the Senate.

If a final heat exposure standard is issued, it will likely be watered down to avoid some of the overly prescriptive regulations initially offered in the proposed rule.

DOL has also issued a proposed regulation on the subject of joint employment. The agency's Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) is intended to determine when multiple businesses are responsible for employment/labor laws. The proposal would adopt a four-part control test for determining whether a business is a joint employer, including:

- Has the power to hire or fire the employee
- Exercises substantial supervision or control over the employee's work schedule or working conditions
- Determines the employee's rate or method of pay
- Maintains employment records

DCA will report back when the final rule is issued by DOL, and any impacts the rule would have on or members.

CGA DIRT Report Shows Promise and Opportunities

The Common Ground Alliance's (CGA) 2025 Damage Information Reporting Tool Data Summary & Trends delivered a clear warning to the underground utility construction industry. Damages to subsurface infrastructure is continuing to rise.

Released July 14, 2026, the report analyzes more than 221,700 unique damage reports submitted for 2025 from across the United States and Canada, making it one of the most comprehensive sources for understanding excavation-related damage trends. While CGA's damage index reached its highest level on record, the report's meaning is more complicated than a simple

conclusion that stakeholders are becoming less careful in meeting their respective responsibilities in the damage prevention process. Underground construction activity has expanded sharply in recent years, largely driven by broadband deployment, fiber expansion, energy projects, water and sewer improvements, transportation work and infrastructure programs supported by landmark federal investment in recent years.

The 2025 data shows that the industry's most persistent challenges remain largely unchanged. Telecommunications and natural gas facilities accounted for some 87 percent of reported damages, reflecting the pace of broadband construction occurring nationwide. As providers expand high-speed internet access and face increasing demand for electricity needed to power data centers, crews are excavating in increasingly crowded rights of way.

The report also cautions readers to interpret DIRT numbers carefully. Because DIRT is a voluntary reporting system, the number of incidents submitted for 2025 should not be read as a precise count of every underground utility damage event in North America. This broader view matters because raw damage totals do not tell the full story. A state with more damages may simply have more excavation, while a state with fewer reported damages may have less activity or less complete reporting.

Overall, the 2025 DIRT report presents both a warning and a roadmap. The warning is that underground utility damage is growing at a time when excavation activity is likely to remain high. Broadband expansion, gas distribution work, electric upgrades, water and sewer replacement and other infrastructure projects will continue placing crews near buried facilities. The roadmap is that known prevention practices—811 notification, accurate (GIS-grade) mapping, reliable locating, stronger laws and enforcement, technology and performance measurement—can reduce damages when they are implemented fully and consistently.

The bottom line the same root causes continue to appear, and the same facility types continue to be hit. The industry does not need to invent an entirely new approach as much as it needs to apply proven practices more rigorously and broadly. The contrast between rising national damage rates and improved performance shows that progress is possible when damage prevention becomes a managed, measured and accountable part of every excavation project. ▲



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Calendar

2026 & 2027 DCA and Industry Events

2026

OCTOBER 19 – 21

DCA Fall Meeting
Renaissance Dallas Addison Hotel
Addison, Texas
dcaweb.org

OCTOBER 26 – 28

Sunseeker Resort
Charlotte Harbor, Florida
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DECEMBER 2 – 4

2026 HDD Rodeo
Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter
Perry, Georgia
rodeo.trenchlesstechnology.com/

2027

JANUARY 26-27

Underground Infrastructure Conference (UIC)
Gaylord Texan Resort
Grapevine, TX
ui-conference.com

FEBRUARY 10-14

2027 PLCA Convention
Omni La Costa Resort & Spa
Carlsbad, California
www.plca.org

2027 (cont.)

FEBRUARY 22-27

DCA Annual Convention
Terranea Resort
Rancho Palos Verdes, California
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MARCH 5-10

PCCA Annual Convention 2027
Wyndham Grand Rio Mar
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
<https://www.pccaweb.org/calendar>

MARCH 21-25

NASTT No Dig 2027
Raleigh Convention Center
Raleigh, North Carolina
[https://nastt.org/events/nastt-2027-no-dig-
show-raleigh-nc/](https://nastt.org/events/nastt-2027-no-dig-show-raleigh-nc/)

MAY 9-12

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada
(PLCAC)
73rd Annual Convention
Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac
Quebec City, Quebec
www.pipeline.ca

JULY 12 – 15

DCA Mid Year Meeting
Omni Homestead Resort & Spa
Hot Springs, Virginia
dcaweb.org

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Member News



Dennis Kennedy

Dennis James Kennedy (November 24, 1941 – July 20, 2026)

DCA was saddened to hear of the passing of retired DCA Executive Vice President Dennis Kennedy on Monday, July 20th. Dennis was a valued leader of the DCA community through his years of service with the association.

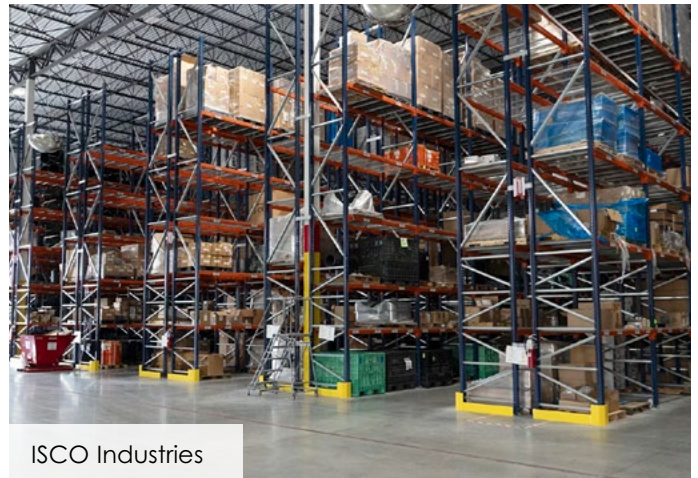
Kennedy joined DCA in 1989 and led the association's day-to-day operations until retiring in 2010. During his tenure, he played a key role in expanding the organization and strengthening its presence within the underground construction industry. Kennedy's leadership helped shape the association into what it is today.

Prior to his career with DCA, he served two tours in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War as a lieutenant. He later spent nearly three decades with the association, working closely with contractors and industry leaders while helping oversee its conventions and member programs.

Kennedy died surrounded by family after battling bladder, prostate and testicular cancer, Parkinson's disease and complications following a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife, daughter and three grandchildren. At his request, no funeral will be held, though the family plans a military tribute in recognition of his Navy service. Donations in his memory may be made to the Osteosarcoma Institute in honor of his grandson, a two-time cancer survivor at <https://osinst.org/coles-pack>.

Dennis Kennedy's obituary can be viewed here: <https://anaturalstatefuneralservice.com/2026/07/38757/>.



ISCO Industries

ISCO Industries Opens New Riverport Distribution Center

Monday, July 28, 2026 marked the official ribbon-cutting ceremony at ISCO Industries' new Riverport Distribution Center. The 110,000 square foot facility is across the street from the previous expansion and doubles ISCO's footprint at the Riverport location in Louisville.

"As ISCO strives to meet the rising customers' demands for HDPE piping products, we are thrilled that the Riverport expansion not only helps meet those needs, but it is another investment in our home of Louisville, Kentucky, and will help provide more opportunities for our people," said Mark Kirchdorfer, president of ISCO. "This new facility from ISCO Industries is a testament to not only our state's resources and business-friendly environment, but also to the skilled workforce and dedicated partners collaborating at the local and state level," said Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear.

The new building additionally features 16 loading bays and increased yard space to accommodate ISCO's continued growth. With the inventory from the previous distribution center transferred over, the existing space will be modified into an expanded rental and fabrication space. Additionally, ISCO is set to open a new location in Carlsbad, New Mexico and complete renovations and expansion at the facility in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Ellingson Companies Announced Two Leadership Promotions Within its Infrastructure Business

Ellingson Companies announced two leadership promotions within its infrastructure business, reinforcing the company's continued focus on operational excellence, project execution, and long-term growth.

Rob Hotz, P.E., has been promoted to vice president of HDD, where he will lead horizontal directional drilling work across the organization. In this expanded role, Hotz will help consolidate HDD operations, create greater flexibility across teams, and support continued operational synergies. He will also continue leading ECI's Trenchless division, bringing his experience and leadership to complex drilling projects across the company.

Jeff Saucier was promoted to vice president of major projects. In this role, Saucier will lead a team dedicated to supporting large-volume, high-risk, and multi-scope projects across the organization. This group will serve as a shared resource to help manage complex, multifaceted projects and ensure strong coordination from planning through execution.

These leadership updates reflect Ellingson's ongoing commitment to building scalable teams, strengthening project delivery, and creating a consistent client experience across its infrastructure work. Ellingson Companies provides infrastructure, utility, and water management solutions that help communities, contractors, industries, farmers, and landowners move critical projects forward with confidence.

With decades of experience in underground utility, horizontal directional drilling, environmental, pipeline, infrastructure, and agricultural water management work, Ellingson brings the equipment, expertise, and steady leadership needed to manage complex projects safely

and efficiently. Built on hard work, accountability, and long-term partnerships, Ellingson remains focused on delivering practical solutions, reliable execution, and consistent service from start to finish.



Finn Introduces the MBL1: A Compact, Entry-Level Material Blower Built to Maximize Efficiency and Material Savings

Finn Corporation is excited to introduce the Finn MBL1, its new, powerful entry-level material blower. Designed to help contractors and landscapers improve efficiency, reduce material waste, and deliver professional-quality results on every job.

Built specifically for residential and light commercial applications, the MBL1 provides a practical solution for crews handling smaller jobs, tight-access areas, and detail-oriented work. Its compact footprint and towable design make it easy to transport and use on site, while maintaining the Finn-standard durability and reliability.

At the core of the MBL1 is a Vanguard 23hp small-block V-Twin EFI engine with electric start, combining dependable performance with excellent fuel efficiency. A continuous-feed hopper ensures steady material flow with fewer interruptions, while a dual gearbox-driven airlock system with auto-reverse technology provides plenty of torque to cut through materials with ease, and keep your crew running all day long. With blower performance rated at 500 cfm @ 7 psi, operators can place material quickly, evenly, and accurately across a variety of jobsite conditions.

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The MBL1 stands apart in its ability to significantly reduce material waste. Where traditional hand spreading can lead to uneven coverage, over application, and material loss – especially in ornamental areas – the MBL1 helps deliver controlled, consistent application which improves coverage quality while reducing excess material costs on every job.

Designed to be easy to use for entry-level material blowers, the MBL1 features a simplified 8-button control panel, a user-friendly remote control with start/stop and emergency stop functions, and onboard telematics for monitoring and diagnostics. These intuitive controls make the machine easy to learn and operate, especially for first-time users, which helps crews get up to speed quickly and work more efficiently from day one.

The MBL1's compact design maximizes capability while providing a manual hose reel with 100 feet of 4-inch EcoStrike hose, giving crews the reach and flexibility needed for residential mulch jobs, ornamental areas, and hard-to-access spaces. This extended reach reduces unnecessary material handling and repositioning, further improving jobsite efficiency and minimizing waste. The lightweight, maneuverable unit is easy to transport and store, and has a small footprint relative to other material blowers, making it an ideal solution for small to mid-sized landscaping businesses and owner-operators.

Positioned as a true entry-level machine, the MBL1 focuses on doing one job exceptionally well: placing mulch and landscape materials faster, more evenly, and with less physical labor than traditional methods. For



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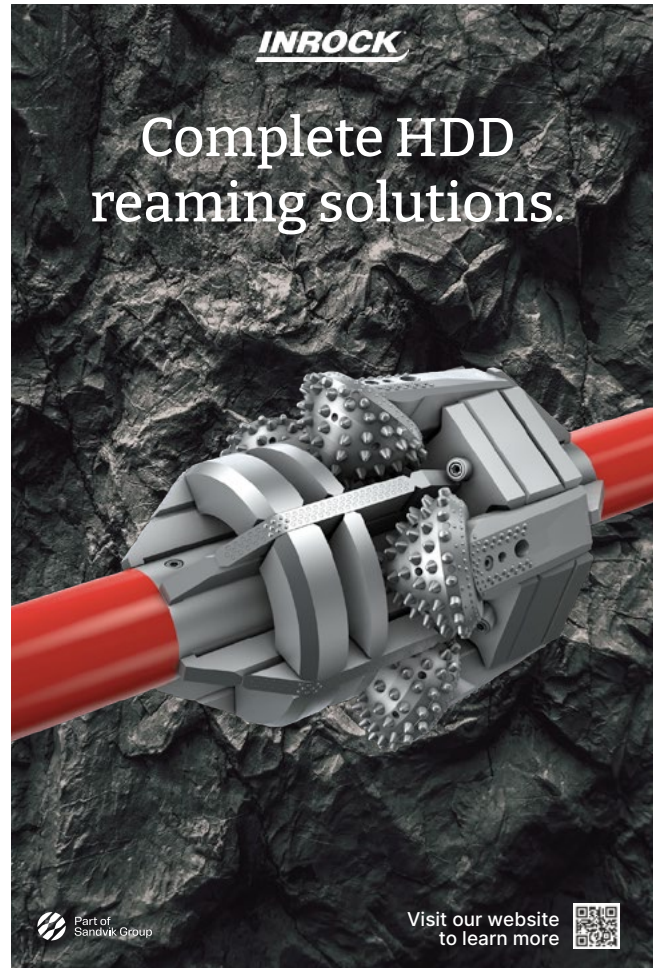
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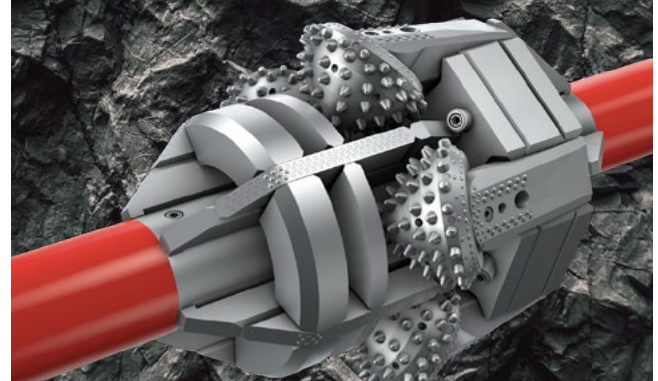
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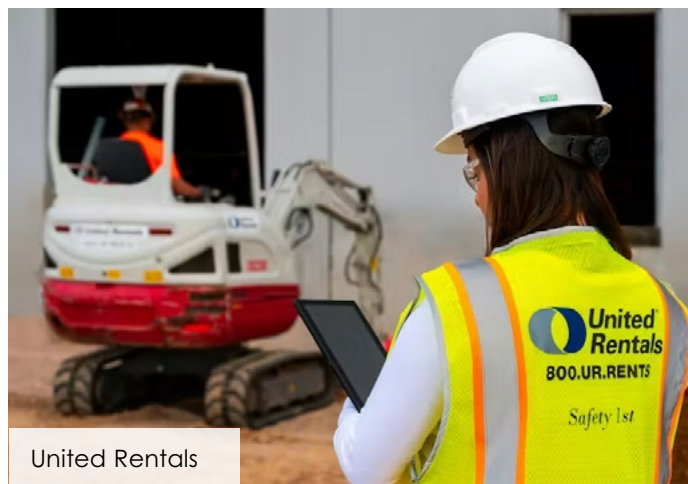
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contractors currently relying on wheelbarrows and hand spreading, the biggest advantage is the combination of faster installation times and more precise material usage, which helps lower material costs and establish more predictable job margins. Crews can complete jobs more consistently, reduce rework, and deliver a higher-quality result.

Ideal for residential landscape contractors, property maintenance crews, and businesses installing moderate volumes of mulch annually, the MBL1 delivers a strong return on investment by helping crews access a truly smarter way to work — one that maximizes both time and material efficiency, while keeping operation simple.

Finn's standard one-year warranty backs the Finn MBL1, ensuring dependable support and serviceability.



United Rentals Expands Digital Customer Experience with Equipment Agent Launch in ChatGPT

United Rentals expanded its AI-powered Equipment Agent to be accessible in ChatGPT, giving customers a faster, more intuitive way to identify equipment solutions for complex job sites and time-sensitive projects.

Originally launched earlier this year as a first-of-its-kind AI-powered equipment recommendation solution for the equipment rental industry, Equipment Agent uses a conversational experience to guide customers through key project requirements and quickly connect them to relevant equipment recommendations for the job.

"Leveraging AI can make expertise easier to access," said Tony Leopold, senior vice president - chief technology & strategy officer, United Rentals. "By bringing the Equipment Agent into ChatGPT, we're meeting

customers in the platforms they already use to plan work, solve problems and make decisions. It's part of our broader focus on creating digital experiences built around the speed, complexity and realities of modern job sites."

Equipment Agent incorporates fleet knowledge, application expertise and operational insight from across United Rentals' business. Early usage data indicates customers are leveraging the tool for specification and rental-related queries.

The expansion reflects United Rentals' broader innovation strategy focused on reducing friction for customers, improving access to expertise and building digital experiences that help jobsites operate more safely, efficiently and productively.

In other news, Wedge, the company's remote monitoring solution and a key component of its Worksite Performance Solutions portfolio, was named a 2026 Industrial IoT Product of the Year by TMC.

The award recognizes technology solutions that deliver measurable value through connected operations – across job sites, equipment and operations – and real-time data. For United Rentals, the recognition reflects the company's broader commitment to helping customers build safer, more productive and more connected job sites.

Wedge enables customers to remotely monitor and control equipment, environmental conditions and critical job-site parameters in real time. By delivering actionable insights from locations that may otherwise be difficult or costly to monitor, Wedge helps customers identify potential issues earlier, reduce risk and make more informed operational decisions.

"Wedge is more than a monitoring solution," said Kristen Bauer, Advanced Solutions, United Rentals. "It's part of our broader vision for a connected worksite where real-time data helps customers make faster decisions, reduce risk and keep projects moving forward."

From large construction projects and industrial facilities to critical infrastructure and temporary power applications, customers use Wedge to gain visibility into changing conditions and respond proactively. United Rentals is the largest equipment rental company in the world. Based in Stamford, Connecticut, the company has an integrated network of 1,663 rental locations in North America, 41 in Europe, 45 in Australia and 19 in New Zealand.

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every decision carries weight. Whether it's covering the ride or completing a critical bore, success depends on focus, preparation and execution when it matters most.

"For us, this partnership reflects a shared mentality," said Kevin Smith, president of Ditch Witch. "Our customers and these athletes both thrive in rugged environments where time is money. It's a natural fit because they are both built the same way. Built like you."

"Ditch Witch represents many of the same qualities our team and fans value," said Brandon Bates, CEO, Oklahoma Wildcatters. "This partnership brings together two organizations connected by resilience, earned trust and the ability to deliver in demanding situations."

Headquartered in Perry, Oklahoma, Ditch Witch has supported underground construction crews for more than 75 years, designing rugged and reliable equipment to help crews operate confidently in unpredictable environments all over the world.

As part of the partnership, Ditch Witch branding will appear throughout the Wildcatters season alongside fan engagement activities and promotional initiatives throughout the year. ▲

Ditch Witch Established A New Partnership With Oklahoma Wildcatters

Ditch Witch established a new partnership with Oklahoma Wildcatters, which competes in the PBR Teams league. The agreement unites two Oklahoma organizations defined by resilience, instinct and the ability to deliver when the pressure is on.

In professional bull riding, everything comes down to eight critical seconds. On the job site, underground construction crews face moments where timelines tighten and

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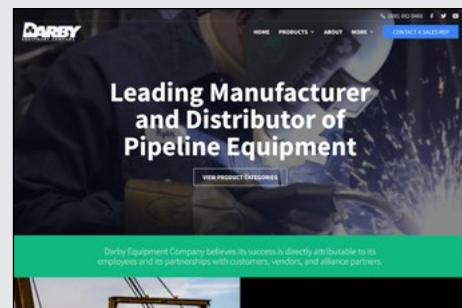
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