



January 24 - 25, 2024

Vancouver, BC Wosk Centre for Dialogue

580 West Hastings Street

Connecting industry leaders in Canada

Conference Program

Wednesday, January 24

09:00 -17:00

Registration Wosk Centre

10:00 - 10:45

Role of Private Equity in the Environmental Engineering Consulting (EEC) Sector

Workshop
Wosk Centre

The Clairvest workshop will provide an overview of the private equity ("PE") industry, describe why PE continues to be interested in investing in the AEC industry, outline benefits of bringing on a private equity partner, and highlight considerations to keep in mind when choosing a private equity partner for your business. Clairvest will also walk through a case study which will provide practical context to tie it all together. As background, Clairvest is a PE firm seeking partnerships with entrepreneurial engineering, consulting, and environmental firms to help build strategically significant businesses.



Moderator

Jason Boudreau

Founder

VELA Wealth



Presenter

Michael Andrisani
Vice President
Clairvest



11:00 - 11:45

Workshop

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Corporate Risk Management – A Tale of Two Consultants

During this workshop, participants will hear about corporate risk management through the lens of two fictional environmental engineers: Jill and John.

The workshop will provide attendees with:

- insights on the Canadian professional (E&O) insurance marketplace;
- the benefit of employing various risk management strategies;
- · learnings from Canadian case law; and
- insights drawn from real world professional claims.



Moderator Marissa Reckmann CEO AGAT Labs



Presenter

Carl Spensieri

Vice President

Berkley Canada



Presenter

Daniela Fuda

Assistant Vice

President

Berkley Canada

Hosted by 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch Delta Hotel 550 West Hastings Faramarz Bogzaran Fred Keating 13:30 - 14:00 **Opening Comments** Fred Keating **Wosk Centre** Master of Ceremonies **Welcome Remarks** Faramarz Bogzaran Managing Partner F&M Management Ltd Presenter 14:00 - 15:00 **Industry Benchmarking Presentation** Leroy Banack **Wosk Centre** Senior Partner F&M Management Ltd 15:00 - 15:30 **Networking Break** Wosk Centre Navigating the Integration Maze: 15:30 - 17:00 Successful Mergers and Acquisitions in a Dynamic Environment **Panel Session** Mergers and acquisitions (M&A) have long been a strategic tool for growth **Wosk Centre** in our industry. However, the complex process of combining two unique companies, each with its own culture, operations, and systems, can be fraught with challenges. Join us for an engaging panel discussion that delves into the intricacies of M&A integration and examines how organizations can achieve a seamless and successful union. Moderator Panelist Panelist Faramarz Bogzaran Chris Yakimak Holly Elrick Managing Partner **Director Acquisitions** F&M Management Ltd Stantec Matrix Solutions **Panelist Ted Rowe** President MTE Consultants Inc **Cocktail Reception** 17:30 - 20:30 **Terminal City** Club 837 W Hastings St Terminal City Club



07:30 - 17:00	Registration Wosk Centre		
07:00 - 08:15	Breakfast Delta Hotel		
08:30 - 10:00 Keynote Forum Wosk Centre	2024 CE3C is introducing the "Keynote Forum", where we are excited to feature two distinguished experts in their respective fields to discuss economic challenges, political shifts, and international influences on Canadian business. Drawing from their unique perspectives, they will explore specific examples of how the environmental and engineering consulting industry is affected by these factors. Engaging in a lively exchange, they will support or challenge each other's assumptions, offering valuable insights for our executives as they tackle the task of managing their operations in 2024. Our forum brings together Michael Campbell and Nik Nanos, both esteemed CE3C alumni. Michael is a renowned economist and one of Canada's most well-regarded business analysts, while Nik is a nationally recognized pollster with expertise in political, business, and social trends.	Fred Keating CE3C Master of Ceremonies	
		Keynote Speakers	
		The state of the s	Michael Campbell Senior Business Analyst
			Nik Nanos Founder Nanos Research Corporation
10:00 - 10:30	Networking Break Wosk Centre		
10:30 - 12:00	Pioneering the Future: Innovating Environmental and Engineering Consulting		
Panel Session Wosk Centre	This panel discussion will delve into the rapidly evolving landscape of environmental and engineering consulting. This session will explore cuttingedge concepts, technological advancements, and emerging trends that are shaping the future of the industry. Our expert panelists will share their experiences and insights, discussing how the consulting field is adapting to address the critical challenges of sustainable development and global environmental change as well as the opportunities these challenges may bring to the industry.		Moderator Ryan Steil Advisor Rhodium Digital Senior Director Deloitte Canada
	Panelist Allan Russell President and CEO McElhanney Ltd Panelist Dr. Mary Lou Lauria Vice President Worley, North America	a	Panelist Brian Lapos Senior Vice President Mott MacDonald Canada Limited



Lunch Delta Hotel

12:00 - 13:00

13:30 - 15:00

Panel Session Wosk Centre

Strategic Business Development: Identifying and Pursuing High-Value Opportunities

A robust and focused business development strategy is essential for environmental and engineering consulting firms. This panel discussion will delve into methods for identifying and pursuing high-value opportunities, strategies to secure new business in a competitive market, and the impacts of consolidations through mergers and acquisitions (M&As) or joint ventures (JVs).



Moderator
Valerie Geldart
Vice President
Bureau Veritas



Panelist

Darrell Haight

President and CEO

Trace Associates Inc



Panelist

Darren Cherniak

President

North Shore

Environmental

Consultants Inc



Panelist

Olivier Joyal

Executive Vice

President

WSP



Panelist

Greg Quandt

Senior Vice President

AECOM

15:00 - 15:30

Networking Break Wosk Centre

15:30 - 17:00

Panel Session Wosk Centre

Embracing the Future of HR: Addressing Challenges and Innovating Employee Engagement

The Human Resources landscape is rapidly changing, with companies facing a myriad of challenges in areas such as employee retention, work/life balance, and talent development. As organizations adapt to new work models and evolving employee expectations, HR professionals must find innovative strategies to attract, engage, and retain top talent. Join us for an insightful panel discussion as industry leaders delve into the pressing HR challenges and share their experiences in implementing novel solutions.



Moderator
Kevin Nilsen
President and CEO
ECO Canada



Panelist

Jen Petruniak

Executive Director

Dillon Consulting



Panelist

Andrew Karvonen

COO

Clifton Engineering

Group



Panelist
Michelle Cotton
President
Solstice Environmental
Management



Panelist

Charles Macmichael

Managing Partner

Canada

ERM

17:00

Wrap Up Remarks

Leroy Banack, Senior Partner, F & M Management Ltd

Closing Comments

Fred Keating, Master of Ceremonies

17:30 - 22:00

Rogue

601 West Cordova St

Cocktail Reception and Dinner

