



# THE NORTH AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION OUTLOOK CONFERENCE:

## Will the Current U.S. Downturn Cause Structural Damage?

21 MAY 2008



Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile  
540 North Michigan Avenue | Chicago, IL

As the crashing residential housing market pulls the U.S. economy into recession, the implications for the nonresidential, manufacturing, infrastructure, and financial sectors could be severe. Is the U.S. crisis contagious, and will it spread to the rest of the world? Join Global Insight's team of industry experts and economists as we examine North American construction markets in this time of turmoil.

This one-day event will thoroughly examine what is happening with the U.S. economy, paying particular attention to housing, credit, and material markets. The conference will provide an expert perspective on the enormous economic pressures bearing down on U.S. nonresidential markets and the residual effects in regions of Canada, the United States, and global markets.

**Register today, as space is limited for this event.**

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## ► **AGENDA** 21 MAY 2008

**8:00 A.M.**     **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**

**8:30 A.M.**     **Welcome and Overview**

Walt Arvin, President, Advisory Services Division, Global Insight

**8:45 A.M.**     **Housing Markets and the U.S. Economic Outlook**

Nigel Gault, Chief U.S. Economist, Global Insight

**9:30 A.M.**     **U.S. Nonresidential Outlook—Cracking Under Pressure**

Scott Hazelton, Director of Construction Services, Global Insight

**10:00 A.M.**     **BREAK**

**10:20 A.M.**     **North American Construction—A Regional Perspective**

Dale Orr, Managing Director, Canadian Macroeconomic Services, Global Insight

Mark Lauritano, Managing Director, Financial Services Custom Solutions, Global Insight

**11:15 A.M.**     **Global Construction—How Contagious Is the United States?**

Scott Hazelton, Director of Construction Services, Global Insight

**12:00 P.M.**     **LUNCH**

**1:15 P.M.**     **Renovation and Financials—The Glass Is Half Empty**

Steve L'Heureux, Business Development Director, Advisory Services Division,  
Global Insight

**2:00 P.M.**     **Long-term Transportation Infrastructure Construction Needs**

Maria Bertram, Senior Consultant, Trade and Transportation Group, Global Insight

**2:45 P.M.**     **BREAK**

**3:05 P.M.**     **Construction in a World of High Energy Prices**

Kevin Lindemer, Executive Managing Director, Energy Markets Group, Global Insight

**3:45 P.M.**     **Materials Costs—Higher Prices & Sporadic Shortages**

John Anton, Director, Steel Services, Global Insight

**4:30 P.M.**     **Closing Remarks**

Scott Hazelton, Director of Construction Services, Global Insight

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*Please note: agenda is subject to change.*