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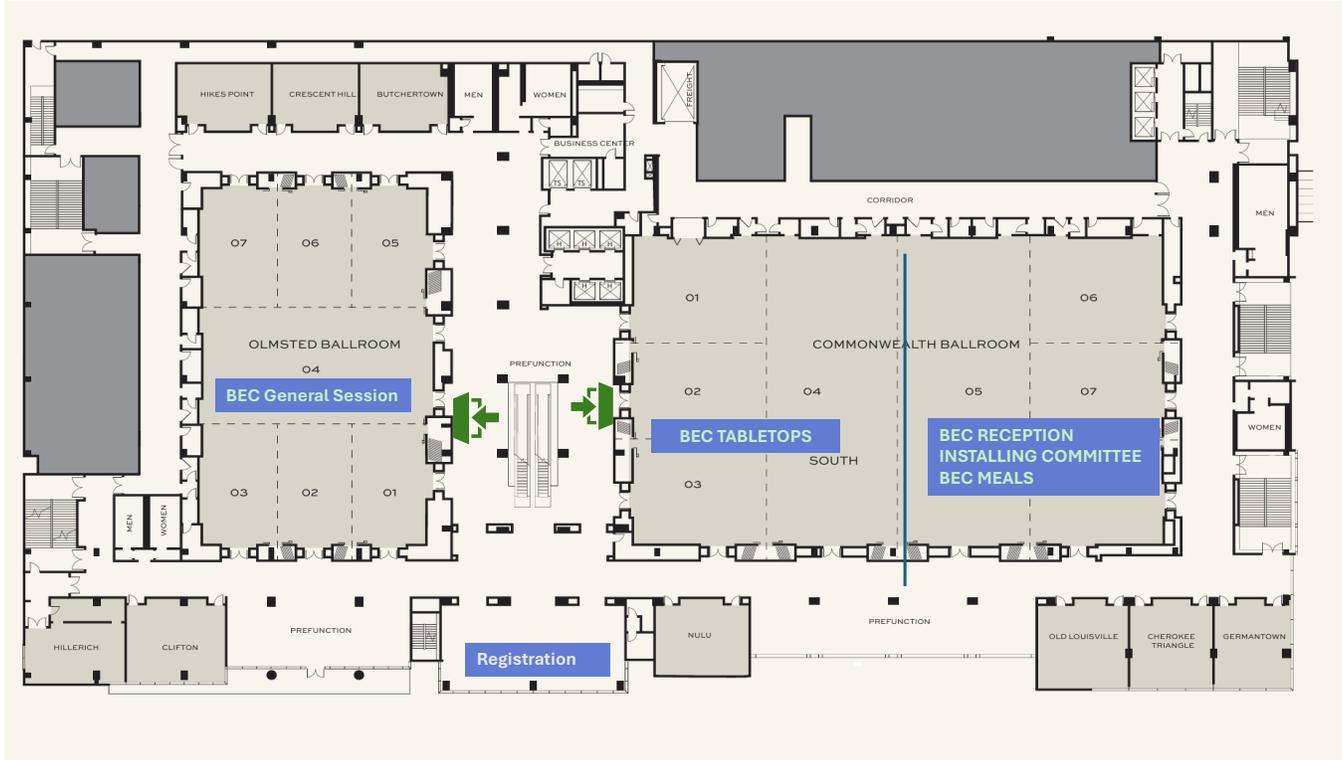
# 2026 BEC Conference

## EVENT LOCATIONS

Event activities located on Level 2 of the Omni Louisville Hotel.

Registration & General Session: Olmsted Ballroom;

Tabletop Display: Commonwealth 1-4; Meals: Commonwealth 5-8



## Sunday, March 1

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM Registration Desk Open

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Welcome Reception

## Monday, March 2

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM Registration Desk Open

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM NGA Installing Committee Meeting  
(Continental breakfast provided; meeting open to all attendees.)

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM BEC Conference Greetings & Introductions

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM From Overlooked to Unstoppable: The Workforce Revolution You’re Missing

It’s time to confront a reality facing construction, manufacturing and the skilled trades: labor shortages persist not because of a lack of talent, but because of who we choose to exclude. Drawing on national workforce leadership and lived experience, Joshua Johnson challenges outdated hiring assumptions and reframes second-chance hiring as a proven business strategy. This keynote shows employers how tapping overlooked talent can strengthen retention, stabilize crews and build resilient, future-ready teams.

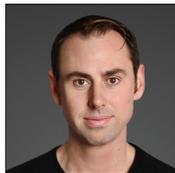


Joshua Johnson  
Founder  
The Redemption Collective

10:20 AM – 10:25 AM Take 5 Presentation, Dow  
“Decades of Performance: The Evolution of Silicone Sealants in Glazing”

10:30 AM – 11:10 AM New Gen, New Rules: Fresh Perspectives on  
Family Business Succession Strategies

This dynamic panel brings together next-generation leaders who have successfully navigated the complex journey of taking over established family businesses in the glazing industry. Gain invaluable insights into the practical realities of leadership transition—from managing legacy employees and family dynamics to implementing modernization while honoring company traditions. Panelists will share candid recommendations on what worked, what didn’t, and how to balance innovation with respect for the foundation that built these companies, providing actionable strategies attendees can immediately apply to their own succession planning or leadership journey.



*Moderator:*  
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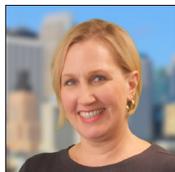
Emily Yukish  
President & CEO  
Specified Systems Inc.

11:15 AM – 11:20 AM Take 5 Presentation, Erdman Automation Corp.  
“Bringing Visibility, Accountability and Real-Time Support to the Shop Floor”

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Networking Lunch | Tabletop Displays Open

12:40 PM – 1:20 PM Protecting Legacies, Transitioning Leadership and Building the Next Generation

Tough economic times require innovation. It’s critical to develop future leaders, modernize processes and foster a culture that adapts to a changing workforce. Priscilla Koeckeritz (PK) returns to the BEC stage to dive deeper into the people, culture and labor challenges shaping the glass industry, sharing invaluable insights from her journey transforming Brin Glass. Participants can expect practical strategies for overcoming traditional mindsets and embracing innovation during tough economic times as well as actionable advice on navigating leadership transitions, protecting company legacies and building resilient teams equipped for the future challenges of the glass industry and beyond.



Priscilla Koeckeritz  
President & CEO  
Brin Glass Co.

1:25 PM – 1:30 PM

Take 5 Presentation, Q-railing – North America  
“Elevating Customer Success through Turnkey Railing Solutions”

1:35 PM – 2:00 PM

The Architect’s Perspective: What Glazing Contractors Need to Know about Design, Performance, Partnership & the Future of Glass

Join Timothy Hawk, FAIA, president of WSA, and NGA President and CEO Lakisha A. Woods, CAE, for a candid conversation about the forces reshaping architectural design—and what they mean for glazing contractors. From embodied carbon and thermal bridging to smart glass and supply chain resilience, architects are navigating intense performance pressures while clients demand transparency in every material decision. But here’s the opportunity: the glazing contractors who step up as design partners early—not just executors—are the ones winning more complex, higher-value projects.



Timothy Hawk, FAIA  
President  
WSA Studio



Lakisha A. Woods, CAE  
President & CEO  
National Glass Association

2:05 PM – 2:10 PM

Take 5 Presentation, sedak Inc.  
“New Capabilities of Multi-Curved Glass”

2:15 PM – 2:45 PM

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2:45 PM – 2:50 PM

Take 5 Presentation  
“NGA Foundation Initiatives & Impact”

2:50 PM – 3:30 PM

Industry Insights, Advocacy & Technical Advancements for Glazing Professionals

NGA’s Urmilla Sowell and Thomas Culp return to the BEC Conference to update glazing professionals on the latest technical advancements and industry initiatives shaping the glazing sector, including the new EPD generator tool for measuring embodied carbon, energy code trends and thermal enhancements, and developments in school security and daylighting standards—topics that directly impact project specifications and competitive positioning. Learn about emerging tools and resources you can leverage in your own work, understand upcoming code changes that may affect future projects, and hear about collaborative industry efforts that are driving the profession forward.



Tom Culp  
Owner, Birch Point Consulting  
Energy Code Contractor,  
National Glass Association



Urmilla Sowell  
Vice President Advocacy &  
Technical Services  
National Glass Association

3:35 PM – 3:40 PM

Take 5 Presentation, Vitro Architectural Glass  
“Evolution of Warm-Toned Low-E Glass”

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM

Building through Uncertainty: 2026 Construction Outlook

After a year of elevated uncertainty and shifting market forces, where is construction headed in 2026? In this session, Sarah Martin will unpack what’s driving change across key commercial sectors and the macroeconomy. Discover how markets are projected to perform, alongside potential risks and opportunities that will shape the industry this year.



Sarah Martin  
Associate Director of Forecasting  
Dodge Construction Network

4:20 PM – 4:30 PM

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“Seasoning the Building Envelope: Glazing A Healthy Workplace for Dan-O’s HQ”

4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

How to Be More Interesting Than a Cell Phone®

Whatever you want from life, you need to be more interesting to get it. People give us promotions, propositions and proposals. That means you need to attract more of them to you. In this engaging and humorous keynote led by Deedre Daniel, you’ll discover the secrets to attracting the right people and seizing new opportunities. In this personal and professional development session, you will learn how to increase your opportunities using a combination of creative thinking, humor and building connections. Many people need to remember to be more mindful of how they present themselves to others. This program encourages you to identify and tackle poor communication habits and embrace better ones to lead more exciting lives and inspire others to do the same. Boost your personal and professional success by becoming more interesting than a cell phone!



Deedre Daniel  
Comedic Keynote Speaker  
Game Inventor & Company Founder  
The Interesting Conversations Company

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Tabletop Reception & Bourbon Tasting

## Tuesday, March 3

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7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Registration Desk Open

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Networking Breakfast | Tabletop Displays Open

9:15 AM – 9:20 AM

Welcome Back Greetings

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

AI Is Your New Power Tool: Timelines & Takeoffs

Are you ready to cut through the AI hype and get realistic, actionable guidance on implementing artificial intelligence and data modeling throughout your glazing business? Rather than focusing on chatbots or AI-enabled software features, Ethan Turner and his panel will share proven strategies for leveraging AI at both the company and project levels-transforming how you budget, forecast, manage resources and make strategic decisions. Hear an open conversation among glazing company executives as they talk about leadership transitions, technology, finding and keeping great people, and more.



*Moderator:* Ethan Turner  
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Tyler Clark  
Preconstruction Manager  
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Johnny Maghzal  
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10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Hot Topics in Construction Law from Immigration and Beyond

Construction attorneys Steven Henderson and Robin McGuffin of Stites & Harbison will cover important current legal issues impacting the construction industry, including practical tips for managing immigration enforcement and strategies for mitigating risk during contract negotiations and contract performance on key issues such as unforeseeable material price increases, payment terms and project delays. Glazing leaders will come away with resources and immediately actionable strategies to bring back to their companies.



Steven Henderson  
Construction Attorney  
Stites & Harbison PLLC



Robin McGuffin  
Construction Attorney  
Stites & Harbison PLLC

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM Networking Breakfast | Tabletop Displays Open

11:20 AM – 11:50 AM How to Maximize Profits in Pre-Construction

Brandon Bellegarde and Tyler Faulk will dive into the different accuracy and efficiency problems in pre-construction and the tools and tactics that can be used to improve profitability. Attendees will learn how to identify waste across the four pre-construction phases; leverage emerging technologies, including AI; and enhance efficiency in drafting, engineering and estimation. The session addresses the critical competitive advantage that early adopters of modern pre-construction tools will gain as the industry undergoes significant transformation over the next five years. Through real-world anecdotes and practical examples, participants will discover concrete steps to modernize their operations, improve project timelines and position their companies ahead of industry shifts.



Brandon Bellegarde  
Chief Executive Officer  
Drafting Marketplace



Tyler Faulk  
Chief Experience Officer  
Drafting Marketplace

11:50 AM – 12:30 PM Glazing Technology for Installation

Travis Nevins will moderate a panel of vendors and technology experts to showcase innovative solutions that are transforming architectural glass and metal installation on the jobsite. Attendees will discover how emerging technologies—from robotic layout stations to load stabilization devices—can simultaneously improve worker safety, boost profit margins, accelerate project timelines and deliver consistent quality results. The session addresses one of the industry’s most pressing challenges: how to supplement the skilled workforce with smart technology while maintaining the craftsmanship glazing contractors are known for. Participants will leave with practical knowledge about cutting-edge tools they can implement immediately, along with insights into ROI considerations, training requirements and real-world applications from contractors already using these innovations. This is an essential session for glazing professionals looking to stay competitive, work smarter and position their companies at the forefront of jobsite efficiency and safety.



*Moderator:* Travis Nevins  
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12:30 PM Event Wrap-up

# Tabletop Displays

Location: Commonwealth Ballroom 2, 3, 4

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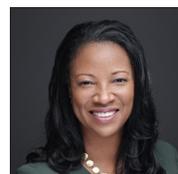
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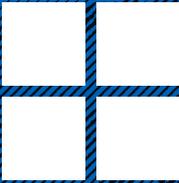
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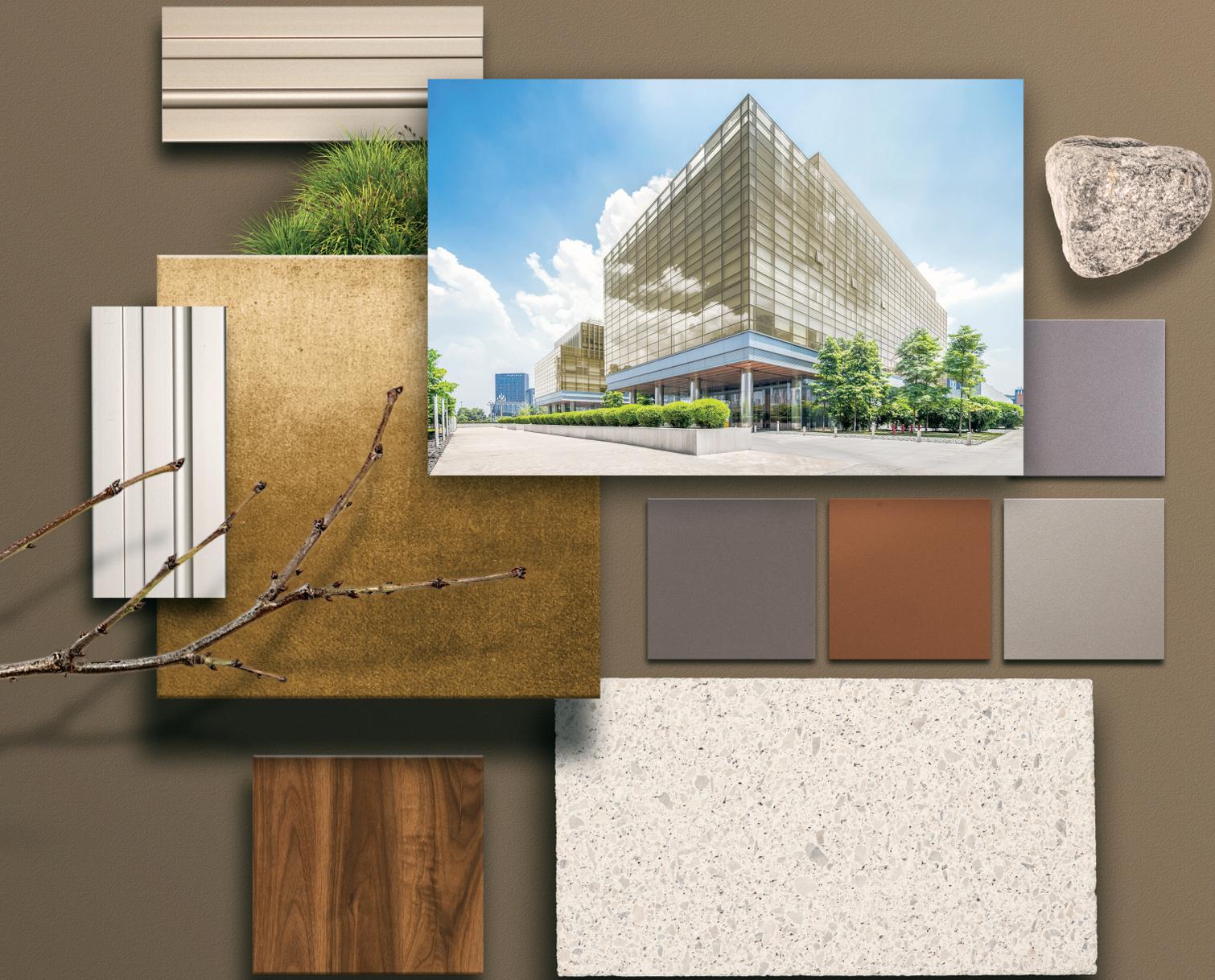
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