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PCEA would like to thank all our sponsors for supporting us throughout the year.

I take great pride in stepping into my 1st term as PCEA Orlando Chapter 22 President. Having been heavily involved in PCEA for 12 years, this organization is near and dear to my heart. The personal and professional relationships I have built and maintained through this organization are invaluable.

For 2023/2024, I aim to build upon our membership with a more diverse, inclusive membership. Ensuring value is brought to our group with membership designed as PCEA was formed, having 33.3% Owner/Developer, General Contractor, and Subcontractor/Vendor. Ideas and commonalities arise through that diversity, which strengthens our group. We have a great year ahead, and the assembled board is eager to work. I am grateful for their dedication to the organization. Again, I would like to thank outgoing President Chris Joyce. His leadership and service certainly did "Make PCEA Great Again"!

In addition to sustainable and diverse growth, we will aim to have a great year of education, socialization, philanthropy, and monthly meetings. For our monthly meetings, we plan to bring in top-tier speakers and panels to educate and give the most up-to-date market information to our current and new members, keeping them engaged throughout the year.

Thank you all for your continued support of PCEA! If you would like to participate outside of member meetings and know more about how you can get more involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the other board members!

June 2023

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- **June Membership Meeting**
Craig Ustler, Creative Village Update
27 Jun 2023 – 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Citrus Club,
255 S Orange Ave #1800, Orlando, FL 32801
- **PCEA Summer Golf**
14 Jul 2023 – 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Forest Lake Golf Club
- **July Membership Meeting**
25 Jul 2023 – 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Citrus Club,
255 S Orange Ave #1800, Orlando, FL 32801

ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE FOR ALL EVENTS

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Jun 27

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GROUP OF COMPANIES

**CREATIVE
VILLAGE
UPDATE**



PCEA SUMMER

Registration
Open

GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 14, 2023 ✨ 8:30 AM

FOREST LAKE GOLF CLUB

\$475 per foursome

7:30 am - Registration

8:30 am - Shotgun Start

Golf, Range Balls, Breakfast,
Door Prizes & Raffles!



In lieu of a sandwich at Forest Lake's Rusty Niblick Pub after the round, this year, all who choose can post up at any good Winter Garden/Orlando watering hole.

We want to thank the outgoing members of the board for their efforts and commitment to our organization. Their hard work and leadership have been instrumental in making this year a success.



DEBT CEILING BREACH WOULD SINK CONSTRUCTION STARTS BY AS MUCH AS 30%

• A prolonged debt ceiling breach that languishes into July would cause a 14% drop in 2023 construction starts and a further 9% tumble in 2024, according to a forecast from Dodge Construction Network. From the market's peak in 2022, that would translate into a 30% loss in new building activity.

• Meanwhile, a short debt ceiling breach, where Congress resolves the crisis within a week or so after the breach, would cause a 3% drop in construction starts in 2023, before a muted 1% rebound in 2024.

• "Our expectation is that Congress and the president will ultimately come to an agreement before the final date," Richard Branch, Dodge chief economist, told Construction Dive. "The odds of a breach are low, but they are not zero."

The report, released Tuesday, called the ongoing battle over raising the debt ceiling "the most pressing concern" facing the \$1 trillion construction sector, with the potential to have significant repercussions for government spending and overall economic stability.

"Considering the potential impact on businesses across

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the sector, it's important for business leaders to consider all scenarios, regardless of whether it's good news or bad," Branch said.

The U.S. Treasury has said that the federal government will bump into its mandated debt limit as soon as June 1. By law, Congress must vote to raise that threshold so the government can continue borrowing money to pay its bills. Otherwise, it would default on its debts, an outcome that would likely cause global economic calamity, since the U.S. is viewed as the world's safest financial harbor.

Before agreeing to a debt hike, however, Republicans in control of the House want a broader resolution to cut overall government spending. Meanwhile, Democrats are lobbying for a "clean increase" before addressing a larger spending framework.

The consensus remains that Congress will avoid a default before the June deadline, said Ginger Chambless, head of research for commercial banking at JPMorgan Chase. Likewise, the Dodge report notes the two scenarios it lays out still seem unlikely to occur.

Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) said Tuesday a deal could materialize "by the end of the week" after a meeting with President Joe Biden and congressional leaders at the White House, according to The New York Times.

Biden tapped two senior officials, Office of Management and Budget Director Shalanda Young and counselor Steve Ricchetti on Tuesday to lead negotiations with McCarthy's

deputy, Republican Rep. Garret Graves of Louisiana, on the debt ceiling talks. Still, some Senate Democrats are pressing Biden not to agree to any deal that involves concessions to Republicans, such as rolling back tax breaks in the Inflation Reduction Act.

Under forecasts in which Congress avoids a default, the Dodge report pegs construction starts to grow 2% in 2023 and another 6% in 2024.

In this best-case scenario, private sectors such as residential, office, hotel and warehouse projects, would still feel pressure due to construction costs, labor shortages and financing concerns. But public sectors, such as infrastructure, education and healthcare, would offset those slumps, largely due to boosts from federal funding packages.

If Congress fails to avert the crisis by the June deadline, all verticals would slow down in 2023 and 2024, including those boosted by federal funding packages, according to Dodge.

From peak to trough, total construction starts would lose approximately 30% under this worst-case scenario. That compares to a 40% loss in starts during the Great Recession. Nevertheless, this potential slowdown would differ from that contraction, according to Dodge.

Unlike the 2007 to 2009 period, there are no "significant systemic issues" facing the economy. That means the broader market should transition to a healthy recovery in construction starts by late 2024 in the prolonged breach scenario and early 2024 in the short breach scenario, according to the report.