Our Featured Speaker:
Ken Wright, Vice President, HDR Engineering, Inc. &
William Batzel, P.E. American Bridge Corp.

Tappan Zee Constructors LLC (TZC), comprised of Fluor Enterprises, Inc., American Bridge Company, Granite Construction Northeast, Inc., and Traylor Bros., Inc., formed a joint venture that combines local, national, and international experience to design and construct the New NY Bridge. The 3.1-mile twin span cable-stayed bridge with angled main span towers is the single largest bridge construction project in New York’s history.

**Discussion Topics:**

- The selection process of HDR, Inc. and American Bridge Co. for this significant project?
- Was Design/Build the delivery format of choice from the onset?
- Could this project be completed with the same degree of success using normal DOT procurement methods?
- Description of the bridge replacement in size, planning, design, budget, schedule, scope, means & methods, logistics, and challenges.
- Can Design/Build be utilized by PA DOT to the same degree of success on major projects like the Tappan Zee Replacement?
About Our Featured Speakers

**Bill Batzel, Construction Engineer, American Bridge Company.**

While earning his civil engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Bill worked as a Co-Op student for AB from 2007 to 2009. He became a full time, field engineer for the company in January 2010, and a Temporary Works Manager in June 2016. Over the years, Bill has had the opportunity to work on some of AB’s most challenging projects including the Williams Pipeline Bridges Cable Replacement near Houston, TX, the Walt Whitman Suspension & Anchorage Spans Deck Replacement in Philadelphia, PA, and the Tappan Zee Hudson River Crossing in Tarrytown, NY. He is currently working in AB’s Engineering Department – East developing temporary works and performing means & methods engineering for projects across the United States.

**Ken Wright, NE Principal Bridge Engineer and Principal Project Manager, HDR**

He earned a BSCE from Lehigh University in 1982 and an MBA from Baker College 2007.

He has been with HDR for 36 years, in several roles including Section Manager for structures in Pennsylvania and Transportation Business Group Manager for PA, WV and OH. He is currently involved in the pursuit of several large design-build projects around the region.

His key design-build assignments have included the Independent Design Quality Manager for the $287M Cleveland Innerbelt CCG1, the Design Manager for the $3.142B Tappan Zee Bridge Replacement in NY, and the Lead Engineer for the PA Rapid Bridge Replacement Project.