



Building Resilience

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Opportunities

Building Resilience Together means embracing change, investing wisely, and supporting one another through challenges. In this issue, we spotlight Brian Robinson, who transformed adversity during the Great Recession into opportunity by founding a construction company and expanding into three successful franchise locations. We also explore how construction businesses can future-proof operations by spending smarter—not just less—especially in workforce management to retain skilled labor and reduce long-term costs. Finally, we highlight the U.S. Department of Transportation's announcement of \$46 million in grants to support innovative finance and asset concession strategies, reinforcing our shared commitment to resilient infrastructure and sustainable growth.

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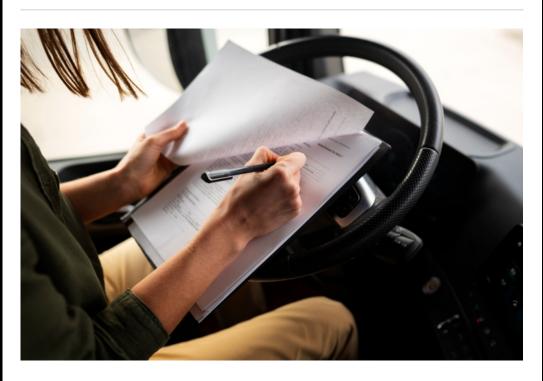


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