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“Owners are considering advances in bridge design and construction that are helping them do more in less time and reduce overall project costs.”

Chris Price is senior vice president and national bridge practice leader. He has 32 years of experience serving HNTB in a variety of leadership roles, including bridge department manager, bridge project manager and bridge project engineer.

Price has served as project manager on many large and complex bridge projects, including the Robinson Street and BNSF Railway Underpass Improvements in Norman, Oklahoma; the I-470/U.S. 75/Kansas Turnpike Authority Interchange in Topeka, Kansas; and I-435 and U.S. 69 Improvements in Overland Park, Kansas.

His leadership experience includes oversight for many engineering disciplines within complex projects, including geotechnical service, railway track design, street design and traffic analysis.

With more 100 years of infrastructure service, HNTB has been recognized as an industry leader in planning, design and construction of complex, long-span and movable bridges. HNTB has served clients on numerous award-winning signature bridge projects across the United States, including the Gov. Mario M. Cuomo Bridge and the Kosciuszko Bridge in New York; Tilikum Crossing in Portland, Oregon; the Franklin Avenue Bridge in Minneapolis; and the Jeremiah Morrow Bridge in Warren County, Ohio.

Infrastructure industry opportunities and trends Price can help address include:

- **Role of design-build in the bridge industry**

The bridge market is transitioning from a time when the majority of complex bridge work was delivered via traditional approaches, such as design-bid-build. The market is quickly moving, and in most places already there, toward a reality where the majority of complex bridges will be developed through alternative delivery methods, such as design-build. This shift likely is permanent because of the advantages to contractors and owners that alternative delivery offers. Contractors are always seeking ways to positively impact the three facets of a project: cost, schedule and quality. Design-build as an alternative delivery method can dramatically impact project schedule, thus saving significant construction costs and reduction of risk. That advantage isn't necessarily going away in the future. Rather, see alternative delivery methods will be the primary choice of owners to meet their bridge needs.

- **Innovations in bridge building**

In addition to alternative delivery, the future is for the firms who can employ the best and most innovative project delivery tools. These are innovations in product and process that help contractors and owners positively impact those three facets of a project mentioned earlier. If we offer tools to help contractors and owners better manage those components of a project resulting in

more efficient product delivery and higher project value, then we will continue to win in the future.

- **Making the shift to today's accelerated bridge delivery methods**

We are witnessing a rapid metamorphosis in bridge design and construction. And, undoubtedly, the industry will continue to evolve to reflect funding dynamics. Adopting these best practices now will allow an owner to take full advantage of today's accelerated delivery methods and better position itself for those sure to come tomorrow.

Education

Master of Business Administration, University of Missouri

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