



# TradeConnect 2025 March 18, 2025

The 2nd annual TradeConnect conference took place on March 18, 2025, at the RBC Convention Centre, bringing together industry leaders and professionals for a day of insightful discussions and networking. The joint business conference started with a breakfast and inspiring keynote by Leah Goldstein, a world champion kickboxer, world-class cyclist, and martial arts expert. Goldstein's keynote, "No Limit Mindset," set the tone for a day focused on overcoming challenges.

The conference featured a tradeshow with 21 booths, showcasing the latest technology and products in the industry. Throughout the day, participants selected from 16 breakout sessions, each covering key topics impacting the construction and contracting sectors. These sessions included discussions on:

- Delay Claims from a Subcontractor Perspective
- Change Orders & Negotiation Strategies
- CCA-1 Stipulated Price Subcontracts
- Integrated Project Delivery
- Successful Design-Assist Projects
- BIM Adoption in Construction
- Navigating Windows 10 End of Life
- Private Equity Strategies for Contractors
- Performance Security and SDI
- Tax-Efficient Investments in Corporate Structures
- Prompt Payment Legislation
- Psychological Injuries & WCB Legislation
- Construction AI for MEP Projects
- Digital Advanced Work Packaging
- Energy Code Update
- Technology for Trade Contractors Efficiency

The afternoon featured a state of the industry keynote by Bill Ferreria, followed by a panel discussion moderated by Richard Cloutier. The panel, which included Bill Ferreria, Julien Lafleche, Tanya Palson, and Meghan Lavallee discussed the labour market in Manitoba.

The day concluded with a reception, where attendees enjoyed drinks and passed appetizers, providing an opportunity for further networking and discussions.

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