



TRENDS IN  
CONSTRUCTION  
TECHNOLOGY –  
THE POTENTIAL  
IMPACT ON PROJECT  
MANAGEMENT  
AND CONSTRUCTION  
CLAIMS



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Construction Modeling Activity on Projects as Reported by General Contractors and Trade Contractors

BIM USES	GENERAL CONTRACTORS	TRADE CONTRACTORS
Crew Locations and Workforce Planning	14%	

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Penn State College of Engineering prepared a study investigating how linking sensors on structures and virtual models can better ensure the safety of construction workers on or around temporary structures. Monitoring of these temporary structures remains one of the largest safety concerns on job sites. The investigation concluded that CPS monitoring can promote safer construction and prevent failure of temporary structures through “virtual prototyping, data acquisition systems and communication networks.”

Two other examples of how new technology can enhance project site safety include the following.

- **Spot-R** – This is a small, belt mounted sensor that automates safety reporting on project sites. The sensor unit, combined with a wireless system, tracks worker movements and logs their activity data. The sensor utilizes an accelerometer, a gyroscope, and an altimeter to instantly recognize when and where a worker has fallen or stumbled. The sensor provides real time notification of hazards and injuries. This allows safety managers and superintendents to know where and when a safety incident occurred and logs all relevant data concerning each incident.<sup>42</sup>
- **Intrusion Detection Systems** – The current intrusion detection system, Railroad Intrusion Detection System (“RIDS”)

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## Industry Type

Commercial	66.2%
Transportation	22.6%
Residential	14.0%
Industrial	13.7%
Water/Wastewater	10.1%

## Company Type

Contractor/Construction Manager	72.5%
Subcontractor/Material Supplier	19.0%
Architectural/Engineering/Design Firm	2.4%
Owner/Developer	2.2%
Government Agency	0.4%
Other	3.6%

## Size of Companies

1-5 Employees	3.5%
6-20 Employees	7.5%
21-50 Employees	14.2%
51-100 Employees	15.0%
101-200 Employees	16.0%
201-500 Employees	19.8%
501-1,000 Employees	8.8%
Over 1,000 Employees	15.2%

## Annual Sales Volume

Less than US\$1 Million	3.5%
US\$1-\$5 Million	5.6%
US\$6-\$20 Million	14.5%
US\$21-\$50 Million	18.6%
US\$50-\$100 Million	15.6%
US\$201-\$500 Million	13.6%
Over US\$500 Million	16.7%

## Daily Device Usage


Technologies Experimented With

Drones	20.7%
3D Scanners	10.2%
3D Printers	5.1%
Virtual Reality	4.9%
Augmented Reality	4.2%
Wearable Devices	3.6%
Other	2.9%
None	70.3%





# APPENDIX A





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