



Graduation

### YOU WILL LEARN:

#### **Module 1: The Contract Mindset**

- How to look at every provision of a contract the way experienced lawyers do
- An understanding of the contract environment and how Contract Documents fit together
- To handle the risk presented by what is perhaps the most important provision in the entire contract: the Entireties Provision

### **Module 2: Contract Negotiation**

- To get the other side to agree to changes even in so-called "take-it-or-leave-it" contracts
- Top communication and negotiation techniques to optimize your results and protect your interests while building relationships
- A simple and effective technique that most lawyers don't even know about revising contracts to your advantage

#### **Module 3: Contract Triage**

- To spot and avoid the traps and dealbreakers that routinely cost Subcontractors hundreds of thousands of dollars
- How to protect your cashflow and optimize your right to full payment right from the outset

#### Module 4: Hidden Killers

- How to sidestep the hidden traps in your contract that even the most experienced professionals often miss
- What you can and can't accept as the Standard of Care and why your decision could cost or save you six figures
- How to spot the dangers in so-called boilerplate provisions and turn them to your advantage

#### **Module 5: Definitions**

- Why this Module was the biggest "aha" moment for just about everyone in our pilot program How definitions written by the General Contractor can determine whether you make or lose money on any given project
- How lawyers use definitions as one of their most powerful tools in writing and revising contracts...and how you can too

#### Module 6: Payment

- How to get paid for all the work you do each time, every time
- What to do when you're not getting paid
- How to lower your risk and help your cashflow even in pay-if-paid and pay-when-paid contracts

### Module 7: Changes in the Work

- How you can make sure to get paid for changes in the work
- Where most subcontractors lose the change order argument before it even gets started
- How to preserve your right to get paid even without a signed change order

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#### **Module 8: Warranties**

- Why the warranty in your contract may not be the warranty you intend to give
- The crucial revision you must make to your warranty language if your scope includes the equipment installation
- What a warranty gap is and why you should care

#### Module 9: Indemnification

- To understand indemnification...finally
- To find and eliminate the dealbreakers in all that legalese
- Three simple words to add to your indemnification provision to protect your business

## **Module 10: Insurance and Bonding**

- The crucial differences between insurance and bonding
- What sureties care about and how to get and stay bondable
- The ins and outs of all that legalese in typical insurance provisions

#### **Module 11: Suspension and Termination**

- How to protect your interests even when projects go south
- How revising the language can mean the difference between something minor and something that can significantly impact your business
- How and when to suspend work or walk away

# **Module 12: Dispute Resolution**

- The differences between Mediation, Litigation and Arbitration
- How to figure out which kind of dispute resolution is right for you
- Small changes in the legal language that can make a big difference when it comes to protecting your organization and collecting money you've earned