

Hello, everybody. Dennis Engelbrecht with Digging Deeper, our blog series, trying to dig deep into daily construction issues.

So, today's blog, comes from another one of our members. And this member is from Alaska. So, he has a specific perspective, I guess, on today's subject. And the subject is the value of a spring day. And wherever you are, that could be the value of a summer day. But for him in Alaska, there isn't too much you can do on outdoor work up until May in many cases. Perhaps some of April, but some of May.

But today in the construction world of, course, meeting schedule is becoming more and more difficult simply because we don't have the supply of construction workers and people and skilled people to get the job done as well as we need to. So, we seem to be working short all the time. And then, of course, things happen such as weather and other impacts that may happen on a job site that can put you off schedule.

So, in thinking about this, what Joe had to say was that understanding the value of that spring day, which may be near the beginning of your projects, and when you actually have everything going your way, to try to get more done there. Maybe you work overtime at that point, and you're working 12-hour days, so you can get ahead, with the idea that come October or November, it's going to be very hard to get a lot of things done or certain things done. And later in the project, when you have all the trades working on top of each other, of course, it's much, much harder to make good progress or extra progress.

So, whether it's working a longer day or working a Saturday, and if you're a project manager, thinking about how you can get ahead of the job. Plan ahead to get ahead and utilize that spring day or that summer day to get ahead. And the rest of our contractors in the group really took onto that. And one of them, Todd Hodges, his plan is to go back and really try to quantify the value of that day and quantify the impact it can have by taking full advantage or not taking full advantage of that day. So hopefully he can get his superintendents, project managers, thinking about the value of that spring day and what impact it can have long-term on the project.

Again, Dennis Engelbrecht, Digging Deeper. Hope to see you again next week, and don't forget about our bootcamp. Next session starting in February and hoping to have some of you apply. Thanks a lot.