

Noted Futurist/Economist Jason Schenker To Keynote C&D World 2021

Jason Schenker, voted the most accurate economic prediction, will be the keynote speaker at C&D World 2021, the Annual Meeting of the CDRA March 21-23 in Austin, TX. The event will be in person and will follow and even go beyond all recommended CDC guidelines. Here is a link to all the safety steps the host hotel will be taking, which go above and beyond the expected: <https://vimeo.com/490854460>. Even then, a virtual option will be offered to stream the event's educational sessions.

Jason Schenker is the Chairman of The Futurist Institute and the President of Prestige Economics. He has written 32 books on emerging technologies, business strategy, finance, and the economy. Bloomberg News has ranked Jason the number 1 forecaster in the world in 26 different categories since 2011.

C&D World, the only event focused on the C&D industry, has long been known as the gathering place for the industry because of the excellent networking opportunities. At the urging of the CDRA Board and its members, that will still happen, but for 2021 the exhibit hall will be spread out and any adjacent booths will not face each other. The single room used for sessions is large, allowing for maximum distance between participants. And throughout it all sanitary measures will include numerous hand cleansing stations, food and beverage dispensed in individual containers, and electrostatic germ cleaning equipment.

These added actions will in no way distract from the quality of the program, or the ability to see the latest goods and services available to the industry in the exhibit hall. An economic forecast in the time of Covid is planned, as well as end markets discussions, working to get government grants, and other useful sessions are planned.

Registration to C&D World is open and there are still spots available in the exhibit hall, as well as sponsorship opportunities. For information on those, or anything else connected with C&D World 2021, please contact William Turley, turley@cdrecycling.org; 630-258-9047.

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NJ's Environmental Justice Law: A Potential Model for EJ National Focus

New Jersey's recently enacted Environmental Justice Law is being characterized as one of the broadest in the United States and is seen as a potential legal model for other states and the federal government. The new law has gained the attention of President-Elect Joe Biden, who intends to establish an office concerning environmental justice within the Department of Justice. In short, the law requires evaluation of the impact of a facility on the surrounding community in connection with certain permits, and empowers the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to deny permits if disproportionate impacts on an overburdened community are found. While the new law contains a strong framework for addressing environmental justice, complicated issues perhaps should be considered and resolved before the law can take effect and serve as a model for other jurisdictions. This writing provides an overview of the law and offers questions for consideration before the law's implementation.

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CDRA Member Spotlight: Lenzie Johnson Jr., COO L&J Recycling Baltimore, MD



What materials do you recycle?

We separate out aggregate, wood, drywall, metal, OCC, carpet and vinyl using our processing facility that has been in operation since 2010. We currently have 14 trucks and about 400 rolloffs to collect the material.



How did you get started in the business?

Twenty-six years we started as L&J Construction, but started the processing facility so we could stop shipping out the waste and start processing it.



What are the biggest challenges in your market and C&D recycling?

Like almost all recyclers, finding end markets for our products.

Where are the biggest opportunities?

We have worked hard to meet LEED requirements to better serve our customers.

How long have you been a member of CDRA?

Four years.

What inspired you to join CDRA?

The ability to have a dialogue with other recyclers from around the country. We attended the C&D World in Brooklyn and met with several other recyclers who were facing the same challenges.

What do you find most rewarding about working in this industry?

The environmental benefits brought by recovering these materials and keeping them out of the landfill.

What challenges have you faced over the years and how have you overcome them?

Getting and maintaining compliance with all the permits needed to run a C&D recycling operation.

What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?

I go to every Baltimore Raven football game. We recently did a company outing where we brought the entire company to a game, including a hospitality tent and meeting with cheerleaders. Our workers are still talking about what a great event it was. Great for team building.

How do you think the industry is changing and what trends do you see coming up on the horizon?

There is going to be more and more automation in the sorting process.

What advice would you give to someone interested in this industry?

Before getting started check with your local officials and jurisdictions to find out all the permits and rules to be followed.

Best piece of business advice you've needed or learned over the years?

Pay attention to your customers' needs! Then you will get testimonials such as this: <https://vimeo.com/marylandlocalmarketing/review/370923426/69853cbfe8>.

Would you like to have your company in a spotlight like this? Contact CDRA Executive Director William Turley at turley@cdrecycling.org; 630-258-9047.

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Industry News

EPA's initial guidance on PFAs is vague:

[Interim EPA guidance on PFAS disposal, destruction still leaves many questions](#)

Clever video from Zanker Recycling about its facility:

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CDRA was asked by Resource Recycling magazine to write an article based on the market development document the End Markets Committee produced. The article was recently released digitally:

[Time to adjust](#)

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