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Venture East 2026

The Downtown Boston Field Guide

A detailed map of everything around One Boston Place, the questions the room is working through, and Thursday on one page. Checked against BuiltWorlds' live agenda.

DEMO DAY FINALIST

Forsured was selected to compete at Demo Day

Live pitch competition, judged by Gray Capital, Ironspring Ventures, Leonard by VINCI and MIT · Thu Nov 19 · 10:50 a.m. · The Forum

See Forsured in action.

Send us one project's insurance requirements and a contractor COI or two. We'll show you what we find, on us.

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WHEN	WHERE	MAIN PROGRAM	FORSURED ON STAGE
Wed Nov 18 – Thu Nov 19	Convene, One Boston Place, 201 Washington St, Boston	Thu Nov 19 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.	Thu 10:50 a.m. The Forum

THREE THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE THURSDAY

1. **Thursday is the full program.** Keynote, panels, Demo Day and roundtables all run Thursday. Wednesday is the Suffolk BOOST Cohort 7 Demo Day.
2. **The T stops at the door.** State station (Blue and Orange lines) is across Washington St, under the Old State House. The Blue Line runs from Logan.
3. **Dealmaker's Alley is by request.** 30-minute meetings with the investors and contractors hosting tables. Request them through BuiltWorlds before you arrive.

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23 places, one map
From Convene's front door to the North End and Back Bay, with walk times.

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Six open questions
Where pilot-to-scale is still unsettled, with angles for GCs and for investors.

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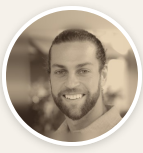
Thursday on one page
Every session by time and room, from check-in to the closing reception.

MEET THE FORSURED TEAM AT CONVENE

Find us at Demo Day, the roundtables and the closing reception.



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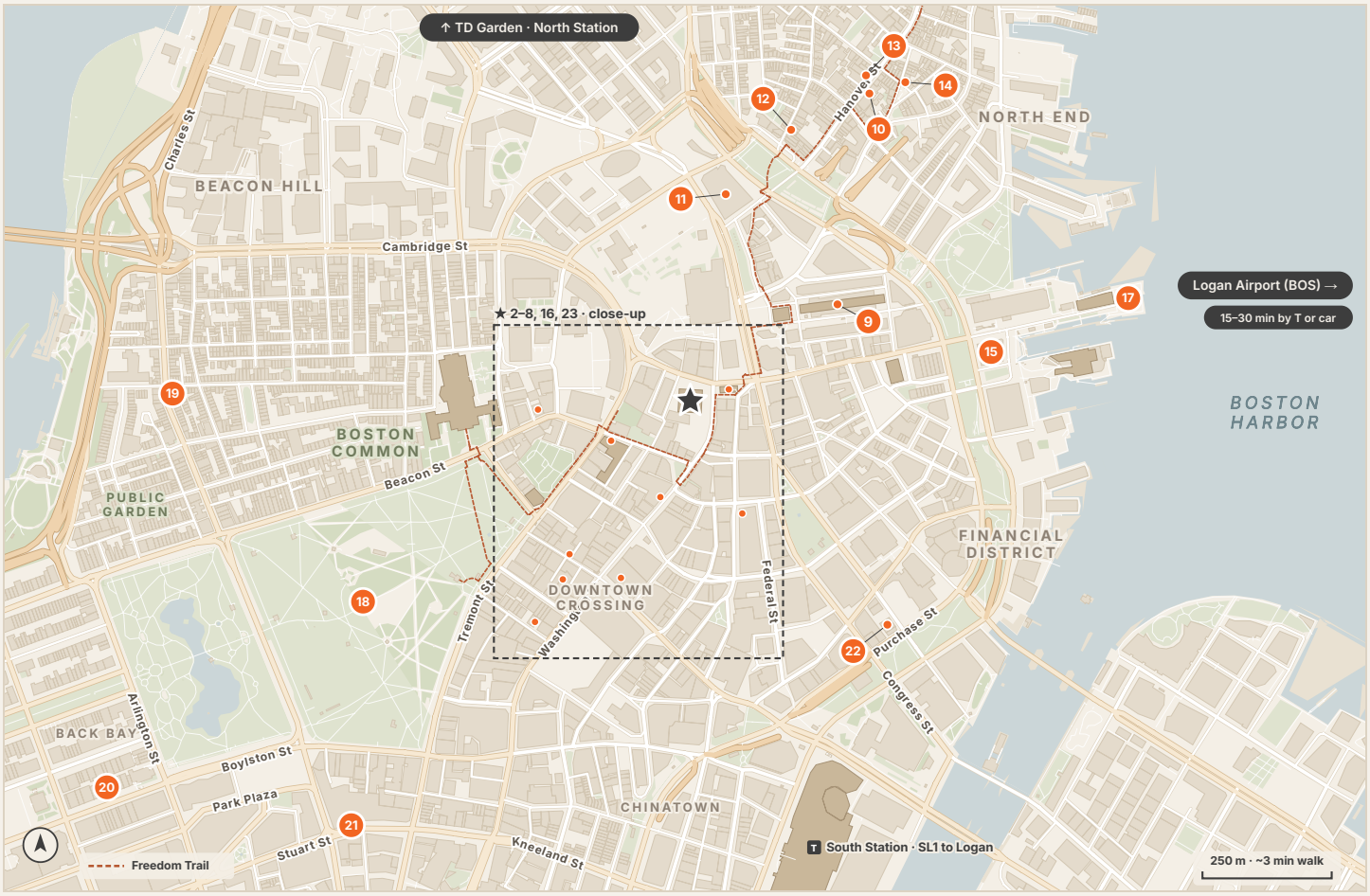
On stage Thursday at 10:50: Zach leads the Demo Day pitch, with Marc and Ryan alongside him.

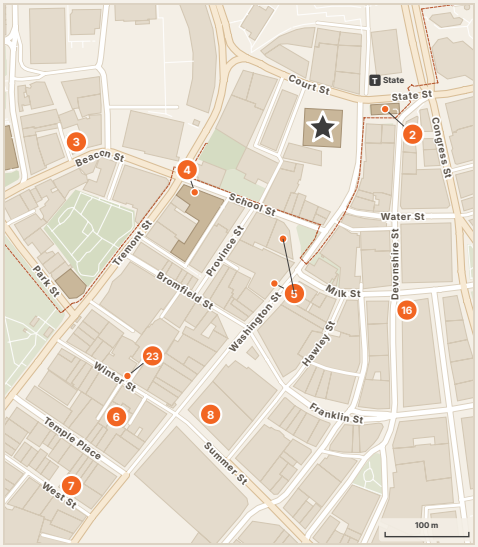
THE MAP

Everything around One Boston Place, on one map.

Every place in this guide, with walk times from Convene (the star). The dashed line is the Freedom Trail.



CLOSE-UP · AROUND CONVENE ★ · 2–8 · 16 · 23



MAP KEY

★	**Convene · One Boston Place** 201 Washington St · you are here	Venue
2	**Old State House · State T** Blue and Orange lines	1 min
3	**Mooo....** 15 Beacon St	4–5 min
4	**Omni Parker House** 60 School St	3 min
5	**CVS · Walgreens** Pharmacies	2–3 min
6	**Yvonne's** 2 Winter Pl	6–7 min
7	**Brattle Book Shop** 9 West St	8–9 min
8	**Roche Bros.** Groceries, 8 Summer St	6 min
9	**Faneuil Hall Marketplace** Quincy Market	5–6 min
10	**Carmelina's** 307 Hanover St	11 min
11	**Boston Public Market** 100 Hanover St	6–7 min
12	**Neptune Oyster** 63 Salem St	9 min

WALK FROM CONVENE

13	**Mike's Pastry** 300 Hanover St	11–12 min
14	**Mamma Maria** 3 North Square	12 min
15	**State Street Provisions** 255 State St	9–10 min
16	**EverybodyFights FiDi** 1 Federal St · $15 first visit	4 min
17	**Long Wharf · Aquarium** Harborwalk, ferries	12–14 min
18	**Boston Common** Public Garden beyond	6–12 min
19	**Beacon Hill Chocolates** 91 Charles St	16 min
20	**CorePower Yoga** 399 Boylston St	22 min
21	**MGB Express Care** 137 Stuart St	17 min
22	**Biddy Early's** 141 Pearl St · we suggest	9–10 min
23	**Planet Fitness** 17 Winter St · free day pass	6 min

Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors · walk times approximate

THE MAP, IN DETAIL

Where to eat, refuel and recharge.

Numbers match the map on page 2. Picked for a conference week: close, well reviewed and easy for every budget and diet. **$** under ~$20 a person · **$$** sit-down · **$$$** client dinner. Hours change, so check before you go.

CLIENT DINNER

Book ahead

6 Yvonne's $$$ · 2 Winter Pl
Boston Magazine's Best New Restaurant when it opened, a block off Downtown Crossing. Shared plates, late kitchen, big-night energy.
(617) 267-0047 · supper Sun–Thu 5–11 p.m.

3 Mooo.... $$$ · 15 Beacon St
Prime steakhouse in the XV Beacon hotel, four minutes up School St, with private dining. Breakfast from 7 a.m. suits a pre-session meeting.
(617) 670-2515 · dinner Mon–Thu 5:30–9 p.m.

14 Mamma Maria $$$ · 3 North Square
AAA Four Diamond (2022) North End fine dining on North Square. Five dining rooms, from a private table for four to 70 guests.
(617) 523-0077 · Mon–Thu 5–9:15 p.m.

EASY SIT-DOWN

Local favorites

10 Carmelina's $$ · 307 Hanover St
Italian-American on Hanover St, in the MICHELIN Guide. Tables run in 90-minute blocks and dinner books up, so reserve or go for lunch.
(617) 742-0020 · daily 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m.

15 State Street Provisions $$ · 255 State St
Casual American near the waterfront with private-event space; the easiest of these for a big table. $1 Wellfleet oysters weekdays 3–5 p.m.
(617) 863-8363 · Mon–Thu to midnight

12 Neptune Oyster $$–$$$ · 63 Salem St
One of Boston's best-known oyster bars, in the MICHELIN Guide. Walk-ins only, so go early or late; small room, not for groups.
(617) 742-3474 · from 11 a.m. daily

QUICK, EARLY OR DIET-FRIENDLY

11 Boston Public Market $–$$ · 100 Hanover St
Indoor market of New England producers. Opens 8 a.m. daily; open until 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

9 Quincy Market $ · Faneuil Hall Marketplace
Food hall with something for every diet, turning 200 this year. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m.

WE SUGGEST

Boston is our home base

22 Biddy Early's $ · 141 Pearl St
Forsured founder Zach Servideo's pick for a little Boston bar culture after Thursday's reception: "one of the last great OG Boston dives in the heart of the city." Boston Magazine's Best Dive Bar in 2013. About a 10-minute walk.
(617) 654-9944 · open to 2 a.m. · kitchen to 10 p.m.

PHARMACY, CARE & GROCERIES

5 CVS · Walgreens · 333 Washington St · 24 School St
Two pharmacies within three minutes. CVS (617) 742-0783; Walgreens (617) 372-8156.

21 Mass General Brigham Express Care · 137 Stuart St
Non-emergency walk-in care, 9 a.m.–8:30 p.m. (617) 393-5059.

8 Roche Bros. · 8 Summer St
Full grocery with prepared food, below Downtown Crossing. Mon–Sat 7 a.m.–9 p.m. (617) 456-5111.

FITNESS

16 EverybodyFights FiDi · 1 Federal St
Open gym, strength, bags, yoga, Pilates. New clients: first class or open gym for $15. everybodyfights.com

23 Planet Fitness Downtown Crossing · 17 Winter St
Cardio and weights, 24 hours Tue–Thu. Free day pass in the PF app. (617) 482-1210.

20 CorePower Yoga Back Bay · 399 Boylston St
Heated classes, showers on site. $35 single class; new students get a free first week.

18 Common & Public Garden loop · free
Loop the Common and the Public Garden next door, both free. Sunrise Thursday is 6:40 a.m.

GIFTS FOR HOME

7 Brattle Book Shop · 9 West St
One of the oldest and largest used bookshops in the country, with a rare-books floor. A gift with a story. Mon–Sat 9–5:30.

19 Beacon Hill Chocolates · 91 Charles St
Charles St shop since 2006, with chocolates sourced from makers worldwide. Travels well in a carry-on.

13 Mike's Pastry · 300 Hanover St
The North End's famous cannoli box. Open until 10 p.m.

DOWNTIME

2 Old State House
Revolutionary Spaces museum across the street, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. daily. The 2.5-mile Freedom Trail runs past it.

17 Long Wharf & the Harborwalk
Harbor views by the New England Aquarium, 12–14 minutes east.

↑ Bruins at home · TD Garden
Tue Nov 17, 7:00 p.m. vs Los Angeles. At Detroit Nov 18; no game Nov 19.

CONVERSATIONS WORTH HAVING

Six questions the room is still working out.

Each tied to a session on Thursday's agenda, with an angle for GCs and owners, one for investors and tech leaders, and a BuiltWorlds pre-read.

AGENDA · FROM FIRST MEETING TO MARKET

What "implementable" means

The opening panel covers how GCs, investors and founders find each other, design pilots and build the proof points that justify a portfolio-wide rollout.

GCS & OWNERS
What has to be true at the end of a pilot for it to reach every project, and who signs off?

INVESTORS & TECH LEADERS
Which proof points from a first GC pilot actually change your view of a company?

Pre-read: Q2 2026 Venture Report · BuiltWorlds

AGENDA · DEMO DAY

Early tools on live projects

A select group of early-stage startups, chosen as finalists, pitch traction and use cases across workflows, safety, sustainability and project performance. Forsured is one of them. Judges: Gray Capital, Ironspring Ventures, Leonard by VINCI and MIT.

GCS & OWNERS
What does a startup need to show before it gets onto a live project, and who carries the risk if it fails?

INVESTORS & TECH LEADERS
What traction signal from a first contractor customer carries the most weight with you?

Pre-read: 40 AI-Driven AEC Solutions to Watch in 2026 · BuiltWorlds

AGENDA · NEURON FACTORY & SUFFOLK

Lessons that don't travel

One region hits a costly, avoidable issue; a near-identical project in another office hits it months later. The session shows how lessons can surface before construction starts.

GCS & OWNERS
How does a lesson from one office's project reach precon in another office today, if it does at all?

INVESTORS & TECH LEADERS
Is institutional memory its own product category, or a feature the platforms GCs already use will absorb?

Pre-read: 2026 Preconstruction Top 50 List · BuiltWorlds

AGENDA · ADOPTION STUDIO WORKSHOP

Pilot to portfolio

NLR (formerly NREL) and IN2 run a World Cafe with large GCs, owners and developers on what blocks a first pilot, and what blocks a good pilot from scaling.

GCS & OWNERS
Which stalls you more: getting a first pilot approved, or scaling one that already worked?

INVESTORS & TECH LEADERS
What support would shorten the path from a successful pilot to a company-wide contract?

Pre-read: Paris Global Summit: AI, Robotics & Scaling · BuiltWorlds

AGENDA · FROM INNOVATION THEATER TO REAL CHANGE

Who owns adoption after the pilot

Contractors, owners and investors on use cases, incentives and change management. BuiltWorlds' 2026 survey: PM software is on every project at 80% of firms; digital twins at 10%.

GCS & OWNERS
Once a pilot ends, who owns adoption: innovation, operations or the project team?

INVESTORS & TECH LEADERS
How do you tell real adoption from theater when you diligence a company's customer list?

Pre-read: 2026 Building Tech Specialty Report · BuiltWorlds

AGENDA · CVC ROUNDTABLE

When the GC is also the investor

The CVC table covers how corporates partner with startups to drive strategic advantage and speed adoption, alongside the VC, GC and tech-provider tables.

GCS & OWNERS
When your venture arm invests in a tool, does the field adopt it faster, or does it change nothing on site?

INVESTORS & TECH LEADERS
How does a strategic investor's pilot differ from a paying customer's, and which do you trust more?

Pre-read: 2025 Top 50 Venture & Investment Deals · BuiltWorlds

Forsured

Where we sit on this. Contractor insurance compliance is one workflow that still runs on PDFs and email at most GCs. Forsured reads the certificate and the endorsements behind it, checks them against each project's actual requirements, and routes the fix to the broker before the contractor mobilizes. We were selected as a Demo Day finalist. If pilot-to-portfolio is a live question at your company, we'd like to compare notes.

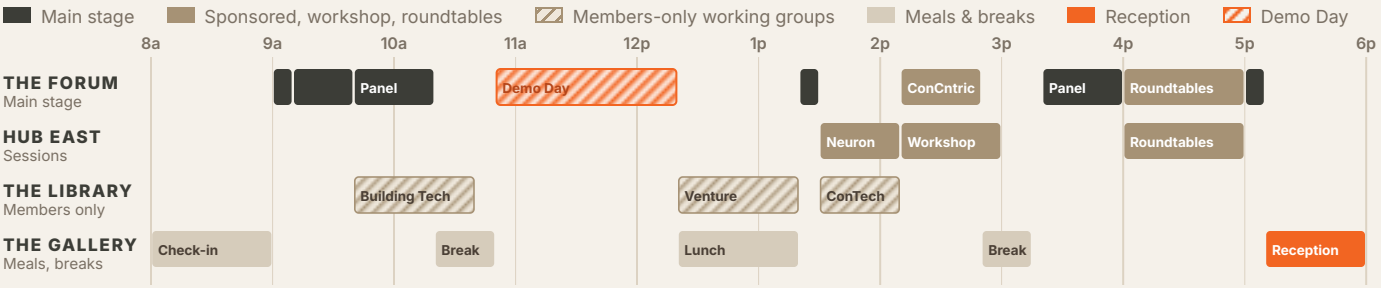
THE EVENT

AEC Emerging Tech at a glance.

From BuiltWorlds' event page and live agenda, Oct 30. BuiltWorlds has the final word on changes.

TICKETS Non-member $3,000 · members register through the member portal	**CHECK-IN** Thu 8:00–9:00 a.m. in The Gallery, with breakfast	**VENUE** Convene, One Boston Place, 201 Washington St · Forum is on the 2nd floor
DEALMAKER'S ALLEY 30-minute meetings with investors and contractors hosting tables · by request	**WORKING GROUPS** Library sessions are for BuiltWorlds Research Track members only	**ROUNDTABLES** 4:00–5:00 · two 30-minute tables; any attendee can join any table

THURSDAY, NOV 19, BY ROOM



EVERY THURSDAY SESSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00–9:00	**Check-in, breakfast, networking**	The Gallery
9:00–9:10	**Opening remarks** Rosemarie Lipman, BuiltWorlds	The Forum
9:10–9:40	**Keynote** Paul DiMarino, Shawmut Design and Construction	The Forum
9:40–10:20	**Panel · From First Meeting to Market: How GCs, Investors and Industry Players Grow Early-Stage Startups** Mike Martin, McGough · Jesse Sanders, Clayco · Cutler Knupp, Haskell	The Forum
9:40–10:40	**Building Tech Working Group (Research Track members only)** Chas Peppers & Michael Cascio, SOM IW	The Library
10:50–12:20	**Demo Day** FORSURED PRESENTING AeroNova · AeroShield · Argis Labs · Forsured · Human Friendly Robotics · Living Building Systems · Merge-Tek · SpecFunnel · ZS2 Technologies. Judges: Gray Capital, Ironspring Ventures, Leonard by VINCI, MIT	The Forum
12:20–1:20	**Lunch · Venture & Investment Working Group (members only)** Rose Chen, Wesco	Gallery · Library
1:20–1:30	**Venture research presentation**	The Forum
1:30–2:10	**Sponsored · Neuron Factory: Precon's Groundhog Day** Zaid Kahn, Neuron Factory · Mack Rush, Suffolk Technologies	Hub East
1:30–2:10	**Construction Tech and Equipment & Robotics Working Group (members only)** Tyler Westfall, Rosendin	The Library
2:10–2:50	**Sponsored · ConCntric preconstruction case study** Steve Dell'Orto, ConCntric	The Forum
2:10–3:00	**Workshop · Adoption Studio: From Pilot to Portfolio** Julieta Moradei, Reeves Young · Sarah Derdowski & Evan Rabb, NLR	Hub East
3:15–3:20	**Demo Day winner announcement**	Room TBA
3:20–4:00	**Panel · From Innovation Theater to Real Change: How AEC Leaders Make New Tech Stick** Julide Bozoglu, Goettsch Partners · Nick Deraney, Saint-Gobain · Jonathan Loring, Wipfli · Anthony Offak, Walbridge	The Forum
4:00–5:00	**Roundtables · VC, CVC, General Contractor, Tech Provider (join two)** Zacua · Jump Capital · DPR · UFP Industries · Consigli · Trimble · Autodesk	Forum · Hub E/W
5:00–6:00	**Closing remarks · closing reception & Network Leaders recognition**	Forum · Gallery

Wednesday, Nov 18: Suffolk BOOST Cohort 7 Demo Day. BuiltWorlds hasn't posted a time or room yet; check the event page before you plan around it.

LOGISTICS & RESOURCE HOTLINE

Getting there, getting around, getting help.

Flying in

- **Logan (BOS)** is across the harbor. The **Silver Line SL1** is free from every terminal to South Station, where it connects to the Red Line.
- Or take the free Massport shuttle to Airport station and the **Blue Line to State**, which lets you out across the street from Convene (map 2).
- Ferries run from the Logan dock to Long Wharf (map 17).

By train

- **South Station** (Amtrak, commuter rail) is about a 15-minute walk, or one Red Line stop to Downtown Crossing and a four-minute walk.

Driving

- BuiltWorlds lists no event parking, so the T or a rideshare is the simpler option.

Where to stay

BuiltWorlds lists no hotel block. Within a few minutes' walk: **Omni Parker House**, 60 School St (map 4), and **The Langham, Boston**, 250 Franklin St, (617) 451-1900. Convene lists more on its hotel partners page.

Weather

Typical for Nov 18–19: highs around 50°F (most years 42–59°F) and lows around 37°F (30–44°F), with about a one-in-three chance of rain on a given day. Sunrise 6:40 a.m., sunset 4:19 p.m. Thursday. Bring a warm coat and shoes for brick sidewalks.

Resource hotline

Who to call or where to go, on demand.

Registration & tickets	BuiltWorlds · info@builtworlds.com
Investor & GC meetings	Dealmaker's Alley: "Request a meeting" on the event page. Register for the conference first.
Members	BuiltWorlds Member Portal (FAQ & guide below)
Transit	MBTA customer support · **(617) 222-3200**
Prescriptions	CVS, 333 Washington St (map 5) · **(617) 742-0783**
Walk-in care	MGB Express Care, 137 Stuart St (map 21) · **(617) 393-5059**
Groceries & catering	Roche Bros., 8 Summer St (map 8) · **(617) 456-5111**

Event page & agenda
Sessions, speakers, registration

Member Portal FAQ
For BuiltWorlds members

MBTA: Logan Airport
SL1, Blue Line and ferry options

The Freedom Trail
2.5 miles, 16 historic sites

Inside Convene: the rooms

Room assignments from the BuiltWorlds agenda.

The Gallery	Check-in, meals, closing reception	**The Forum**	Keynote, panels, Demo Day
The Hub East	Sponsored session, workshop	**The Hub West**	Roundtables
The Library	Members-only working groups	**2nd floor**	The Forum and The Hub

BEFORE YOU GO

- [ ] Request Dealmaker's Alley meetings on the event page, after you register.
- [ ] Decide which two roundtables you'll join: VC, CVC, GC or Tech Provider.
- [ ] Check whether you're in a Research Track before planning on a working group.
- [ ] Book client dinners early in the week; Neptune Oyster takes no reservations.
- [ ] Pick your Logan route: the free SL1, or the Blue Line to State.
- [ ] Arriving Wednesday? Check BuiltWorlds for the Suffolk BOOST Demo Day time.
- [ ] Skim the pre-reads on page 4.
- [ ] Pack a warm coat. Sunset is 4:19 p.m.

QUICK ANSWERS

Frequently asked questions

What is AEC Emerging Tech?
BuiltWorlds' 2026 Venture East conference, a showcase of emerging technology for jobsites. It connects GCs and specialty contractors with startups, investors and corporate venture teams through panels, Demo Day, workshops, working groups and roundtables.

When and where is it?
Wednesday, November 18 and Thursday, November 19, 2026, at Convene, One Boston Place, 201 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108.

What happens on Wednesday?
The Suffolk BOOST Cohort 7 Demo Day. The full AEC Emerging Tech program, from keynote to closing reception, runs Thursday.

How much is a ticket?
A non-member ticket is $3,000. BuiltWorlds members register through the member portal.

Who attends?
General and specialty contractors, architects and engineers, VCs and corporate venture teams, early- and growth-stage construction tech companies, and consultants.

What time does Thursday start?
Check-in and breakfast open at 8:00 a.m. in The Gallery. Opening remarks start at 9:00 in The Forum.

Who gives the keynote?
Paul DiMarino, CIO of Shawmut Design and Construction, at 9:10 a.m. in The Forum.

What is Demo Day?
A live pitch competition, 10:50 a.m.–12:20 p.m. in The Forum, with a select group of startups chosen as finalists, Forsured among them. Judges are from Gray Capital, Ironspring Ventures, Leonard by VINCI and MIT. The winner is announced at 3:15.

What is Dealmaker's Alley?
Structured 30-minute meetings with the investors and contractors hosting tables, for funding, pilot and partnership conversations. Request them through the event page.

Can anyone join the working groups?
No. The Library working groups are for members of the matching BuiltWorlds Research Track.

How do the roundtables work?
From 4:00 to 5:00 you join two 30-minute tables: VC, CVC, General Contractor or Tech Provider. You don't need to belong to a category to join its table.

When does it end?
Closing remarks at 5:00 p.m., then the closing reception and Network Leaders recognition in The Gallery until 6:00.

How do I get there from Logan?
The SL1 is free from every terminal to South Station. Or take the free shuttle to Airport station and the Blue Line to State, across the street from Convene.

Is there a hotel block?
BuiltWorlds doesn't list one. The Omni Parker House and The Langham, Boston are both a few minutes' walk, and Convene's hotel partners page lists more nearby.

Where can I take a client to dinner nearby?
Yvonne's and Mooo.... are both within a seven-minute walk; Mamma Maria in the North End is about 12. See page 3.

What's the weather like?
Typically highs around 50°F and lows around 37°F in mid-November, per NOAA's 1991–2020 normals. Sunset on Thursday is 4:19 p.m.

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CONSTRUCTION READY

Compliance should mean coverage.

Forsured is continuous insurance compliance for general contractors, brokers and contractors. We catch contractor insurance gaps before they become jobsite problems, then route the fix to the broker. If Thursday has you rethinking how your team verifies contractor COIs, we'd like to compare notes.

Try us on a real project
Send us one project's insurance requirements and a contractor COI or two. We'll show you what we find, on us.
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About this guide. Event facts were checked against BuiltWorlds' official event page and live agenda on October 30, 2026. Local listings were checked against each operator's own site where one exists. Hours and prices change, so confirm before you go. Forsured is not affiliated with BuiltWorlds or Convene. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors. Cover photo: Yilei (Jerry) Bao on Unsplash.