

Rebuilding Florida after storms is challenging

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Hurricanes Ian and Nicole have wreaked havoc in Florida.

The impacts of these storms will be felt for months, if not years, by residents and businesses. Damage to roads, seawalls, building foundations, homes and infrastructure will require careful planning and experienced labor to repair appropriately.

Currently, preliminary property damage estimates range from \$50 billion to as much as \$260 billion.

The storms caused even more problems with materials, as ports and roadways were closed. Rebuilding Florida requires navigating significant obstacles to ensure our beautiful state recovers from these natural disasters.

Many companies will continue to face obstacles: labor shortages, supply challenges and transportation constraints.

For example, labor is a problematic issue. Developing detailed plans and schedules that translate into necessary job security and employee engagement is critical for obtaining and retaining a reliable workforce.

Material selection and sourcing require global insight to conduct comprehensive research and provide options for material selection, including alternatives.

Organizing alternative transportation options to assist in project progression is often complex and unstructured following an emergency. Maintaining logistical cohesion as much as possible is paramount.

Challenges abound, but those with a plan and sound approach will find success in the long term.

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