

# Quick Overview of Surety Connection and CHICO Process components

*Turning construction data portability into profits and objectives into reality*

## Bid List Connection [www.bidlistconnection.com](http://www.bidlistconnection.com)

Helps manage contractors bid schedule  
Imports “Open Standards based” bid information files  
Communicates and transmits project data to surety and insurance/surety agent

## Bid Management Connection [www.bidmanagementconnection.com](http://www.bidmanagementconnection.com)

Demonstrates how an owner can post bid information in an “Open Standards based” bid information file

## CHICO Process [www.chicoprocess.com](http://www.chicoprocess.com)

**C**ommonly **H**eld **I**nformation **C**ollaboration **O**bjective

Demonstrates the methodology and data flow for a collaborative approach using “Open Standards” to project management and the effective use of surety based risk management tools.

The CHICO Process is a methodology, not a service, product or specific application. It strives to promote the development of commercial applications.

## File Download Connection [www.filedownloadconnection.com](http://www.filedownloadconnection.com)

A way to share files by using the internet.

## Project Status Connection [www.projectstatusconnection.com](http://www.projectstatusconnection.com)

An application that aggregates project progress payment data from multiple internet sites for distribution to surety markets filtered for each surety, with indications to reflect progress status and a link back to the originating data source for further investigation.

Allows surety companies to monitor their exposures efficiently and cost effectively.

## Qualification Connection [www.qualificationconnection.com](http://www.qualificationconnection.com)

A single application for contractors to be able to complete a standardized form with the following attributes:

- Surety agents can secure and import the necessary information to develop a surety program.
- Surety underwriters can review and import the data using open standards or simple “cut and paste”.
- General Contractors and project owners can search for qualified subcontractors subject to filtering
- Subcontractors can promote themselves to prime contractors and project owners,
- Contractor can use the information for more than the one purpose.
- Contractor can control who has access to the information

Subcontractor Status Connection [www.subcontractorstatusconnection.com](http://www.subcontractorstatusconnection.com)

An application that imports project progress payment data as a risk management tool for the prime contractor and/or project owner, transferring that data to Project Status Connection so the respective surety markets have the ability to monitor their specific activity.

Sub Info Connection [www.subinfoconnection.com](http://www.subinfoconnection.com)

An application that manages access to Contractor Questionnaires on the Qualification Connection website.

Surety Access Connection [www.suretyaccessconnection.com](http://www.suretyaccessconnection.com)

A “Microsoft Access” based application for managing a surety agency and the administration of its clients surety programs.

Surety Bridge Fund Connection [www.suretybridgefundconnection.com](http://www.suretybridgefundconnection.com)

A strategy for developing a financial product designed to:

- Manage and mitigate the financial burden of negotiating disputed change orders
- Introduce a mechanism whereby the resolution effort had a financial incentive to resolve the issue and disincentive to prolong or compound it
- Generate neutral qualified opinions to aid the surety in understanding the issues that may present an exposure.
- Promote effective communication between Project Owner, General Contractor and Subcontractor and their respective sureties.

Surety Connection Project [www.suretyconnection.com](http://www.suretyconnection.com)

A collaborative effort to develop prototype applications to demonstrate the CHICO Process concepts using non-proprietary applications, in conjunction with participating universities.

An educational opportunity for students to learn business aspects of construction through active engagement and participation.

Surety Submission Connection [www.submissionconnection.com](http://www.submissionconnection.com)

An application that provides for efficient data sharing between a surety agent and the surety market in the development of a surety program.

The Business of Construction [www.thebusinessofconstruction.com](http://www.thebusinessofconstruction.com)

The overall program designed to provide students with a structure and foundation for their participation in the development and exploration of the CHICO Process.

An educational opportunity for students to explore various professions that represent the business of construction.

