

Industry Focus

Northern California and Western Nevada Chapter Honors Projects in 2012 Awards

The ACI Northern California and Western Nevada Chapter honored four projects with an award in 2012. Winning in the Architectural category was the U.S. Federal Courthouse in Bakersfield, CA. The winner in the Structural category was Cal Memorial Stadium at the University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. Taking honors in both the Construction and Green/Environmental categories was the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Headquarters, the construction of which was discussed in the article “Redefining High-Performance Concrete Structures” in the November 2012 issue of *Concrete International*. Finally, the winner in the Unique Use of Concrete category was the Lange Twins Winery Chai and Hospitality Room in Acampo, CA. More information on the awards can be found at www.aci-ncawnv.org/Events.aspx.

ArchiCAD 16 Named Product of the Year in United Kingdom

GRAPHISOFT announced that the company won three awards at the seventh annual *Construction Computing Magazine Awards* in the United Kingdom. ArchiCAD 16 took top honors with the Product of the Year Award, as well as the BIM Product of the Year Award. GRAPHISOFT also received the Mobile Product of the Year Award for BIMx and the Environmental Project of the Year Award for its M-Labs project with EuroBuild.

Gate Precast Creates Educational Opportunities

Gate Precast announced its 2013 AIA-registered courses, which can be presented in design professionals’ offices or at Gate Precast plants, where designers can take advantage of educational tours of the manufacturing process and the new Precast Design Centers. Gate offers six continuing education courses covering topics including architectural BIM design and detailing, basics of architectural precast, sustainable precast systems, and designing building envelope systems with architectural precast. Gate has also added interactive Precast Design Centers to its six architectural precast plants in the United States, each of which includes a full-scale all-precast building highlighting the flexibility of precast concrete.

LATICRETE Opens Facilities in India

LATICRETE introduced its new Dry Mortar Plant, Research & Development Centre and Technical Training Facility in Hyderabad, India, in the fall of 2012. The new

factory replaces the previous facility at the same site and includes a number of upgrades, making this one of the most technologically advanced factories in India. This is LATICRETE’s second factory in India, with a third scheduled for completion in early 2013. The company plans for more factories over the next 5 years. It now employs over 500 people in India and has 21 offices and warehouses throughout the country.

Airport Link Design Team Receives Highest Honors in Bentley Awards

The team responsible for the design of the Brisbane Airport Link projects, also known as the **Parsons Brinckerhoff and Arup Joint Venture (PBAJV)**, received the “Special Recognition Award for Sustaining our Society” at the **Bentley 2012 Be Inspired Awards**. This award, considered the highest honor of the awards program, recognizes outstanding achievement in infrastructure from a field of entries spanning the globe. PBAJV was a finalist in the following individual award categories: Innovation in Roads and Connecting Project Teams. The project, one of the largest transport infrastructure projects in Australia’s history, required 1500 separate design packages and more than 35,000 design drawings.

Premier Composite Technologies Expands Offerings

Premier Composite Technologies (PCT) in Dubai, UAE, launched its new Glass Reinforced Concrete (GRC) and Ultra-High Performance Concrete (UHPC) division in a bid to broaden its offerings to the architectural market. PCT created the new division to appeal to designers who require an alternative solution to building with resin-based advanced composites. GRC and UHPC offer alternative benefits in terms of performance, appearance, and cost parameters due to their cement base.

S-FRAME Software Reaches Distribution Agreement with Red Seat Software

S-FRAME Software Inc., an independent developer of structural engineering software, reached a distribution agreement with Texas-based **Red Seat Software**, an independently owned software distributor. The relationship provides S-FRAME with a distribution vehicle within the United States and expands the company’s global reach from its current offices in Canada and the United Kingdom to areas including Hong Kong and India. Red Seat has over 25 years of engineering experience, and S-FRAME has a 30-year track record of providing structural engineering solutions and support.