

Industry Focus

Maxwell Systems Enters Partnership with Associated Builders and Contractors

Maxwell Systems, Inc., announced that it signed a strategic partnership agreement with **Associated Builders and Contractors** (ABC). Under the agreement, ABC members will have access to Maxwell's team of experts in technology and best practices, who will deliver a knowledge base that brings a greater understanding of software use and process improvement for effective business leadership. Maxwell will also offer several educational webinars to members. The goal of the partnership is to give ABC members insight into how to better use the latest construction software solutions and technologies to benefit their businesses.

Dayton Superior and Tilt-Up Design Systems Announce Sponsorship

Dayton Superior Corporation has reached an agreement with **Tilt-Up Design Systems, LLC** (TDS), to become a Technology Sponsor of TDS and Tilt-Werks® web-based tilt-up design and construction software. The sponsorship gives Dayton Superior the ability to communicate with the tilt-up community in real time about projects—from material estimates to lifting and bracing requirements—through Tilt-Werks. As part of the sponsorship, TDS developed a proprietary interface with Tilt-Werks for Dayton Superior's lifting and bracing engineering software, allowing specific aspects of projects to be shared with Dayton Superior and giving users immediate access to Dayton Superior's tilt-up services.

2013 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional Competition Schedule Released

SPEC MIX®, Inc., announced the schedule for their 2013 BRICKLAYER 500® regional competitions. The BRICKLAYER 500 competition was established in 2003 to showcase the skills of professional masons. Competitions consist of two-person teams who are given 60 minutes to complete a 26.75 ft (8 m) double-wythe brick wall while meeting strict quality standards. The winners of 16 regionals will go on to the national event, to be held at World of Concrete 2014. Regionals began in August, and will continue through the fall until early December. For the full schedule and more information about the event, visit www.specmixbricklayer500.com.

Prelco Joins AltusGroup

Swiss precast manufacturer **Prelco** has joined **AltusGroup** as an International Affiliate. The agreement gives Prelco a license to produce CarbonCast Enclosure System products

in its European market area. Prelco has over 40 years of experience in the engineering and manufacturing of architectural precast façades and other architectural elements. The CarbonCast system uses C-GRID® non-corrosive, high-strength, epoxy-coated carbon fiber grid as secondary and shear reinforcing in insulated sandwich wall panels, which aligns with the current progressive architectural movement in Europe.

CPAA Announces Educational Collaboration with ICPSC

The **Concrete Polishing Association of America** (CPAA) has joined with the **International Concrete Polishing & Staining Conference** (ICPSC) to provide certification classes at the ICPSC on September 12-15 in Duluth, GA. The CPAA is working with the ICPSC to provide greater outreach for the new and expanded certification and training program, which was designed in an effort to meet the demand for skilled contractors. Two certifications will be offered at the conference: the Tradesmen Certificate, a class that introduces students to variables and challenges that can occur during the polishing process; and the Craftsman, Level I certification, a hands-on course.

Shea Concrete Products Used on A&E Television Show

Shea Concrete Products made an appearance on a March episode of the A&E network's renovation program, "Flipping Boston." During the episode, a deck was installed in a home, but due to frozen ground, the renovators needed concrete footings and pylons that could be dropped into the ground, and wanted to focus on how such products are manufactured. The cast and crew met with Shea Concrete's production manager, Dave DeRose, at the company's Amesbury, MA, production facility in January. DeRose gave a tour of the plant, highlighting different processes, including the production of the needed pylons. The company later delivered the pylons to the job site.

NACE Forms CORROSION PAC

The **NACE International Institute** announced the formation of **CORROSION PAC**, the United States' only political action committee (PAC) dedicated to informing legislators about the role corrosion control plays in reducing the economic and environmental impact of corrosion. It is estimated that corrosion costs approximately \$476 billion USD every year, or \$1500 per U.S. citizen. The goal of the PAC is to inform legislators of the benefits of corrosion control in relation to infrastructure, transportation, water, and energy management.