

Industry Focus

Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Built with Hycrete's Help

Hycrete, Inc. donated its admixtures for use in the new Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial in Honolulu, HI, helping to protect the concrete from aesthetic degradation and reduce future maintenance needs. The vision of Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation Founder Joan Gribbin-Aiu, the monument recognizes fallen law enforcement officers in all branches in Hawaii. Officers' name plaques are engraved on black granite and include a QR code. Visitors can scan the codes with their mobile devices to read biographies. The architect had concerns about dampproofing from the backside because the walls were built at an angle on earth berms. Also, with salt from seawater being the primary destructive force, the architect required a corrosion-protection solution. Hycrete's admixture dampproofed integrally throughout the concrete mixture and coated the encased steel.

Air Pumped Sand & Gravel Changes Name to Air Pump USA

Air Pump USA, a construction and landscape industry service provider that places aggregates, sands, and soil blends into hard-to-reach places, announced the launch of its new brand, website, and centralized location. Formerly known as Air Pumped Sand & Gravel, the name change and relocation of its headquarters to Gardena, CA, (from Mission Viejo) reflects the company's desire to better serve the growing Southern California construction market and prepare for growth into other regions of the country.

AECOM Unveils Target for Reducing Carbon Footprint

AECOM, a global infrastructure firm, announced a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 20%, normalized by revenue, across its global operations by 2020, starting from a baseline year in 2015. The company will focus on its largest sources of emissions: fleet vehicle fuel, purchased electricity, and heating and cooling for offices. The established target follows AECOM's commitment along with

other industry leaders at a White House roundtable in 2015 to collectively reduce GHG emissions by 5 million metric tons between 2008 and 2020.

STIHL Celebrates 90th Anniversary

STIHL, a family-owned global power equipment manufacturer, celebrated its 90th anniversary in July 2016. When company founder Andreas Stihl developed his first chainsaw he wanted to "make people's work in, and with nature, easier." He opened his engineering office in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1926 and his first chainsaw was a two-man electric model. A gasoline chainsaw was announced in 1929 and soon was sold in neighboring European countries. STIHL began exporting chainsaws to America in 1930 and to Russia a year later. In the early '70s, the children of the company founder began to build up an international manufacturing network with plants in the United States, Brazil, and Switzerland. In 1995, the STIHL companies were placed under the umbrella of a holding company. A partnership agreement ensured that the company remained wholly in the hands of the family. A nonfamily executive board was appointed and has been headed by Bertram Kandziora since 2003.

DFI Educational Trust Awards \$24,000 in Scholarships

The Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) Educational Trust awarded \$24,000 in scholarships to students pursuing careers in civil, geotechnical, or construction engineering. The Trust awarded seven \$2000 At-Large Scholarships to students at U.S. universities and colleges. The Trust also awarded a \$5000 Thomas Wysocky Civil Engineering Scholarship and a \$5000 John O'Malley Scholarship. The DFI Educational Trust manages 11 scholarship programs funded by endowments, donations, and fundraising events. Since 2006, the DFI Trust has awarded \$620,000 in scholarships to more than 160 students. Donations to the DFI Educational Trust scholarship funds can be made at www.dfitrust.org.

Premier Concrete Celebrates 30 Years of Serving the Mid-Atlantic Region

Premier Concrete, a family-owned and -operated concrete contracting company specializing in commercial, industrial, governmental, and community-based projects, celebrated 30 years of serving the mid-Atlantic region. Over the past 30 years, Premier Concrete has worked on notable concrete construction projects, including a 240,000 ft² (22,300 m²) dual-level prototype, the Nelson Building on Johns Hopkins' medical campus, the stone wall on Key Highway that overlooks Baltimore's Inner Harbor, and a multiyear renovation plan for Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital.

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