

MCI USA Expands its Association Solutions Options with Network Media Partners

MCI USA has acquired Network Media Partners, a sales management organization specializing in customized media sales, event planning and management, digital and print design, and marketing services for association clients, including the American Concrete Institute. For more than 30 years, Network Media Partners has provided growth solutions to associations. Network's team of 50 professionals leverage sales strategies to deliver sales for integrated media, digital and print advertising, exhibition space, sponsorship, and partnership. Network Media Partners also brings award-winning publication design proficiencies, complementing MCI USA's marketing communications, creative services, event management, and digital strategies capabilities. Network Media Partners now operates as Network Media Partners, LLC, an MCI Group company.

RBV Contracting Receives Michigan Celebrates Small Business Award

Minority-owned construction firm RBV Contracting, Detroit, MI, was recognized as one of Michigan's 50 Companies to Watch and received the Government Contractor of the Year Award at the 2017 Michigan Celebrates Small Business Awards Ceremony in May 2017. The 30th annual awards ceremony was presented by Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB), in partnership with the Michigan Small Business Development Center (MSBDC). Michigan's 50 Companies to Watch honorees were selected by Michigan-based judges from the banking, economic and entrepreneurship development, and venture capital communities. To receive the Government Contracting Award, recipients must be a client of the Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) of Michigan. The mission of the statewide network of PTACs is to enhance economic development in the state by assisting Michigan businesses in obtaining and performing on federal, state, and local government contracts.

Investing in a Low-Carbon Concrete Future

CarbonCure Technologies, Calgary, AB, Canada, will be receiving up to \$3 million from Emissions Reduction Alberta (ERA) to further optimize and accelerate adoption of its CO₂-utilization technology in Alberta, Canada. CarbonCure will be competing with three other Round 2 recipients of the ERA Grand Challenge for the final \$10 million grant, which will be awarded in 2019. For the ERA Grand Challenge: Innovative Carbon Uses, CarbonCure will work with multiple concrete plants across Alberta to maximize the overall GHG benefits and improve the economics associated with the

technology to attract smaller concrete plants as customers. The project includes a range of partners, including Praxair Canada Inc., and BURSCO Rock Products, a fourth-generation family business and concrete supplier.

STIHL Inc. Sponsors Team Rubicon

STIHL Inc. is supplying STIHL power equipment and funding to support the mission of Team Rubicon, which unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to deploy emergency response teams. Team Rubicon's primary mission is providing relief from natural disasters, both in the United States and abroad. The organization was founded by military veterans who realized the skills that saved lives on the battlefield—emergency medicine, risk assessment and mitigation, teamwork, and leadership—are invaluable in disaster zones. “Disaster response is hard work, but we're thrilled to partner with STIHL, whose chainsaws can withstand the unforgiving and challenging environment of any disaster,” said Jake Wood, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Team Rubicon. To join or support Team Rubicon's mission, visit <http://TeamRubiconUSA.org>.

Arizona Polymer Flooring Relocates Headquarters

Arizona Polymer Flooring (APF), a manufacturer of high-performance flooring products and concrete coating systems, has relocated into a state-of-the-art facility in Phoenix, AZ. The mixed-use building at 4565 West Watkins Street features an 18,000 ft² (1670 m²) production area, an 18,000 ft² storage and warehouse space, and a 14,000 ft² (1300 m²) office space. The construction was a collaborative design-build project among APF, Sun State Builders, and Winton Architects. APF provides high-performance concrete coating systems for demanding environments, such as military base facilities, aircraft hangars, government buildings, hazardous areas, food and beverage production facilities, and healthcare facilities. In 2016, APF acquired Super-Krete International, LLC, now Super-Krete® Products. Plans are underway to expand and upgrade two additional production facilities in Texas and California that currently support Super-Krete Products.

BNIM is Building Positive

Multidisciplinary design firm BNIM, Kansas City, MO, introduced a new brand identity with a contemporary logo and color scheme that affirms the firm's identity and commitment to design as a lever for positive change. The brand reveal highlights the BNIM ethos of “Building Positive” and its way of working that results in transformation and authenticity.