

Milwaukee Tool Expands in Three Mississippi Locations

Milwaukee Tool expanded operations at three Mississippi locations, investing \$33.4 million and creating 660 jobs. The expansions include the company's sites in Greenwood, Jackson, and Olive Branch. Milwaukee Tool will create additional jobs at all three facilities over the next 4 years, focusing on distribution and production of cordless power tools and accessories.

Saint-Gobain Receives Corporate Citizenship Award from Chief Executive Group

Saint-Gobain North America, a global building materials manufacturer, was given the Corporate Citizenship Award by Chief Executive Group for its partnership with YouthBuild USA and its efforts in helping to educate and train disadvantaged youths. For the last 7 years, Saint-Gobain and YouthBuild have provided young adults with the training and skills needed to obtain careers in the manufacturing and construction industries. In addition to funding, the partnership includes a commitment to providing energy-efficient products, building science and technical expertise, and employee volunteer support. More than a dozen sustainable renovation projects have been completed through this partnership. This year, employees were given 3 volunteer days to work alongside students. The program has expanded internationally, and Saint-Gobain recently opened the Saint-Gobain YouthBuild Academy in South Africa.

Oldcastle Architectural Manufacturing Facility Opens in Central Texas

Jewell, an Oldcastle Company, announced the opening of a new 23,000 ft² (2100 m²) manufacturing facility in Burnet, TX, which will service Central Texas, including the Austin and San Antonio markets. The plant is located on 15 acres (6 ha), with an on-site quarry providing raw materials. Founded in 1936 with manufacturing operations based in Katy, Waco, Hurst, and Rosenberg, TX, Jewell services the Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma markets as part of the Oldcastle APG network of companies. Jewell also operates seven distribution facilities in the Houston, Austin, and Dallas/Fort Worth metro areas. The Burnet plant will support the platform that brings Echelon's Amerimix WRM to the masonry market.

CSDA Launches Company Certification Program

The Concrete Sawing & Drilling Association (CSDA) Company Certification Program is a company audit program specifically for sawing and drilling contractors. To achieve certification, a company must meet the basic safety and insurance requirements of the industry, engage in operational

and financial best practices, and provide evidence it has taken part in basic training or certification programs to better its employees and the company. Audit data is reviewed and approved by an independent third-party law firm.

ACPA Sustainable Practices Recognition Award

The American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) presented its Sustainable Practices Recognition Award to Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc., and the Kansas Department of Transportation for their team effort in recognizing and prioritizing sustainable construction practices on the South Lawrence Trafficway (K-10) Project. The award is presented to an organization or team (owner and contractor) that demonstrates leadership by implementing sustainable design and construction practices that consider societal, environmental, and economic factors. The latest award recognized the complexity of building the K-10 Project, a 6 mile (10 km), four-lane highway on a new alignment through wetlands.

AltusGroup 2018 Leadership

The Board of Directors of AltusGroup, Inc., a collaboration of over two dozen precast industry innovators, elected Dave Schneider, Vice President of Engineering, High Concrete Group LLC, as its Chairman. He will take over the position from Tony Smith, Metromont, and will serve a 2-year term ending at the organization's 2019 annual meeting. At High, Schneider leads in-house and outsourced engineering teams in designing custom precast building projects. Harry Gleich, Metromont, was re-elected as Treasurer. Bob Sheehan, BASF, was elected as Secretary. Other board members include Brian Laufenberg, Chomarat; John Leatham, Chomarat; Nesile Normile, Oldcastle Precast Building Systems; Aaron Fink, Oldcastle Precast; Lance Lorah, High Concrete Group; Tom Kelley, Gage Brothers; Hagen Harker, Mid-States Concrete Industries; and Joe Golden, Armtec. Since AltusGroup's inception in 2003, this exclusive partnership has grown from five founding members to 19 precast member companies in North America, two international affiliates in Europe, and nine Innovation Partners. Its precasters have completed about 1400 projects with CarbonCast carbon fiber grid reinforcement.

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