

Best Block Receives Five Golden Trowel Awards

Best Block Construction Materials received five Golden Trowel Awards from the Texas Masonry Council. The Golden Trowel Awards are given annually to celebrate masonry contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers in Texas. Award recipients are determined based on project design, craftsmanship, appropriate use of masonry, aesthetic appeal, and difficulty. Among the Best Block winning projects was the 11,500 ft² (1070 m²) Corinth Fire House No. 3 in Corinth, TX, which won the award for the “Block” category. The fire house’s exterior comprises concrete masonry. Eikon Consulting Group was the architect on the project, with Skinner Masonry acting as the masonry contractor.



Corinth Fire House No. 3 in Corinth, TX

Thornton Tomasetti Announces Management Changes

Coinciding with Thornton Tomasetti’s 70th anniversary, the firm’s Board of Directors announced changes to company leadership. Managing Director Peter DiMaggio and Managing Principal Michael Squarzini will become co-CEOs as of January 1, 2020, with current CEO and Chairman Tom Scarangelo assuming the role of Executive Chairman. Managing Principal Wayne Stocks will become President. Raymond Daddazio, who currently serves as President, will become Senior Consultant. He will also serve as Chairman-Elect of the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York. The new executive team, focused on four key components (vitality, ingenuity, expanding opportunity, and people), will lead the firm’s more than 1500 engineers, scientists, architects, and other professionals who collaborate from over 50 offices internationally on the design and performance of structures, materials, and systems.

Rapid International Celebrates 50-Year Anniversary

Rapid International Ltd. celebrated its 50th anniversary on September 1, 2019. Rapid was first established in 1969 in

County Armagh, Northern Ireland, as Craigavon Engineering. Founded by Robert (Bertie) Pickering and Jim Lappin, Craigavon initially manufactured agricultural equipment in a 23 x 13 ft (7 x 4 m) domestic garage. Today, Rapid manufactures mixing technology for the concrete, construction, environmental, nuclear, mining, and tunneling industries, with each machine being produced in the company’s 50,000 ft² (4650 m²) factory. This facility recently underwent an extension to include a new £1 million (\$1.23 million USD) state-of-the-art Hodge Clemco shot-blasting facility and Dalby paint booth. To streamline its supply chain, Rapid also recently welcomed Rapid Power Generation, formerly A1 Power Systems, into the Rapid family.

Yanmar Acquires ASV Holdings

Yanmar Group completed its all-cash acquisition of compact equipment manufacturer ASV Holdings Inc., a designer and manufacturer of compact track loaders and skid-steer loaders. The announcement was the final step in the acquisition, following the June disclosure of a definitive agreement to acquire the company through a statutory merger and a September special meeting of ASV’s stockholders, during which they voted to adopt the merger agreement. ASV’s independent dealer network throughout North America, Australia, and New Zealand will join Yanmar’s existing global construction equipment operations. ASV also sells OEM equipment and aftermarket parts, and it owns and operates a 238,000 ft² (22,100 m²) production facility in Grand Rapids, MN. This acquisition allows Yanmar to offer full dig, load, and carry solutions on the worksite.

Atlas Intermediate Holdings LLC to Become Subsidiary of Boxwood Merger Corp.

Boxwood Merger Corp., a special-purpose acquisition company, and Atlas Intermediate Holdings LLC, a provider of professional testing, inspection, engineering, and consulting services, announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement whereby Atlas will become a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Boxwood. Atlas is currently a portfolio company of Bernhard Capital Partners. Immediately following the proposed transaction, Boxwood intends to change its name to Atlas Technical Consultants, Inc.

Headquartered in Austin, TX, Atlas provides technical services that help its public- and private-sector clients test, inspect, certify, plan, design, and manage a wide variety of projects across several markets. Atlas has a technical staff of approximately 2100 scientists, engineers, inspectors, and other field experts who operate from over 140 offices located across 40 states.

Upon the closing of the proposed transaction, the company will be led by Atlas's management team, including Chief Executive Officer L. Joe Boyer and Chief Financial Officer Walter Powell, who will continue to serve in their respective roles. Stephen Kadenacy, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Boxwood, will become Atlas's Executive Chairman upon the closing of the transaction.

Lehigh Hanson Selects Trelar to Pilot Truck Fleet Management

Aggregate producer Lehigh Hanson, Inc., selected Trelar Logistics, Inc., for a pilot program to help modernize the company's aggregates delivery capacity, booking, and scheduling of trucks. The pilot will include Lehigh Hanson's truck partners. Trelar is a vocational trucking marketplace that connects dump-truck owners directly to producers and contractors via an app, increasing transparency and reducing delays. In addition to the efficient booking process, Trelar also provides users tracking, real-time data, and automated payments.

DRP Now a USACE-Certified Laboratory

DRP, a Twining Company, received notice from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Materials Testing Center (MTC) and Engineer Research and Development Center that the DRP laboratory has been validated as a petrographic laboratory. This validation indicates that DRP's personnel, equipment, and internal quality control measures meet the standards set by the USACE for quality control and quality assurance. This certification is a step forward in the firm's ability to deliver concrete insight to USACE projects and infrastructure. Laboratory validation is central to providing services for airfield pavements, naval facilities, and more.

WayUp Names Clark Construction Among Top 100 Internship Programs

Clark Construction Group was named to WayUp's list of the Top 100 Internship Programs in the United States. Clark was selected out of 1000 nominated employers. The nominations were reviewed by a judging panel made up of human resources and industry experts based on uniqueness, diversity, rate of hiring after internship completion, and number of votes received from the company's full-time employees and interns. Clark Construction's Summer Associate Program provides students with the opportunity to work with construction professionals. In addition to gaining real-world experience, summer associates are exposed to Clark team members from across the organization at company events, social gatherings, jobsite tours, and community service events. These activities are designed to help summer

associates expand their professional network and identify potential mentors.

Deltek Acquires ComputerEase

Deltek completed its acquisition of ComputerEase. Deltek is a provider of enterprise software and information solutions for project-based businesses, while ComputerEase develops integrated construction accounting, project management, and field-to-office software solutions for contractors. Deltek has offered its solutions to architecture and engineering firms for decades, but with this acquisition, the company has expanded its product offerings for architects, engineers, and construction firms.

ASCC Awards Scholarships to CIM Students

The American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC) Education, Research, and Development Foundation awarded three scholarships to students in Concrete Industry Management (CIM) programs. Joshua Brinegar of Columbia, TN, attends Middle Tennessee State University, Murphreesboro, TN; and Elias Magana Jr. of Oxnard, CA, and Tanner Olsen of Cotati, CA, attend California State University, Chico, CA. Each received \$5000.

The ASCC Foundation was created in 1989 to fund education and research that advances the quality and productivity of concrete construction. To qualify for this scholarship, students were required to be enrolled full-time in a CIM program and to maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA.



ASCC Past President Scott M. Anderson introduces CIM students Elias Magana Jr., Joshua Brinegar, and Tanner Olsen at the ASCC Annual Conference Awards Dinner on September 19. Each student received a \$5000 scholarship from ASCC's Education, Research, and Development Foundation