

## Hilti Announces Software Collaboration with Procore

The Hilti Group, a manufacturer and provider of construction tools, technology, and productivity solutions, is collaborating with Procore, a provider of construction management software, to help strengthen digital workflows and drive productivity on jobsites. As part of the joint effort, the Hilti ON!Track asset-management system will become compatible with the Procore platform. The announcement was made during Procore's Groundbreak 2019 construction conference. This collaboration will open data exchange between Hilti ON!Track and Procore, starting with basic project info and expanding over time into further workflows.

## Leica Geosystems Wins Innovation Award in 2019 Mondial du Bâtiment

Leica Geosystems announced that its three-dimensional (3-D) image measurement solution, the Leica BLK3D, won the 2019 Mondial du Bâtiment Innovation Competition. The BLK3D handheld imager provides immediate and precise 3-D measurements from any image it captures.

Selected by a jury of industry professionals, the BLK3D was praised for its way of capturing and documenting reality. It was selected from 79 applications and a short list of 32 nominees.

This is the third time Leica Geosystems has been presented the award, winning with the Leica BLK360 imaging laser scanner in 2017 and with the Leica DISTO™ distance laser meter in 1993. The BLK3D has won several other recent design and innovation awards, including the CES 2019 Best of Innovation Honouree Award, BAKA 2019 Product Innovation Award, 2019 Prism Award, 2019 iF Design Award, and 2019 German Innovation Award.



## Mortar Net Solutions Awards Scholarships

Mortar Net Solutions™, a supplier of moisture management solutions for masonry walls, presented scholarships to benefit

four students at the National Masonry Instructors Association's (NMIA) Annual Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC. This year's conference marked the 30th anniversary of the organization. The following students were awarded scholarships:

- Sean Hicks, Center of Applied Technology North, Severn, MD;
- Jan Pelaez-Garcia, John F. Kennedy High School, Winston-Salem, NC;
- Joseph Presley, Carvers Bay High School, Hemingway, SC; and
- Michael Vaughn-Sims, Wallace Community College, Salem, AL.

Mortar Net Solutions worked with masonry instructors across the country, as well as the NMIA, to select which students would benefit the most from the scholarships. In addition to the scholarships, the recipients each received tool bags to help them as they work through their education and apprenticeships.

## Hultafors Group Acquires Custom LeatherCraft Manufacturing

Hultafors Group of Göteborg, Sweden, announced the acquisition of Custom LeatherCraft Manufacturing LLC (CLC) of South Gate, CA. Founded in 1983, CLC is a designer, developer, and marketer of work gear, personal protective equipment, and outdoor gear. The company's products are marketed under the CLC brand in the United States and the Kuny's Leather brand in Canada. Through this acquisition, Hultafors will strengthen its sales and marketing capabilities in North America, as well as reinforce relationships with key customers within the distribution channel.

## Minnich Manufacturing Selected as ACDI Vendor Partner

Minnich Manufacturing, a manufacturer of concrete vibrators, vibrator monitoring systems, and concrete dowel pin drills, was selected as a vendor partner of Associated Construction Distributors International, Inc. (ACDI). ACDI is a cooperative association of independently owned and locally operated distributors of specialty construction products and equipment. The organization offers members information on business and industry trends, training, fellowship, manufacturer-ready access for products, and more. ACDI distributors account for more than \$1 billion in the sale of materials and equipment to the construction industry.

## SRM Concrete to Begin Construction on New Headquarters

In September, SRM Concrete finalized plans to break ground on their \$15 million headquarters in the new Cornerstone development in Smyrna, TN. SRM Concrete has

locations in nine U.S. states and employs over 2000 people. With current headquarters in Nashville, TN, the company will move more than 200 employees to the new 60,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (5574 m<sup>2</sup>) headquarters upon completion.

Zoning for the new Cornerstone of Smyrna development, which will occupy 342 acres (138 ha) of land, was approved unanimously by the Smyrna Town Council. The first phase of the Cornerstone development will be the construction of the SRM Concrete headquarters and a quarry at the opposite end of the development. Mike Hollingshead, President of SRM Concrete, envisions the Cornerstone development as an office campus combined with a mixed-use development featuring small professional offices, restaurants, and support service businesses. The buildings within Cornerstone of Smyrna will be connected by green spaces with pathways.

## The REACH Opens at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Arup, a consulting, planning, engineering, and design firm, and Steven Holl Architects, an architecture and urban design office, celebrated the September opening of the REACH, the first-ever expansion of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. The REACH is anchored by three pavilions that stretch across a sweeping lawn overlooking the Potomac River. The Welcome Pavilion, Skylight Pavilion, and River Pavilion extend the adjacent main building and link together underground to create an expansive facility providing classrooms, studios, and a variety of multiuse public spaces.

Arup was involved in the creation of an underfloor concrete trench system to enable the building services to be distributed out of sightline, preserving the architectural vision. The project additionally incorporates a void slab design, an approach commonly deployed in Europe but used infrequently in the United States, that has plastic balls embedded in the concrete to reduce the dead load and allow for longer spans. The REACH addition is on track to earn LEED Gold and will serve as a living theater, immersive learning center, and public arts incubator.

## Charah Solutions Receives Contract Extension Award from Luminant

Charah® Solutions, Inc., was awarded a contract extension to provide by-product sales and material handling operations for Luminant's Miami Fort Power Plant and Zimmer Power Plant in southern Ohio. As part of this agreement, Charah Solutions will continue to manage and market coal combustion products produced by these two Ohio facilities. Charah Solutions currently has the right to sell and market 100% of the specification-grade

Class F fly ash from the two power plants for beneficial use via the company's MultiSource® materials network. By shipping via truck, rail, and barge, the company can market the fly ash from both facilities to concrete product manufacturers and ready mixed concrete producers throughout Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Oklahoma, providing customers with multiple supply options. In addition, Charah Solutions will continue all other coal combustion residuals material handling and disposal operations at both locations, including landfill management and by-product loadout, as well as the operations and maintenance of the Plant FGD system at Miami Fort.

## Sparkhound Implements Cloud and Digital Services for Pavecon

Sparkhound, a digital solutions firm providing implementation of cloud services, custom applications, advanced analytics, and managed enterprise services, provided Pavecon with a cloud-based digital makeover and customized mobile applications to streamline job planning and business support operations. Pavecon delivers concrete paving, asphalt paving, and concrete and asphalt repair services through four companies with nine divisions throughout the United States. The company needed to update its IT infrastructure to support company growth. Sparkhound optimized Pavecon's workflows through a digital transformation that included Microsoft Office 365, SharePoint, Azure SQL database, Active Directory, and Power BI for business analytics. From crew leaders providing on-site updates through smartphones and iPads to office staff processing payroll more quickly, the company's paperwork has been significantly reduced while decision-makers have gained business insights through new data analytics.

## CSA Knoxville Becomes Haines Structural Group

Structural engineering firm CSA Knoxville of Knoxville, TN, announced a name change: the firm will now be known as Haines Structural Group. This change celebrates 10 years of community partnership and the firm's continuing commitment to serving its clients and East Tennessee. Haines Structural Group has a diverse portfolio with experience in multiple project categories. Past projects include Asian Trek, Langur Landing, and Gibbon Trails at the Knoxville Zoo; Hyatt Place Hotel, The Tombras Group, Regas Square, and Balter Beerworks in downtown Knoxville; and the River Rush, Firechaser Express, Whistle Punk Chaser, Lightning Rod, and Wildwood Grove attractions at Dollywood.