

## U.S. Department of State Announces Design/Build Construction Award for the U.S. Embassy in Lilongwe

The U.S. Department of State has awarded BL Harbert International of Birmingham, AL, USA, the design/build construction contract for the new U.S. Embassy in Lilongwe, Malawi. Miller Hull Partnership, of Seattle, WA, USA, is the design architect. The new campus, managed by Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO), will provide a secure, sustainable, and resilient platform for advancing the shared interests of the United States and Malawi in democratic, accountable governance; fostering economic growth through the private sector; and supporting Malawi's development, primarily through health and education.



## McGill Restoration Expands in the Concrete Restoration and Repair Industry

McGill Restoration, an industry provider of concrete and masonry repair, restoration, and construction based in Omaha, NE, USA, acquired two new businesses. In two separate transactions, McGill Restoration purchased Wilkinson Sandblasting LLC, an industrial coating and restoration company in central Nebraska; and Commercial Waterproofing LLC, a concrete waterproofing business with offices in Oklahoma City, OK, USA, and Wagoner, OK. The combination of McGill Restoration with Wilkinson and Commercial Waterproofing equips McGill Restoration to deliver year-round, scalable restoration capabilities and allows the company to offer a wider range of job opportunities.

## FBR Signs Term Sheet for Up to 5000 Homes in Mexico

Robotics technology company FBR Limited has executed a term sheet with GP Vivienda to supply Wall as a Service® (WaaS®) for between 2000 and 5000 homes in Mexico using its bricklaying robot, Hadrian X®. Subject to milestones that must be completed within the first 24 months, FBR will supply WaaS for a minimum of 2000 and a maximum of

5000 homes in Mexico (dependent on market conditions and GP Vivienda's pipeline of work). FBR will also supply all associated retaining walls and other brick and block structures on one or more greenfield residential development sites in Mexico within 5 years of completion of the milestones. The WaaS supplies the blocks and robotically constructs walls on site to the precise specification of a digital architectural plan. It allows users to access the benefits of robotic construction without having to build robotics capability into their businesses.

## Guardian Launches New Positioning

Height safety specialist Guardian launches its new brand positioning, and the relaunch follows the consolidation of the Stronghold, Ty-Flot, and Checkmate brands under the Guardian banner. The positioning has been developed following extensive user research and is built around the company's belief that Guardian's 360-degree height safety offer makes it simpler for customers to keep their workers safe at height. Spanning fall protection, dropped object prevention, foreign material exclusion, engineered systems, and certified training, Guardian now acts as a single source for all height safety needs, backed up by fully integrated, expert customer service. Its new website features multiple tools to help visitors compare, select, and customize their height safety system, as well as the option to book custom training or ask for industry expert advice. The site is fully regionalized. In addition, videos are available in both English and Spanish.

## The International Code Council Welcomes Municipality and Winn's Career Education to the Family of Solutions

The International Code Council (ICC) acquired the Municipality® building and code enforcement software and all the assets of Winn's Career Education, Inc. ICC Community Development Solutions acquired Municipality building and code enforcement software to expand development and support services for code officials. The ICC acquired all assets of Winn's Career Education, Inc., to integrate with the organization's staff expertise and provide training resources for plumbing and piping professionals.

Municipality is a cloud-based software solution built with input from U.S.-based code officials targeting and supporting the permitting, licensing, and inspection functions within a local jurisdiction. Municipality allows code officials to provide permits or issue certificates; conduct building, fire, and safety inspections; and to look up codes and standards efficiently and securely from anywhere.

Prior to joining the ICC, Winn's Career Education, Inc.,

has primarily served plumbing and piping professionals in Texas, USA; Florida, USA; Louisiana, USA; and Colorado, USA. As the ICC's first Platinum Preferred Provider, Winn's has worked closely long-term with the ICC staff in multiple states and provided co-branded ICC/Winn's training materials for live, online, and self-paced courses.

## K-Form Announces Partnership with Omnis Panels in the United States

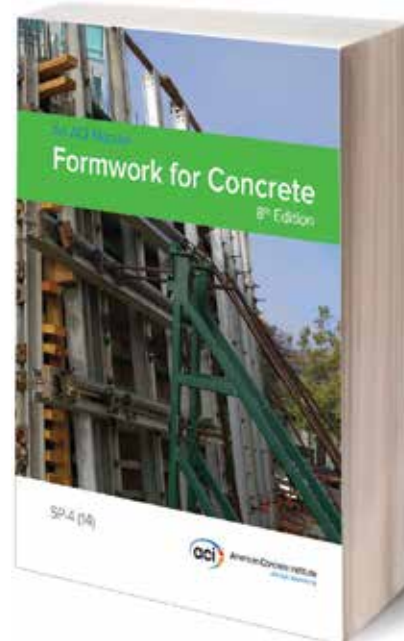
K-Form, a manufacturer of concrete formwork systems, announced that it has signed an exclusive partnership with Omnis Panels LLC to distribute its plastic shuttering system in the United States. The distribution agreement will provide U.S. customers with access to K-Form's versatile and sustainable plastic shuttering system, which will fuel the company's international growth. K-Form's formwork system is used for screed rail, concrete slab placement, and concrete paving. The K-Form plastic shuttering system saves time,

money, and labor—while enhancing the aesthetic finish of the concrete slab. In addition, it does not need to be removed after concrete placement.



## Formwork for Concrete, 8th Edition

The American Concrete Institute's iconic Formwork for Concrete Manual, 8th Edition, includes the current standards and practices, removes outdated or irrelevant material, adds content on new developments in formwork technology and practice, and updates the look and layout of the document. New design examples and chapter problems have been included to make the document easier to use as a teaching tool, while still maintaining its status as a reference for practicing engineers.



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