Eco Material Technologies CEO Wins EY Award


Quasha

Grant Quasha, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Eco Material Technologies, received the Ernst & Young LLP (EY US) Entrepreneur Of The Year® 2025 Mountain West Award. For 40 years, the program has recognized entrepreneurs who transform industries, impact communities, and create long-term value. The Mountain West program awards entrepreneurs from Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming in the United States. An independent panel of judges selected the winners. Under Quasha's leadership, Eco Material Technologies has become a provider of sustainable cement alternatives and circular economy solutions that reduce environmental impact while enhancing infrastructure performance. In 2023, the company displaced approximately 5% of total U.S. cement use while diverting over 10 million tons (9.1 million tonnes) of waste materials from landfills and avoiding 5 million tons (4.5 million tonnes) of carbon dioxide (CO_2). Eco Material Technologies is on track to deliver over 10 million tons of environmentally beneficial materials annually across North America, supporting projects that advance decarbonization and infrastructure resilience. Quasha will progress to the national Entrepreneur Of The Year competition at the Strategic Growth Forum® in Palm Springs, CA, USA, in November 2025.

EPA Funds 24 Small Businesses for Development of Environmental Technologies

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded 2.4 million USD to 24 small businesses. These awards were part of the EPA's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program, an annual competition for small businesses to develop and commercialize environmental technologies that help protect human health and the environment. The businesses received 100,000 USD of Phase I funding for 6 months for "proof of concept" of their proposed technology. Companies that complete Phase I can then apply to receive Phase II funding of up to 400,000 USD to further develop and commercialize their technologies. The SBIR Phase I winners and their proposed technologies included:

- **Acadian Research & Development LLC**, Laramie, WY, USA, to create a low-cost method to use strength-enhancing biochar-derived graphene to lower embodied carbon in concrete;
- **BetR-blok, LLC**, Tempe, AZ, USA, to produce a building block alternative made from waste biomass and recycled materials;
- **Circle Concrete Tech, Inc.**, Gilbert, AZ, to design an engineered recycled steel fiber product that replaces reinforcing bar for lower-carbon concrete reinforcement;
- **EcoaTEX, LLC**, Athens, GA, USA, to create a technology that converts agricultural waste into high-performance biodegradable fibers;
- **Enzymatic Holdings Corporation**, Manatí, Puerto Rico, to create enzyme-based technology that enhances the durability and self-healing properties of concrete; and
- **KLAW Industries LLC**, Binghamton, NY, USA, to develop a paving material using waste glass to replace high-embodied-carbon materials.

Euclid Chemical Receives Innovative Product Award for EucoTilt

The Euclid Chemical Company received a 2025 Experts' Choice Innovative Product Award for its tilt-up construction bond breaker, EUCOTILT WB (EucoTilt). The Innovative Product Awards, powered by World of Concrete (WOC), celebrate equipment, materials, tools, and services shaping the concrete and masonry sectors. As the Experts' Choice winner of the Concrete Slab Materials & Coatings category, EucoTilt was recognized for contributions to tilt-up construction with its performance, ease of application, and sustainable formulation. A panel of WOC editors and industry experts selected the Experts' Choice recipient.


Euclid Chemical's EUCOTILT WB bond breaker used during tilt-up construction

SEFA Rebrands to Heidelberg Materials

The SEFA Group Inc., a subsidiary of Heidelberg Materials North America, joined the Heidelberg Materials brand. The company acquired SEFA, a technology leader in converting coal ash for recycled use in concrete, in May 2023. SEFA has

technology in coal ash beneficiation and over 25 years of experience in designing and operating beneficiation facilities. At facilities operated by SEFA, coal ash excavated from ponds is processed into environmentally sustainable material. SEFA's business of processing and marketing fly ash for recycled use in concrete adds to Heidelberg Materials' portfolio of sustainable products and solutions.

ACPA Announces New Board Members

The American Concrete Pumping Association (ACPA) elected Executive Board members to serve a 1-year term at the ACPA Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation in Las Vegas, NV, USA.

The 2025 ACPA Executive Board electees are:

Executive Board: President, **Nathan Germany**, Tri-Way Concrete Pumping, Inc.; Vice President, **Chris Pernicano**, San Diego Concrete Pumping Inc.; Secretary, **Wayne Allen**, DY Concrete Pumps Inc.; Treasurer, **Tyler Wood**, McClure Concrete Products, Inc.; and Past President: **Gary Brown**, R.L. McCoy Inc.

The ACPA also elected the following Board positions:

Pump Directors: **Dennis Andrews**, Andrews Equipment Company, Inc.; **Clint Price**, Brundage-Bone Concrete Pumping; **James Sederburg**, AAA Concrete Pumping LLC; **Scott Wilson**, Concrete & Materials Placement, LLC; and **Tyler Wood**, McClure Concrete, Inc.

Regional Directors: Region 1, **Lee Roy Thompson**, Champion Concrete Pumping Inc. & Conveying; Region 3, **Chris Avella**, Modern Concrete Pumping Services LLC; and Region 5, **Carl Walker**, Central Concrete Pumping.

Distributor Director: **David Palomares**, CreteSuite, LLC.

Manufacturing Directors: **Bill Dwyer**, Putzmeister America, Inc.; and **Scott Roisum**, Schwing America, Inc.

The 2025 ACPA Board

RJ Watson Contributes to Federal Way Link Extension

RJ Watson, Inc., supplied 10 high-load multirotational disc bearings (six multidirectional and four unidirectional) for the Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE) project in Seattle, WA, USA, Sound Transit's largest design-built contract to date. Additionally, 181 LF of RJ Watson's Silicoflex Joint Sealing System helped to seal the structure's expansion joints. In partnership with Kiewit Infrastructure West Co., the FWLE project extends the Seattle-area light-rail system by 8 miles (12.9 km), connecting Angle Lake to Federal Way. It will serve up to 23,000 daily passengers while addressing site challenges such as weak soil layers and seismic risks. RJ Watson's multirotational bearings contributed to the resilience and functionality of Structure C, a 1100 ft (335 m)-long cast-in-place concrete segmental transit guideway bridge. The bearings were engineered for seismic performance and durability. The project is set to open in 2026.