

ACI Announces Availability of ACI SPEC-563-25 in International System of Units



ACI announced that ACI SPEC-563-25: Repair of Concrete in Buildings is now available in the International System of Units (SI). The SI edition ensures that engineers, contractors, and owners working in global markets can implement the specification seamlessly within their projects while maintaining consistency with international measurement

standards.

“ACI’s mission is to develop and disseminate consensus-based knowledge on concrete and its uses,” said Michael Tholen, ACI Senior Managing Director, Technical Operations. “Making our repair specifications available in SI units demonstrates our continued commitment to supporting a global community of concrete professionals as ACI expands in international markets.”

ACI SPEC-563-25 provides standardized specification requirements for the repair of concrete in buildings, covering materials, evaluation, surface preparation, application, curing, and quality assurance. Now, with SI units integrated throughout, international practitioners can more easily adopt and apply the guidance to improve durability, performance, and sustainability in concrete repair projects. The release of the SI version of ACI SPEC-563-25 aligns with ACI’s ongoing initiative to expand access to its technical documents and standards to meet the needs of ACI’s more than 35,000 members in over 120 countries.

ACI SPEC-563-25 in both U.S. customary Inch-Pound Units and SI units is available for purchase through the ACI Store at www.concrete.org. ACI SPEC-563-25 is also available in the ACI 562 PLUS Concrete Repair Subscription.

ACI Earns Two 2025 MarCom Awards

ACI earned a MarCom Gold Award for its ACI Middle East Conference (MEC) website landing page and a MarCom Honorable Mention Award for its ACI 562 PLUS Repair Subscription advertisement in the Middle East. These awards reflect ACI’s focus on advancing expertise and disseminating concrete knowledge while continuing to engage a global audience.

Now approaching its sixth edition, the ACI Middle East Conference is an event that brings together industry leaders, local and international experts, and government officials to explore cutting-edge practices and innovations driving the concrete and cement industry toward a carbon-neutral future.

The ACI 562 PLUS Repair Subscription is a comprehensive digital subscription offering access to all versions of ACI CODE-562 and more than 200 resources for concrete repair, assessment, and rehabilitation.

Administered by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP), MarCom Awards honor excellence in marketing and communication while recognizing the creativity, hard work, and generosity of industry professionals.

Concrete Industry Management Program Seeks Donations for 2026 Auction at World of Concrete

The Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program—a business-intensive program that awards students with a 4-year BS in concrete industry management—is seeking donations for its 2026 CIM Auction to be held at World of Concrete. The auction is scheduled for January 21, 2026, at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, NV, USA. The silent auction will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 1 p.m.

“The proceeds from the 2026 CIM Auction will benefit the CIM National Steering Committee (NSC) and support the current CIM programs at California State University, Chico; Middle Tennessee State University; New Jersey Institute of Technology; South Dakota State University; Texas State University; and the Executive MBA program, as well as help fund scholarships,” said Ben Robuck, Chairman of the CIM Auction Committee.

According to CIM Marketing Committee Chairman Brian Gallagher, the 2025 auction was a tremendous success, raising more than 2.2 million USD.

“The annual CIM Auction is a critical funding mechanism for the CIM NSC,” said Gallagher. “We’ve been blessed with tremendous support from the concrete industry, and the World of Concrete show management has been an amazing partner.”

Last year’s auction items included two concrete mixer trucks, a concrete pump, and a laser screed. Other donated items included cement, fly ash, aggregate, concrete saws, drills, safety equipment, training sessions, reference books and software subscriptions, sports travel packages, and golf and vacation travel packages. If you are interested in donating to the auction, contact Ben Robuck at ben.robuck@cemex.com or +1.404.456.6867.

Weatheron Scholarship Awarded to Three Inspiring Students

The American Concrete Pumping Association (ACPA) announced the 2025 recipients of the Bob Weatheron Scholarship: Dustin Cook, Jack Broccoli, and Joshua Cordes.

These students embody the leadership and spirit that is integral to the legacy of the late “Big Bob” Weatherston of The Concrete Pump Store in California, USA. Weatherston served on the ACPA Board of Directors for more than 40 years and was one of the industry’s most avid champions.

Open to eligible members and their employees and respective families, the Bob Weatherston Scholarship Fund was created for undergraduate, graduate, and vocational students in fields related to concrete, concrete pumping, construction and engineering, construction management, and administration and vocational studies related to concrete pumps and trucks. Three scholarship awards are offered in the amounts of 5000, 3000, and 2000 USD. Funds are paid directly to the school to cover tuition, fees, books, and/or room and board provided by the institution.

In its seventh year, the scholarship drew highly qualified and diverse candidates. Members of the ACPA Scholarship Committee served as judges, evaluating submissions

separately and submitting scores individually to an independent accounting firm to tabulate the results. The three individuals receiving the greatest number of points were selected as the winners.

Concrete in Life Global Photography Competition Launches

This year’s Concrete in Life, a global photography competition which celebrates the essential role of concrete across the world, has officially launched. Now in its seventh year, the competition highlights the sustainability, versatility, beauty, and durable presence of concrete.

Run by the Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA), the competition is open to everyone, and entry to the competition is free. Contestants will have a chance to win a top prize of 10,000 USD for Best Overall Concrete in Life photo. Each category winner will receive 2500 USD.

“Concrete is essential to our lives, building our roads,

ACI Reinforced Concrete Design Handbook Set

The *ACI Reinforced Concrete Design Handbook*, a two-volume set, aids in the design of reinforced concrete buildings and related structures. The handbook includes an overview chapter on reinforced concrete structural systems, a chapter on the different analysis procedures addressed in the ACI 318 Code, and a chapter on durability of concrete. Available in print and digital formats.

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bridges, houses, and the cities we live in. Its innate properties of strength and versatility have led it to create some of the best and most beautiful architecture and infrastructure of our time,” said Thomas Guillot, GCCA Chief Executive and one of the competition judges. “Our Concrete in Life photography competition gives people the chance to capture the beauty of concrete and show what it means to them.”

Chris George, Content Director, Digital Camera World, and longstanding competition judge added, “Concrete is all around us and has a beauty that might not always be obvious to some people. The Concrete in Life global photography competition continues to prove it is possible to take stunning shots of architecture and the manmade environment that show off the beauty of this universal building material.”

The competition is open until November 30, 2025, with the winners announced in early 2026. To enter, post a photo of concrete in your life to Instagram or X and tag the competition #ConcreteInLife2526, the country where you took the photo, and one of the following categories:

- #UrbanConcrete—Images of city landscapes and buildings, both well-known and hidden away;
- #ConcreteInfrastructure—Photographs of the infrastructure that enables the world, in cities and rural areas, above and below ground;
- #ConcreteInDailyLife—The human side of concrete and how it’s used and interacted with daily; and
- #ConcreteBeautyAndDesign—Capturing the beauty of concrete, showing how it’s used in a particularly striking visual way, whether at a large or small scale.

Entries can also be emailed to concreteinlife@gccassociation.org. When posting to Instagram, make sure the photo is public, or it will not be able to be viewed. For more details and for photos from previous years, visit <https://gccassociation.org/concreteinlife>.

ASCE Receives 2025 Power of Associations Gold Award for 2025 Report Card for America’s Infrastructure

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has been recognized with a Power of Associations Gold Award by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) for its successful launch of the 2025 Report Card for America’s Infrastructure.

Since 1998, ASCE has issued a quadrennial assessment of the United States’ infrastructure networks, from roads and bridges to water infrastructure and the electric grid, known as the Report Card for America’s Infrastructure. The 2025 report assigned the country’s infrastructure a cumulative grade of “C,” the highest grade ever assigned to the United States since the program began. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs

Act (IIJA), the Inflation Reduction Act, and state-driven programs have helped push the grade forward.

“Congratulations to ASCE for exemplifying the impact associations have on the industries and professions they represent, and on society at large,” said ASAE President and CEO Michelle Mason. “It’s always incredibly satisfying to see associations going above and beyond their everyday mission to change the world. We’re very proud to spotlight this award-winning initiative.”

“Thank you, ASAE, for recognizing ASCE’s efforts to broaden public awareness of the current state and projected outlook of America’s infrastructure systems through the Report Card series,” said Tom Smith, ASCE Executive Director. “The nation’s infrastructure is the backbone of our economy, public safety, and welfare. Our report strives to shed light on a broad range of factors contributing to current and projected performance, while highlighting solutions that can raise the grades. We are happy to see the impact this series is having and hope it can continue to drive change in the industry.”

To learn more about ASCE’s 2025 Report Card for America’s Infrastructure, visit www.infrastructurereportcard.org.

PCI Committee Days Highlights and Awards

The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute’s (PCI) 2025 PCI Committee Days took place September 16-19, 2025, in Rosemont, IL, USA. The event brought together precast concrete professionals for a week of collaboration, innovation, and networking. With more than 60 committee and council meetings, attendees worked to advance technical standards, sustainability practices, and industry growth. Highlights included the Women in Precast Dinner, the Leadership PCI social event, and the Concrete Chefs fundraiser for the PCI Foundation. More than 30 tabletop exhibitors showcased precast technologies and solutions.

“Committee Days is the engine that drives PCI’s mission forward,” said PCI President and CEO Bob Risser. “The dedication and expertise of our members during this week are what keep our industry strong and evolving. Thank you to all of PCI’s volunteers and event sponsors for making 2025 PCI Committee Days a tremendous success.”

Many distinguished leaders of the precast concrete industry were honored at the PCI Membership Luncheon on September 17, 2025:

- Edward Knowles received the T. Henry Clark Award;
- Roksana Taghizadeh Daloui received the Irwin J. Speyer Young Professional Engineer Award;
- Venkatesh (Venka) Seshappa received the Norman L. Scott Professional Engineer Award;
- Jane Martin received the PCI Marketing Individual

Achievement Award;

- FINFROCK Design LLC of Apopka, FL, USA, received the PCI Marketing Company Achievement Award;
- The Leslie D. Martin Certificate of Merit Award recipient is the ACI/PCI CODE 319-25, Structural Precast Concrete – Code Requirements Commentary, developed by the outgoing Design Standard Committee members;
- The Martin P. Korn Award was presented to Baha'a Al-Khateeb, Christopher Garcia, Mark P. Manning, Jon Mohle, and Yahya C. Kurama for their paper "Seismic Precast Concrete Shear Walls with Short-Grouted Ductile Reinforcing Bar Connections," published in the January-February 2025 issue of *PCI Journal*;
- The Robert J. Lyman Award was presented to Mustafa Mahamid, Ines Torra-Bilal, and Eray Baran for their paper "An Investigation and Design of Novel Moment-Resisting Beam-Column Connections for Precast Concrete Construction," published in the July-August 2024 *PCI Journal*;
- The George D. Nasser Award was presented to Mostafa Abo El-Khier and Adam D. Sevenker for their paper "Measurements of Rotational Stiffness for Precast Concrete Girder Transport Vehicles, Part 2," which was published in the July-August 2024 *PCI Journal*; and
- The Charles C. Zollman Award was presented to Alla Eddine Acheli, Hema Jayaseelan, Bruce W. Russell, Walter Peters, and Chris Filip for their paper "Assessment and Validation of Prestress Loss Prediction Models Using Real-Time Prestress Loss Measurements," published in the September-October 2024 *PCI Journal*.

Congratulations to the 2025 ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Award Winners!

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