

2025 CI Readership Survey

Readers were invited to participate in a *CI* readership survey earlier this year. *CI* values participant feedback as it helps staff continue to serve readers with industry-leading content. The 2025 survey focused on three areas.

The magazine's value as an ACI Membership benefit

Readership indicated that *CI* is a primary and essential membership benefit worldwide, confirming ACI's commitment to the ongoing production of this reputable industry publication.

The preferred format and frequency of the magazine

The consensus was to continue with a monthly publication schedule. There was a wide range of feedback on the magazine's format, but support for continued publication in both printed and digital formats was clear.

How often content from the magazine is shared

More than half of *CI* readers regularly share content from the magazine with one or more people. In addition, most survey respondents place their printed copy in a location where others can consume its content. This was very positive feedback for both the quality and usability of content.

Looking ahead

CI plans to continue conducting annual readership surveys to ensure the magazine provides valuable content to its readers. As a reminder, feedback is always welcomed. If you have an idea for the magazine, email Lacey Stachel, Editor-in-Chief, at lacey.stachel@concrete.org.

ACI Presents and Exhibits at the 2025 NCSEA Structural Engineering Summit

ACI was an exhibitor at the 2025 National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA) Structural Engineering Summit from October 14-17, 2025, at the New York Hilton Midtown in New York, NY, USA. ACI staff and members delivered multiple presentations during the Summit. At ACI's booth, visitors engaged with ACI representatives to discuss the latest concrete technologies and standards. PRO: An ACI Center of Excellence for Advancing Productivity also had a presence at the booth, offering a free download of the updated *Constructability Blueprint*. Exhibiting at events such as the NCSEA Summit helps ACI execute its strategic goals, such as advancing expertise, continuously improving, expanding concrete knowledge, and disseminating knowledge through outreach. The NCSEA Structural Engineering Summit

brings together practicing structural engineers, educators, and industry leaders to share insights, discuss emerging challenges, and explore new technologies shaping the future of structural engineering. ACI's participation in the Summit reflects its ongoing commitment to supporting the structural engineering community through collaboration, education, and innovation. For more information about the event, visit ncseasummit.com. To learn more about ACI and its resources for structural engineers, visit concrete.org.

ACI Attends the 2025 ICC Annual Conference and Expo

ACI attended the 2025 International Code Council (ICC) Annual Conference and Expo on October 19-22, 2025, at the Huntington Convention Center in Cleveland, OH, USA. ACI exhibited at the ICC Expo, where visitors engaged with ACI representatives to discuss the latest concrete resources relevant to code officials. Resources are available to building officials on ACI's Code Officials Page, including access to a free download of the Personnel Qualifications Document, *Concrete International's* Building Safety Article Series, and complimentary electronic copies of ACI codes, referenced in the I-Codes.

ACI also sponsored the annual Ron Burton Golf Outing on October 19, 2025. The Ron Burton Golf Outing celebrates the life and work of code expert William Ronald "Ron" Burton, who worked on many code-related projects for the ICC, Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), and National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). This event included a variety of sponsorship opportunities to raise funds for training and resources for the next generation of code officials.

Exhibiting at events like the ICC's Annual Conference and Expo helps ACI execute its strategic goals, such as advancing expertise and expanding concrete knowledge. For more information regarding ICC, visit iccsafe.org.

The Post-Tensioning Institute Joins PRO

PRO: An ACI Center of Excellence for Advancing Productivity announced that the Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) and PRO have become Allied Organizations, effective October 21, 2025. PTI is a nonprofit organization for the advancement of post-tensioned, prestressed concrete design and construction. PTI's agreement with PRO underscores a shared commitment to advancing productivity, efficiency, and innovation in concrete construction through collaboration, education, and technology adoption.

"Post-tensioning is a key component of modern concrete design and construction, and PTI's collaboration brings invaluable expertise to PRO's mission," said Phil Diekemper,

Executive Director, PRO. “We look forward to working together to find workable solutions that improve productivity of concrete construction beyond historic levels.”

As an Allied Organization, PTI will collaborate with PRO and other member organizations to identify barriers to productivity and develop strategies that streamline project delivery. This includes participation in knowledge-sharing programs and outreach efforts that help drive industry-wide improvement. Additional Allied Organizations include the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC) and the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI).

“Improving productivity is essential to meeting today’s construction objectives, and PRO connects us to an ideal partner for collaboration and progress,” said Tim Christle, Executive Vice President, PTI.

To learn more about PRO and to get involved, visit concreteproductivity.org.

Concrete Industry Management Program Launches New Website to Enhance Connectivity and Engagement

The Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program—a business-intensive program that awards students with a 4-year BS in concrete industry management—announced the launch of its newly redesigned website. The new site offers a user-friendly experience with enhanced navigation and features, serving as a comprehensive digital hub for prospective students, program universities, industry partners, and alumni. The primary goal of the new website is to provide accessible and in-depth information about the CIM program’s educational and career opportunities. It features detailed descriptions of the BS program available at each of its five program universities, highlights scholarship opportunities, and showcases the program’s industry partnerships. According to Brian Gallagher, Chair of the National Steering Committee’s



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(NSC) Marketing Committee, the refreshed design, which aligns with the new brand identity introduced at the beginning of 2025, ensures visitors can easily explore the robust curriculum that blends technical expertise with business and management skills.

“Our new website is a vital tool for connection and communication,” said Nicole Maher, Executive Director of the National Steering Committee. “It acts as a central resource that not only attracts top-tier students but also strengthens our bonds with industry stakeholders and showcases the incredible value a CIM degree offers. We are excited to provide a platform that truly reflects the innovation and forward-thinking spirit of our program and the industry we serve.”

New features include a dedicated section for industry news and events, keeping the community informed of the latest developments. The site also features student and alumni success stories, illustrating the career pathways CIM graduates pursue. With a nearly 100% job placement rate, the website effectively communicates the program’s success in preparing the next generation of leaders for the concrete industry. To learn more about the program, visit www.concretedegree.com.

PTI Journal, in Partnership with AOE, Earns 2025 MarCom Awards Honorable Mention

The Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) announced that its cornerstone publication, the *PTI Journal*, received an honorable mention in the 2025 MarCom Awards, an award program that celebrates excellence in marketing and communication. The Journal was recognized in the

Publication-Magazine-Association category for its excellent quality and content. The *PTI Journal* is a publication for the post-tensioning industry, delivering valuable insights and technical expertise to professionals worldwide. This recognition highlights PTI’s successful collaboration with Advancing Organizational Excellence (AOE), which provides comprehensive support in content development, layout design, and meticulous editing to ensure each issue meets the highest standards.

The latest issue of the *PTI Journal* can be viewed at www.post-tensioning.org/ptijournal.aspx.

ACA Board of Directors Elects First Woman to Serve as Chair in Its History



Manolas

Monica Manolas, Region President, Ash Grove East, is the first woman in the American Cement Association’s (ACA) history to be elected Chair of its Board of Directors. David Loomes, President of Cement Segment, Quikrete Cement, is the new Vice Chair. The elections took place during the ACA 2025 Fall Meeting held in New Orleans, LA, USA.

“Becoming the first woman to chair the ACA is a privilege and a responsibility I take with great pride,” Manolas said. “The cement industry is at an inflection point, advancing toward more onshore manufacturing, smarter technologies, and wider adoption of supplementary cementitious materials. These changes are redefining how we think about performance, resilience, and sustainability in every part of our value chain. I look forward to working with our members to strengthen our impact and build a bright future for our industry and the communities we serve.”

Carol Holland Named CMAA Board of Directors Chair



Holland

The Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) announced that Carol Holland, Senior Vice President, Cornerstone Concilium, Inc., is the new Chair of the CMAA Board of Directors. A senior facilities and engineering executive with over 25 years of progressive leadership experience, Holland brings strategic leadership and business development expertise to

Cornerstone Concilium, an engineering and management consulting firm that has been serving the aviation, transportation, facilities, and technology sectors since 1986.

A United States Navy veteran and Naval Academy

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graduate, Holland's career began as a Civil Engineer Corps Officer providing full life-cycle management for Navy facilities globally. She received her MS in environmental engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, USA, and her BS in systems engineering from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, USA. She is a licensed professional engineer, a Certified Construction Manager (CCM), and LEED Accredited Professional. Holland is also a member of the CMAA National Capital Chapter and previously served as its President.

Proposed ASTM Standard Will Aid in Deteriorated Concrete Assessment

ASTM International Committee C09, Concrete and Concrete Aggregates, is developing a proposed standard that will help experts examine examples of deteriorated hardened concrete. The proposed guide, WK96177, will offer a standardized approach for assessing internal swelling reactions in concrete using the Data Rating Index (DRI).

"The proposed standard will provide a clear and repeatable way to measure the extent of damage, which is essential for determining whether rehabilitation is needed or if a structure remains safe," ASTM member Leandro Sanchez explained.

According to Sanchez, the proposed standard will be valuable for laboratories, infrastructure owners, consultants, and regulatory bodies involved in durability assessments and forensic investigations of concrete structures. Manufacturers and researchers may also benefit from the consistent methodology when evaluating materials or validating migration strategies.

"This guide builds on years of research and field application of the DRI method, which has proven effective in identifying damage due to internal swelling reactions such as

alkali-silica reaction (ASR) and delayed ettringite formation (DEF)," Sanchez said. "The task group includes experts from academia, industry, and government agencies, and we're committed to ensuring the proposed guide is both scientifically rigorous and practically applicable."

This effort directly relates to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals #9 on industry, innovation, and infrastructure, and #11 on sustainable cities and community. ASTM welcomes participation in the development of its standards. For more information on the proposed standard, visit www.astm.org/membership-participation/technical-committees/workitems/workitem-wk96177.

DBIA Announces 2025 Distinguished Leadership Award Honorees

The Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) has announced the recipients of its 2025 Distinguished Leadership Awards, honoring professionals who have advanced Design-Build Done Right® through innovation, collaboration, and leadership. This year's honorees are Jennifer Macks, Britt Sanford, David Shadpour, and Janice Zahn. Whether through policy, ownership, industry practice, or emerging leadership, these honorees represent the diversity of experience and expertise driving design-build's continued growth across the nation. This year's recipients represent excellence across four key categories: industry practitioner, owner, young professional, and legislator. Together, these leaders exemplify how collaboration and innovation continue to strengthen design-build delivery and expand its impact across sectors and communities. The 2025 Distinguished Leadership Award recipients were honored during the DBIA Design-Build Conference & Expo on November 5-7, 2025, at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, NV, USA.



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