

On the Move

Big-D Companies appointed ACI member **Grady Lonigan** as Vice President of Self-Perform Operations. Lonigan joins Big-D as a third-generation builder with over two decades of experience in concrete construction. From estimating to division and regional management, he has developed insights into the project cycle and a reputation for fostering team growth and advancing construction capabilities. Before joining Big-D, Lonigan served as President of Lonigan Co., a consultancy specializing in concrete construction management. At Lonigan Co., he provided strategic guidance for complex projects, helping clients overcome construction challenges with solutions that improved safety and productivity. Lonigan also served as Director of Operations at Pikus 3D, LLC, in West Jordan, UT, USA, where he helped develop market strategies for emerging concrete additive manufacturing technology. His tenure as Director of Self-Perform Concrete for Swinerton Builders in Los Angeles, CA, USA, and Pre-Construction Manager at Baker Concrete Construction in Phoenix, AZ, USA, highlights his background in cost control, resource management, and large-scale project leadership.

Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (SGH) announced **William (Bill) Bruin** will serve as the new Structural Engineering Region Head, West, overseeing the structural and marine engineering divisions in Oakland, CA, USA; Los Angeles, CA; Newport Beach, CA; Houston, TX, USA; and Denver, CO, USA. In this role, he joins SGH's Executive Committee, which is responsible for the firm's management and operations decisions. Bruin brings extensive experience in risk consulting, structural engineering, and project management applied over a variety of industrial, offshore, and waterfront projects, primarily in the oil and gas industry. His career has focused on condition assessment, response evaluation, risk



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identification, hazard mitigation, due diligence assessments, and design for a variety of onshore, near-shore, and offshore structures and facilities. Bruin is active with several American Society of Civil Engineers Coasts, Oceans, Ports & Rivers Institute (ASCE-COPRI) committees and activities and has traveled to disaster locations for earthquake and tsunami reconnaissance. SGH Principal **Rune Iversen** will take on Bruin's former role as Structural Engineering Division Head for the San Francisco Bay Area, CA.

Seth Grove will succeed **Peter T. Vlahos** as President and CEO of The Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association (PACA). Grove will serve as PACA's Vice President until December 1, 2026, when he assumes the role. Vlahos will remain with the association until November 2026 to support the transition. Grove brings experience in public policy and leadership to PACA. As a U.S. State Representative, he advocates for economic development and infrastructure investment in Pennsylvania. His expertise in legislative affairs and industry-related issues prepares him to lead PACA into its next chapter.

Honors & Awards

Drake Ready Mix Inc. President and Founding Partner **Terry Drake Jr.** was named Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year at the 2025 Distinguished Entrepreneur Awards. Presented by the Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL, USA, the celebration honored the innovation, leadership, and resilience of Southwest Florida's entrepreneurial community. The event featured a cocktail reception, dinner, storytelling, and the presentation of multiple awards. Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year is the program's highest recognition, honoring an established business owner who has demonstrated sustained success and a forward-thinking approach in their industry. A family-owned and operated ready mixed concrete company founded in 2006 by a father-and-son team, Drake Ready Mix started with less than 10 employees. Now, the company has grown to over 100 employees, nearly doubling its staff in the past 4 years.

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