

Line up your fall trade shows

Later this month, the first of a number of concrete construction trade shows are scheduled to commence in the effort to help you stay competitive and knowledgeable in this ever-changing industry. Here are just a few of the critical shows relevant to the concrete contractor you won't want to miss.

- Concrete Foundations Association (CFA) 2008 Summer Meeting, July 31–Aug. 2, 319-895-6940 or www.cfawalls.org.
- American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC) Annual Conference 2008, Sept. 11–14, San Antonio, 866-788-2722 or www.asconline.org.
- Insulating Concrete Form Associa-

tion (ICFA) 2008 Annual Meeting & Expo, Sept. 29–Oct. 1, Portland, 888-864-4232 or www.forms.org.

- Tilt-Up Concrete Association (TCA) Annual Convention, Oct. 1–4, Phoenix, 319-895-6911 or www.tilt-up.org.
- American Concrete Institute (ACI) Fall 2008 Convention, Nov. 2–6, St. Louis, 248-848-3795 or www.concrete.org.

For additional trade shows and conferences for the remainder of 2008 and into 2009, please visit our Web site www.concreteconstruction.net.

PTI announces seminar schedule

The Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) announced the dates for

two seminars on post-tensioning. Analysis and Design of Post-Tensioned Building Structures is scheduled for Sept. 16 in Minneapolis and for Sept. 18 in Toronto. The full-day workshop will provide hands-on training on post-tensioned building analysis and design. Other topics include preliminary design and the factors that affect the selection of structural systems; detailed analysis and design, and the effective techniques for modeling slabs; and detailing and structural drawings—specifically the causes of restraint and ways of mitigating problems. A total of eight AIA Learning Units (LU).

The second seminar, Fundamentals of Post-Tensioning: Design, Analysis, and Construction, held in Detroit on Sept. 15 and in New Orleans on Oct. 16, will focus on



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The advertisement features a large background image of a Stego dinosaur. On the right side, there are three smaller photographs showing construction sites: the top one shows a concrete slab with a white vapor barrier being laid; the middle one shows a grid of rebar on a prepared surface; the bottom one shows a worker in a hard hat and safety vest working on a construction site.

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analysis, design, and construction fundamentals. Intended to provide a basic understanding of post-tensioning, it will cover post-tensioning technology, analysis and design, applications, and construction. Participants will earn four LUs.

In other association news, the PTI announced the 2008 winners of its annual awards program. Judges evaluate submissions on creativity, innovation, ingenuity, cost effectiveness, functionality, constructability, and aesthetics. The New Guthrie



Honored as this year's PTI Project of the Year, Award of Excellence, the New Guthrie Theater Center in Minneapolis integrated post-tensioned concrete into a uniquely designed building. Photo: PTI

Theater Center in Minneapolis was bestowed the Project of the Year, Award of Excellence for its mixed-use building. Using a post-tensioned concrete framing system, the unusual design can accommodate heavy loads and large column-free areas.

In the Buildings category, the 1101 New York Ave., in Washington, D.C., project was acknowledged. The 12-story structure uses no perimeter columns on three sides of the building, which enabled designers to include a 20-foot cantilevered floor.

To learn more about these and the other winners, go to www.post-tensioning.org/ for more information.

Is your adhesive ready?

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Alliance between AIA and USGBC

This past May, leaders of The American Institute of Architects and the U.S. Green Building Council agreed to develop a strategic alliance that shared goals and collaborated on activities. The alliance will focus on advocacy, education, and research between the two groups. An annual leadership meeting, regular staff meetings, and existing efforts are designed to help these organizations meet this goal. For more information, go to www.aia.org.

PCA appoints Prentice

The Portland Cement Association (PCA) recently named John M. Prentice as its vice president of industry liaison. In this newly created

position, Prentice will be responsible for coordination the alignment of regional and national programs, as well as alignment of the Regional Promotion Groups into PCA. For more information, visit www.cement.org.

TCA calls for tilt-up competition entries

The Tilt-Up Concrete Association (TCA) recently announced the call for entries to the 2009 Tilt-Up Achievement Awards Competition. The TCA Awards Program recognizes outstanding site-cast tilt-up structures and advancements in technology, products, and methods used in the tilt-up industry.

Submitters must be a TCA member and submit a one-page abstract detailing the project. In addition, each submission must include three reasons why the project is worthy of consideration and a quality photo that best captures the project.

Additional rules and categories for submission can be found at www.tilt-up.org. There is \$150 entry fee per project and per category submitted. Entry forms for the 2009 competition must be submitted by Aug. 29, 2008. Entries received after the deadline automatically will be eligible for the 2010 contest.

Submit your decorative projects

If you're involved with the decorative concrete industry, then you should enter CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION's Third Annual Decorative Project of the Year contest. The contest is focused on projects that show a concrete contractor's specific involvement in promoting decorative concrete.

Projects must use a significant amount of decorative concrete and be completed between Nov. 2007 and Aug. 2008. Submissions can be located anywhere in the world.

For an entry form, log on to www.concreteconstruction.net to download the PDF.

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