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Michael A. Johnson Takes the Helm for the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute’s Illinois and Wisconsin Chapter

CHICAGO, Dec. 18, 2018 – Today, the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute of Illinois and Wisconsin board of directors announced Michael A. Johnson, P.E., has taken the helm as the new executive director for the organization. Johnson has more than 13 years of experience working in the precast/prestressed concrete industry in Illinois, with prior roles in sales, marketing, and quality control.

“Mike is a great fit for our vision of PCI of Illinois and Wisconsin, and he will certainly help grow the precast industry,” said PCI IL-WI Board President Joe Lombard. “We are very pleased to welcome him to this important leadership position in our industry.”

Johnson’s precast experience includes prestressed bridge beams, soundwalls, retaining wall systems, double-tee beams, and precast building systems. He has additional related experience with concrete, having worked in materials testing for seven years and being the owner of a small contracting business. Johnson most recently worked as a research engineer at the Illinois Center for Transportation, part of the University of Illinois Department of Civil Engineering, where he worked on transportation and pavement research projects.

He has a bachelor’s degree in general engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and will soon earn a master’s degree in civil engineering, specializing in construction materials, from the U of I. He also has several industry certifications, including PCI Level III Quality Control & Assurance, IDOT Level III Portland Cement Concrete, and IDOT 5-day Aggregate Technician.

"I am excited to start this new chapter in my professional career," said Johnson, "I look forward to renewing the relationships that I already have in the industry and in forging new ones in my role as Executive Director of PCI of Illinois and Wisconsin."

“The success of PCI chapters is a key strategy in our goal to increase awareness and use of plant- produced, precast, prestressed concrete systems and to be stewards of the built environment,” said PCI President and CEO Bob Risser, P.E. “Our partnerships with chapter executive directors are vital to that success. Mike is an excellent

addition to the team, and we look forward to working with him to grow the market and advance our members' interests."

PCI IL-WI is one of 11 regional PCI-affiliate organizations throughout the United States that supports its members at the local level. The organizations provide several services, including continuing education, marketing, precast design assistance, and resources and university support.

About PCI

Founded in 1954, the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) is a technical institute for the precast concrete structures industry. PCI develops, maintains, and disseminates the body of knowledge for designing, fabricating, and constructing precast structures. PCI provides technical resources, certification for companies and individuals, continuing education, as well as conducts research and development projects, conventions, conferences, awards programs, and much more. PCI members include precast concrete manufacturers, companies that provide products and services to the industry, precast concrete erectors, and individual members such as architects, consultants, contractors, developers, educators, engineers, materials suppliers, service providers, and students. To learn more, visit www.pci.org, or email Tom Bagsarian at tbagsarian@pci.org.