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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

PCI creates industry value

As we continue to discuss the value that PCI brings to its members, let's not forget the intrinsic value that PCI's support of the industry creates.

Since its inception more than 50 years ago, much of what the institute does is to continuously provide technical support to the construction industry, which allows precast, prestressed concrete to be used efficiently and effectively in the built environment.

Where would the precast, prestressed concrete industry (including PCI members) be today without the technical design guides that assist us in designing and manufacturing quality precast, prestressed concrete products? These design guides, such as the *PCI Design Handbook: Precast and Prestressed Concrete*, *Architectural Precast Concrete*, and the *Precast Prestressed Concrete Bridge Design Manual*, also support the design community that integrates precast, prestressed concrete products (and their benefits) into a variety of projects. Without these guides, precast concrete would not be used to the extent that it is today.

How would we develop our design guides and codes without research and development? Research and development allow constant refinement and integration of innovation so that precast, prestressed concrete products continue to change for the benefit of all.

Where would the overall quality of precast/prestressed concrete be without the technical training guides that allow our plant quality-assurance personnel to be properly trained to support the oversight of our certification program?

It goes without saying that our industry would be much less successful without the constant technical support of PCI through the involvement of colleges, universities, other organizations, members, and individuals.

I encourage each of you, whether you are a design professional looking for construction options or a member company offering solutions, to continue to examine, investigate, support, and challenge the technical information and value that PCI provides to the construction industry.



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