

OUR MEMBERS

County Materials acquires Indiana-based Sanders Cos.

County Materials Corp. has acquired the Indiana-based manufacturing assets and real estate of the Sanders Cos. effective August 6, 2018. The acquisition includes Sanders Cos.' precast concrete manufacturing facility in Whitestown, Ind.

The acquisition of Sanders Cos. adds to County Materials' manufacturing capabilities in structural precast concrete products, including box culverts and three-sided bridge structures. In addition, by acquiring Sanders Cos., County Materials adds insulated sandwich walls to its product line. Insulated sandwich walls are a structural, load-bearing, insulated precast concrete building envelope system that is used predominantly in commercial and industrial buildings.

—Source: County Materials Corp.

Spillman taps Karnes for engineering manager

Spillman Co. has named Matthew Karnes as its new engineering manager.

Karnes comes to Spillman after working with companies such as Pettibone, BOMAG America, and Honda, where he gained extensive experience with heavy machinery metal fabrication, finite element analysis, and weldment design. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University in Houghton.

—Source: Spillman Co.



Matthew Karnes

ALP Supply returns to AltusGroup as Innovation Partner

ALP Supply has rejoined AltusGroup as an Innovation Partner to lend its expertise and technical support to precaster members. ALP Supply's involvement will include partnering with AltusGroup precasters on the development and refinement of proprietary anchorage and bracketing

systems for the ARCIS line of precast, prestressed concrete panels for the rainscreen, facade enclosure, and decking markets. Utilizing noncorrosive stainless steel cable in a novel manufacturing process, ARCIS technology delivers a versatile, lightweight panel (as low as 9 lb/ft² [430 Pa]) that offers the strength and aesthetics of precast concrete.

As A. L. Patterson, ALP Supply was one of the original AltusGroup Innovation Partners. Its corporate headquarters in Pennsylvania was made using CarbonCast high-performance insulated wall panels—a signature AltusGroup technology—as it expanded to new facilities. The company has returned to AltusGroup in concert with the continued growth of its business.

The addition of ALP Supply expands AltusGroup's Innovation Partner roster to nine. AltusGroup Innovation Partners work with member precasters to advance breakthrough precast concrete technology.

—Source: AltusGroup

CTS, Concure partner for jointless floor slabs

CTS Cement Manufacturing Corp.—manufacturer of Rapid Set cement products and Komponent shrinkage-compensating cement for concrete repairs and new construction projects—is partnering with Concure Systems to provide the Komponent shrinkage-compensating jointless floor slabs.

Integrating Komponent and Rapid-Set technologies allows minimizing or eliminating control joints and saw cutting, prevents joint-related flooring failures, and eliminates topical moisture remediation systems. This solution can eliminate delamination concerns for moisture-sensitive floor coverings or resinous floor systems and prevent reflective cracking and joint failures.

—Source: CTS Cement Manufacturing Corp.

Tindall Georgia Division supports local charities

Tindall Corp's Georgia Division has been hard at work supporting the greater Atlanta, Ga., area through donation and volunteer efforts. The Volunteer Committee recently orga-

nized community outreach efforts with The Women of Clayton County, Operation Lunchbox, and Habitat for Humanity.

“Our team is passionate about this community and helping others,” says Rob Smith, vice president and general manager of Tindall’s Georgia Division. “Each year, our Volunteer Committee carefully selects causes to support so they are able to make an actionable difference.”

The Women of Clayton is an organization that focuses on improving the lives of residents of Clayton County. Tindall is specifically supporting Goodnight Clayton, a program that promotes literacy of children between the ages of 2 and 12, providing pajamas and books for parents to read to them at night. Tindall is also partnering with Operation Lunchbox, an organization that provides lunches for youths throughout the school year and summer. The Georgia team also scheduled a build with Habitat for Humanity in July. Georgia Division employees and community members are encouraged to participate and enable positive change for local causes.

—Source: Tindall-Utilities

Gate Precast’s North Carolina facility earns state safety award

During a June 5, 2018, safety awards ceremony, Cherie Berry, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor, presented Gate Precast’s Oxford, N.C., facility with the 3 Million Employee Hours Award for time without a lost workday injury.

David Owen, plant manager, says that the award covers a time period beginning in May 2009. Gate Oxford is also a Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP)–certified employer. Designated for small to mid-sized businesses, SHARP honors those companies that achieve lower lost workday rates than the national average, actively encourage employee involvement, and meet established goals for improving the safety and health programs for their workers.

“The 3 Million Employee Hours Award was accomplished through teamwork, dedication, and focus on safety and health by all employees at the Oxford site,” says Bob Madison, Gate’s human resources and safety manager.



Representatives from Gate Precast were recognized at the North Carolina Safety Awards ceremony for its employees’ safety record of 3 million hours with no lost time injuries. From left are Bob Madison, Gate Precast human resources and safety manager; Starr Peace, Gate Precast payroll/accounts payable and Safety Committee member; Cherie Berry, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor; and Damon Terry, Gate Precast carpenter/hardware installer and Safety Committee member. Courtesy of Gate Precast Co.

The Oxford facility services projects in North Carolina; South Carolina; Virginia; Maryland; Washington, D.C.; and New York and began operations in 1986 as a producer of architectural precast and prestressed concrete hollow-core slabs.

—Source: Gate Precast Co.

R. W. Sidley receives business longevity award

Smart Business magazine named R. W. Sidley Inc. a 2018 Business Longevity Award winner. Sidley is celebrating 80 years in business.

To be eligible for the award, companies must have been in business for a minimum of 50 years and have a physical location in a 14-county region of northeast Ohio.

Smart Business hosted its 2018 Business Longevity Awards Luncheon to recognize honorees on August 9, 2018, at The Ritz-Carlton in Cleveland, Ohio.

—Source: R. W. Sidley Inc.

Spancrete promotes Schnell, Passint

Spancrete has promoted John Schnell to vice president of Precast Operations North and Nicholas Passint to general manager of Spancrete Machinery.

Schnell has been with the company for 33 years and previously served as vice president of Spancrete Machinery. He will be responsible for overseeing all precast concrete operations in the north, encompassing activities at both the company’s Crystal Lake, Ill., and Valders, Wis., plants.

Passint was previously a product and business development engineer at Spancrete, leading the development of the RePlenish pervious precast concrete system. He will be responsible for helping to increase machinery sales. He holds a degree in engineering mechanics from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and an MBA from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

Both Schnell and Passint will be based in Wisconsin. Schnell will operate from Spancrete’s precast concrete manufacturing facility in Valders and Passint from the company’s machinery headquarters in Waukesha.

—Source: Spancrete



John Schnell



Nicholas Passint

LEONARD PERLMUTTER



Leonard Perlmutter, former PCI president, died July 8, 2018. He was 92.

Perlmutter received a BA from the University of Colorado. In 1952, he cofounded Prestressed Concrete of Colorado in Denver, Colo., with his brother Jack Perlmutter and served as the firm's vice president, president, and chairman of the board. The company eventually merged

with Stanley Tool Co. and came to be known as Stanley Structures, where he was CEO. In 1985, he was named president of LAP Inc. in Denver. In addition, he was an adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado in Denver.

Perlmutter was PCI president (what is now called chairman) in 1977 and served on the PCI Board of Directors during much of the 1970s. In 1994, Perlmutter was named a PCI Fellow.

DAVID HANSON



David Hanson, former PCI chairman, died July 11, 2018. He was 89.

Hanson graduated from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, in 1952 with BS degrees in civil and industrial engineering.

The year he graduated, Hanson was drafted into the Army and served in Korea in a heavy construction battalion as a sergeant. During his two years of active duty, Hanson built bridges, roads, and a headquarters.

He returned to the United States in 1954 and eventually wound up back in Duluth, Minn., where he was offered a sales management position at Zenith Concrete Products Co., a producer of autoclaved concrete blocks, hollow-core, and machine-made concrete pipe. He stayed with the company for two years doing sales, marketing, and start-up research on concrete mixture proportions. Then in 1957, Hanson took a job as sales manager at Midwest Concrete Industries, a pioneer in architectural exposed-aggregate wall panels, double tees, and bridge beams in West Des Moines, Iowa. He sent his resume and got the job.

In 1962, an acquaintance who owned Spancrete Midwest in Osseo, Minn., offered Hanson a position as general manager and engineer with the directive to rebuild the business. Hanson brought one salesperson with him,

and by 1967 he had tripled the size of the first plant, added a second plant, and hired about 350 employees.

In 1970, after being let go from Hanson, Gerald Rauenhurst of Opus Construction offered Hanson \$5 million to start his own company. Rauenhurst wanted to build a new plant in Minnesota to make floors and wall panels. Hanson credited much of his career success to Gerald Rauenhurst's. "You don't start this kind of business with a pickup and shovel," he said. "His credit built that plant."

Hanson found a plant site in Savage, Minn., and built Fabcon. From the beginning, the company did substantial business producing and erecting solid walls and hollow-core wall panels for complete apartment buildings. Then in 1974, during the energy crisis, Fabcon invented the insulated sandwich wall panel, which embedded foam insulation within the prestressed panels to provide instant insulation. The insulated panels are energy efficient and faster to put up, and because the insulation is prepackaged in the panels, it can't be stolen and it isn't a fire hazard on the construction site.

Hanson retired in March of 1996 and worked for another five years as consultant and director of Fabcon and a consultant to the president of Master Builders of Cleveland, Ohio.

Hanson helped found the Minnesota Prestress Association and was PCI chairman in 1988. He served on the PCI Board for seven years, was a member of numerous PCI committees, and was named a PCI Fellow in 1994 and a Titan in 2004.

PCI'S NEWLY CERTIFIED PLANT



PCI recently certified the following plant. For an explanation of the certification designation, visit http://www.pci.org/PCI_Certification/Plant_Certification/.

- Building Blocks GFRC LLC, Kissimmee, Fla.: G