

OUR MEMBERS

S. K. Ghosh Associates names Krohn VP of Engineering

Jason Krohn was recently named vice president of Engineering at S. K. Ghosh Associates LLC (SKGA). He leaves PCI after more than 18 years there.

As vice president of Engineering, Krohn will participate within the structural code and standards development community as a representative of SKGA at meetings and conferences; plan and formulate aspects of research and development proposals; and develop, determine, and implement policies, procedures, and programs, among other duties.

Krohn started at PCI October 23, 2000, as technical services manager. In 2003, he was named technical director, and then in 2010 became technical activities managing director. At PCI, Krohn coordinated and oversaw code development and technical activities for the precast/prestressed concrete industry, managed the development of the *PCI Design Handbook: Precast and Prestressed Concrete* updates, maintained the technical body of knowledge for the precast/prestressed concrete industry, represented the precast concrete industry on standards-developing committees outside of PCI, and provided administrative and technical support to the PCI Technical Activities Council.

Some of Krohn's major accomplishments are the completion of the sixth, seventh, and eighth editions of the *PCI Design Handbook*, the codification of the DSDM (Diaphragm Seismic Design Methodology) research results, the approval of PCI as an American National Standards Institute-accredited Standards Developing Organization, the development of a mutually respectful relationship with the international structural concrete organization *fib* (International Federation for Structural Concrete) through the exchange of technical knowledge, and changing the federal government's opinion with regard to prestressed concrete's blast-resistance capabilities resulting from several physical tests.

During his time at PCI, Krohn also became a licensed professional engineer and certified association executive. He has a BS and MS in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Jason Krohn

Smith-Midland wins SEBC Award for architectural precast project

One of Smith-Midland Corp.'s architectural precast concrete projects won a top industry award from the Southeast Building Conference (SEBC).

The SEBC Grand Aurora Award for Best Mixed-Use Project of 2018 was presented to Smith-Midland's Latitude Apartments project. The luxury apartment complex is a 12-story, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly community located across from the Virginia Square Metro Station in Arlington, Va.

Smith-Midland manufactured and erected approximately 70,000 ft (21,000 m) of acid-wash-finished architectural finished precast concrete panels for the two residential towers for builder CBG Building Co.

The Latitude project features a variety of sustainable design aspects, and in a record eight-day construction phase review, earned LEED gold certification.

—Source: PCI Mid-Atlantic

Gate Precast reorganizes regional divisions

In a move to streamline the organization and improve efficiency, Gate Precast has consolidated its plant operations into Northern and Southern Divisions. Bryant Luke, previous operations manager at the Kissimmee, Fla., plant, is now vice president of special operations for both divisions and will concentrate on research and development, special projects, and safety.

The reorganization will enable improved



Travis Fox



Mark Ledkins



Chris Galde



Brian Griffiths

collaboration between Gate's operations and sales units, as the company previously operated under four separate divisions.

The Northern Division includes the Ashland City, Tenn.; Oxford, N.C.; and Winchester, Ky., plants. Travis Fox serves as vice president of operations—Northern Division and Chris Galde as vice president of estimating, marketing, and sales—Northern Division. Fox, who served as operations manager for the Oxford plant since 2013 and previously as corporate business manager, oversees the operational and administrative issues for the plants. Galde has 30 years of experience in the precast concrete industry and most recently served as northeast regional director of sales and marketing for architectural precast and hollow-core systems.

The Southern Division includes the Hillsboro, Tex.; Kissimmee; and Monroeville, Ala., plants. Mark Ledkins serves as vice president of operations—Southern Division and Brian Griffis as vice president of estimating, marketing, and sales—Southern Division. Ledkins has 37 years of experience in the precast concrete industry and has served as operations manager at the Monroeville plant for 17 years. Griffis has 17 years of experience in the construction industry and previously served as southeast regional sales and marketing manager.

Senior vice president of operations Earl Shimp, who retires in July 2019, will play an active role during the transition.

—Source: Gate Precast Co.

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PCI'S NEWLY CERTIFIED PLANTS

PCI recently certified the following plants and erectors. For an explanation of the certification designations, visit http://www.pci.org/PCI_Certification/Plant_Certification/.

- American Concrete Products of Kansas LLC, Kansas City, Kans.: B1 and C1
- Dragados Flatiron Joint Venture, Hanford, Calif.: B3
- Jans Corp., Sioux Falls, S.Dak.: S2 and A
- Hauter Brothers Inc., Romeoville, Ill.: S2