

## 20 Buildings Honored in the 49th Annual PCI Design Awards

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Juries awarded 20 building projects a **PCI Design Award**. Included among the winning projects are commercial buildings, a retail/mixed-use project, parking structures, sports facilities, public/institutional buildings, higher education developments, healthcare buildings, multi-family homes, retirement facilities, and a hotel. Building winners include both a Sustainable Design winner and an All Precast Solution winner. For a complete summary of winner, including photos and projects details, visit [www.pci.org](http://www.pci.org) and click the Design Awards icon.

The PCI Design Awards program started 49 years ago to recognize design excellence with precast concrete. The special 50th year of the program will begin accepting entries in Jan. 2012. Look for more information on [www.pci.org](http://www.pci.org) or email Jennifer Peters at [jpeters@pci.org](mailto:jpeters@pci.org) to be placed on a list to receive a special announcement when the 2012 awards program opens for submissions.



## Blakeslee Prestress Inc. Creates Stairway at West Point

BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

**Blakeslee Prestress Inc.** helped design and cast a new precast concrete stairway as a donation to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. after being approached by four senior cadets who wanted to create a lasting structure for their school as an independent-study project.

The stairway provides safe and convenient access along an incline, replacing a dirt path that was heavily-trafficked. After receiving approval on the project from administrators, the cadets—James Vidal, Marc Orozco, Lukas Rennebaum, and Philip Neumann—surveyed and staked their project and worked with Blakeslee on the final design.

The precaster modeled and designed the stairway as a simply supported beam. The stairway, featuring 7,000-psi concrete, is 1-foot thick with a large, 9-foot landing, over which 5 feet rests on the upper foundation. The 20 treads are  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches in height and 11 inches long with a 1-inch overhang. The cadets' thorough surveying and cross-coordination with Blakeslee ensured the dimensions matched the site while still meeting code requirements for stairway slope and tread dimensions.



### **Heldenfels Produces Longest Prestressed Concrete Bridge Beams in Texas**

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

**Heldenfels Enterprises Inc.** recently produced and delivered the longest prestressed concrete bridge beams ever manufactured for a Texas bridge project, as confirmed by David Hohmann, Texas Department of Transportation Bridge Division Director.

Heldenfels manufactured 14 Type VI modified beams with a length of 164 ft. 8 in. (50.2 m) for Central Texas Highway Constructors' State Highway 130 project. The beams were offloaded and erected by **Archer Western Contractors** for Bridges 17 and 18 over County Road 179 in Segment 5.2, as part of the new toll road project being developed by Central Texas Highway Constructors.

### **BergerABAM Acquires Flores Lund**

FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON

**BergerABAM** has completed its acquisition of Flores Lund Consultants (FLC) of San Diego, California. FLC has provided civil and structural engineering services for more than 30 years to its client base in the southwest region, including California, Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico.

The acquisition broadens BergerABAM's geographical reach and presence into a region within the firm's detailed strategic growth plan.

Bill Lund will become a vice president of BergerABAM and continue in a leadership capacity while remaining focused on business development efforts for civil engineering service in California. He will be supported by Hamid Liaghat and Armando Valdos, who continue their focus on promoting the firm's structural engineering services.

## Oldcastle Acquires Select Duratek Assets

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

**Oldcastle Precast Inc.** has acquired select assets of Duratek Precast Technologies Inc. Duratek, a Florida-based precast concrete company, specializes in the design, manufacture, and installation of precast concrete site walls, department of transportation walls, sound barriers, hurricane hangars, safe harbor marinas, precast concrete homes, and commercial, residential, and industrial structures. In addition, Duratek recently filed for a patent for its "unitized" construction methods that create a virtual fortress for structures of any function.

The intellectual property and manufacturing assets gained through the procurement will allow Oldcastle Precast to take Duratek's product line to a national level, offering all customers the latest product technologies in the fields of environmental acoustics for industrial, commercial, and transportation issues; privacy walls for water treatment plants, airports, schools, and government buildings; and environmentally-friendly perimeter wall systems for gated communities and developments.

## Hanson Building Products Names Jay Cariveau, AIA, LEED AP, Vice President of Sales for Hanson Structural Precast Division

MAPLE GROVE, MINNESOTA



– Jay Cariveau

**Hanson Building Products North America** has named Jay Cariveau, AIA, LEED AP, as vice president of sales for its structural precast division.

In this capacity, Cariveau is responsible for sales, estimating, and project management for Hanson's architectural and structural precast concrete manufacturing facilities in Minnesota, Utah, Idaho, and California. He will help develop and execute strategies to enhance the customers' experience while securing valuable revenue streams.

## Molin Concrete Products Names Matthew Westgaard as Chief Operations Officer

LINO LAKES, MINNESOTA



– Matthew Westgaard

**Molin Concrete Products** hired Matthew Westgaard for the newly-created role of chief operations officer. In this role, Westgaard will be responsible for the overall safety, quality, productivity, customer satisfaction, and profitability of the manufacturing operations of the company.

Prior to this position, Westgaard served as vice president/general manager for Hanson Structural Precast in Maple Grove, Minn.

## Gate Precast's Commitment to Safety Earns SHARP Certification at Four Precast Plants

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

**Gate Precast Company** earned SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) certification at its plants in Winchester, Kentucky; Ashland City, Tennessee; Kissimmee, Florida; and Jacksonville, Florida.

SHARP recognizes employers who operate exemplary safety and health management systems and are committed to making safety for employees a priority.

"Our employees strive to provide for the health and welfare of their families. It is important for them to know they work in a safe environment and will return to their families in good health each day. Gate Precast's safety mindset boosts employee retention and overall morale," said Dean Gwin, president, COO of Gate Precast.

Gate Precast, Jacksonville recently received SHARP re-certification for an additional three years, which is the longest extension granted in the program. Gate Precast continues its commitment to safety and wellness of its employees as it aspires to earn SHARP certification in its plants in Alabama, North Carolina and Texas.

### Spancrete Adds Two Project Management Positions

WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

**Spancrete** recently expanded its project management team. Dick Baumgartner and Davin Stitgen were promoted to the new roles of project managers. Both Baumgartner and Stitgen will work closely on projects from initial project conception to final completion. Baumgartner has spent 25 years at Spancrete and was involved in every phase of the company's precast concrete business. Stitgen has been with Spancrete for more than five years serving as an engineer in the company's drafting and engineering department.

### PCI Joins Twitter

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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### Thermomass® Names New Regional Manager

BOONE, IOWA



— Bob Bertig

**Thermomass**, a manufacturer of concrete building insulation systems, has named Bob Bertig as its South East Region Sales Manager. In this position, Bertig will have primary responsibility of managing Thermomass' South East Region which includes Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

### Spancrete Undergoes Internal Changes to Further Leadership and Direction

WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN



— Paul Staroszczyk

**Spancrete** has recently added Paul Staroszczyk as manager of quality assurance. In this role, he will focus on continuous improvements in Spancrete's products and processes as well as leverage lean, Six Sigma, and other quality methodologies to drive process improvements for the Precast Global machinery divisions.

Spancrete has also promoted the previous vice president/ chief operating officer, Alan Antoniewicz, to serve as president and chief operation officer to provide a new wave of leadership and direction to the organization.

In addition, two project management positions were added to work closely with Spancrete projects from initial project conception to final completion. Dick Baumgartner and Davin Stitgen have been appointed to take on these roles and assist with projects that have a need for Spancrete's value-added services, helping to manage the complexities of project requirements.

### Finrock Signs Two Design-Build Garage Contracts

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

**Finrock Construction, Inc.** has signed contracts for complete design-build services with Westminster Services, Inc. to deliver a 383 stall parking garage at Winter Park Towers in Winter Park, Florida and with Equity Residential for a 315 stall garage at Sunrise Village in Sunrise, Florida. The two garages total over \$8,000,000. Design work is underway on each garage and both projects are scheduled to be complete in June 2012.



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