

Clark Pacific to Furnish Precast Concrete for New San Francisco 49ers Stadium SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

West-Sacramento-based Clark Pacific, a supplier of architectural and structural precast concrete solutions, will furnish precast concrete for the new San Francisco 49ers stadium being built in Santa Clara, Calif.

The new \$1.2 billion, 68,500-seat stadium is being delivered as a design-build project by a joint venture of Turner Construction and Devcon Construction and design work by architect HNTB. It is projected to open in time for the 2014 National Football League (NFL) season. All precast work will be completed by early 2013.

"This is an important, highly visible project for Santa Clara and the San Francisco Bay Area, and it has a very demanding schedule," said Don Clark, president of business development for Clark Pacific. "Precast concrete is a critical aspect of Turner/Devcon's strategy to quickly build a high-quality project that will successfully serve the community for decades to come."

Clark Pacific will manufacture and install over 2,000 precast components, including treads, risers, and steps for the stadium seating as well as various stadium walls. According to Bob Clark, president of operations for Clark Pacific, the stadium components will be produced at the company's plants in West Sacramento and Woodland, Calif., and additional staff will be hired over the next several months.

Jason Reynolds of Shockey Precast Awarded Designated Design-Build Certification WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

Jason E. Reynolds, regional business development manager of Shockey Precast Group in Winchester, Va., has been awarded the nationally recognized Designated Design-Build Professional™ certification from the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA). This certification is awarded following successful completion of coursework and formal examination in all aspects of design-build project delivery. By completing these requirements, candidates earn the right to display "DBIA" after their names, identifying them to design-build end-users and the industry at large as professionals experienced in this form of project delivery.

Gate Precast Company to Make High Performance Precast Concrete Panels for New Bread Production Facility

HILLSBORO, TEXAS

Gate Precast's Hillsboro, Texas, facility will produce high performance insulated architectural precast concrete wall panels for the exterior system of the new Ontario Bakery production facility in Rockwall, Texas.

The load-bearing façade of the bakery combines both aesthetic and structural functions. Six different mix designs will be used on the building and provide a dependable and economical alternative to higher maintenance surface-applied coatings typically used in industrial applications.

The non-corrosive interior precast concrete walls resist airborne contaminants and abrasion. A smooth, hard-trowel finish will be applied to the interior panels reducing the opportunity for mold growth and providing an easily cleaned surface. The floor and roof loads will be transferred through the structure into the foundation which simplifies construction and reduces costs. The project was also designed to take advantage of the exceptional thermal performance of the insulated concrete wall panels, which will improve the energy efficiency of the project.

Gate Precast was awarded the project in mid-March. Utilizing two cranes and two crews, Gate Precast will begin installation of over 400 precast panels on July 24, 2012, and finish enclosing the structure by the first of October. The Ontario Bakery, owned by Allen Foods which is a part of Bimbo Bakeries, USA, will be completed by December 31, 2012.

EnCon Renew is Newest Addition to the EnCon Family of Companies

DENVER, COLORADO

EnCon Companies announces EnCon Renew, LLC, as its latest business venture. EnCon Renew, LLC, is a maintenance and repair company located out of the EnCon corporate office, specializing in structural and architectural concrete restoration.

EnCon provides precast/ prestressed concrete systems and services for various structures. With the addition of EnCon Renew, LLC, they are able to supply corporations and individuals with the option of repairing and maintaining their building facades and structures.

NMB Splice-Sleeve® Launches New Website

LIVONIA, MICHIGAN

Splice Sleeve North America, Inc. has launched a re-designed website. The new website is designed to provide a more convenient format for visitors to find the information they need faster and more efficiently. Visit www.splicesleeve.com.

Thermomass Names Katie Price Eastern Region Sales Coordinator

BOONE, IOWA



– Katie Price

Thermomass®, a manufacturer of concrete building insulation systems, has named Katie Price eastern region sales coordinator. Price will have the primary responsibility of coordinating sales for Thermomass' insulation systems in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Maryland, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Maine

Congratulations to the Winner of PCI's Survey at the 2012 AIA National Convention and Design Expo

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



- David Scott

PCI exhibited at the 2012 AIA National Convention and Design Expo, May 17-19 in Washington, D.C. Architects who stopped by the PCI booth were asked to take a five-question survey to be entered into a drawing to win a new Apple iPad. Congratulations to David Scott , AIA, of CRSA, who won the survey drawing and will receive a new iPad!

Spancrete® Hires New **Supply Chain Director** and Human Resources Manager

WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN

Spancrete® has added two individuals to its team. Gaylen Haas has been named supply chain director and brings more than 18 years of supply chain and operations management experience to his role. Toni Muise has been named human resources manager and will oversee the daily management of the Spancrete® Human Resources department.

Submit your headline news for consideration in a future issue of Ascent to Whitney Stephens at wstephens@pci.org.

Gate Precast Installs Precast Concrete Exterior Wall System for New Rose-Hulman Residence Hall

WINCHESTER, KENTUCKY

Gate Precast Company in Winchester, Ky., has finished the erection of precast concrete exterior panels on a new four-floor upperclass residence hall on the campus of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. The 70,000-square foot, 240-bed residence hall features suite-style apartments on the first floor, and the top three floors are designed for apartment-style living.

According to Jake Wagle, Project Manager of Garmong Construction, precast concrete was selected as the exterior cladding due to speed of construction, quality, and energy efficiency. "The design-assist delivery method is greatly responsible for the success of the project being delivered in a timely manner. This building was erected and fully enclosed in a twomonth period. No traditional construction methods could have provided the same quality and construction speed," Wagle said.

The aggressive schedule was driven by the desire to have the dorm ready for the 2012-2013 school year. The project is being constructed over an 11-month period.

"Precast installation enclosed the structure months earlier than traditional hand-laid system and cost less as compared to conventional light gauge framing, sheathing and masonry walls," said Jim Lewis, director of architectural systems for Gate Precast.

The residence hall will be the first structure on campus that meets LEED silver certificate standards. Precast concrete contributed to the sustainability of this project by incorporating integrated design, using material efficiently, reducing construction waste and site disturbance, improving energy efficiency, improving indoor environmental quality, and reducing noise.

New Courses Added to PCI eLearning Center

"FEMA 361: Community Storm Shelters" is the eighth course to be added to the PCI eLearning Center. The following courses are coming soon:

- "Perspective Gained from the Earthquakes of Japan, Chile, and New Zealand"
- "The International Green Construction Code: The Next Chapter in Design"
- "Designing for Seismic Success with Precast Concrete"

The PCI eLearning Center is a free 24-hour online education resource providing architects and engineers an opportunity to earn continuing education credits on demand. All courses offer continuing education credit accepted in all 50 states.

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Congratulations to the Ascent Survey Drawing Winners

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Thank you to everyone who took the *Ascent* Readership Survey. We appreciate your time and feedback.

Congratulations to the winners of the drawing!

Winner of the Bose SoundDock: David Sewell, AIA, Heery International Inc. Winner of the Apple iPod Touch: Evan Schwartz, AIA, Perkins Eastman

Winners of \$50 Visa Giftcards:

Ray Beltran, P.E., Gervasio & Associates Inc. Lori Kosmatka, AIA, Hyatt Hotels Corp. Dan Weigandt, AIA, The Austin Company

Vincent Parente, Gilbane

David Loy, AIA, LS3P Associates