Wells Concrete Acquires Hanson Structural Precast

ALBANY, MINNESOTA

Wells Concrete announced that effective November 1, 2014, the company has acquired the Maple Grove, Minn., office and production facilities of Hanson Structural Precast. The combined organization strengthens the company's presence in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and will enable it to provide a more complete and competitive product offering.

"Hanson Structural Precast fulfills new product and schedule flexibility opportunities for Wells Concrete," says Dan Juntunen, president and CEO of Wells Concrete. "Hanson brings a team of highly experienced professionals, a resume including major stadiums and high-rise office and housing projects, and an outstanding safety record that will contribute to making Wells Concrete a stronger and more competitive organization in the marketplace."

Wells Concrete will be relocating its Golden Valley, Minn., sales, engineering, and construction services office to the Maple Grove Hanson Structural Precast location to streamline business processes. The combined office will operate under the Wells Concrete name. At this time, there are no plans to eliminate any positions.

Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

Meadow Burke acquires Thermomass

BOONE, IOWA

Meadow Burke has acquired Thermomass. Thermomass manufactures a range of patent-protected insulation systems for use in precast, tilt-up, and cast-in-place concrete applications. These systems are used in the construction of energy-efficient buildings throughout North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. Thermomass will continue to be operated by its current management team and led by President Tom Stecker.

Clark Pacific to work on two new San Diego projects

WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Clark Pacific, one of the nation's leading suppliers of architectural and structural precast concrete solutions, has been awarded two signature construction projects in San Diego, Calif. Clark Pacific will furnish precast concrete architectural cladding with glazed panels for the new county courthouse and precast concrete architectural cladding and stairs for San Diego International Airport's new parking and rent-a-car facility.

The $300-million courthouse project, delivered as a design-build project by Rudolph & Sletten and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, will be a 704,000 ft^2 (65,400 m^2) courthouse designed to replace the current 48-year-old building. The project will consolidate the separate county courts, criminal trial, family, and civic, into one 22-story building. The estimated completion date is early 2017.

Clark Pacific's contract is to provide limestone-faced, prefabricated architectural precast concrete elements for the project, including walls, glazed window panels, and fully wrapped column covers. The new project will occupy a full city block and will include the transformation of a brownfield lot into a new public park. All precast concrete components will be manufactured in Clark Pacific's Fontana, Calif., facility.

The second San Diego project, a $316 million parking and rental car facility for the city's airport, will be delivered by a joint venture of Austin/Sundt with design by Damattei Wong Architecture and Simon Wong Engineering. The structure will total 2 million ft^2 (190,000 m^2) and will contain 5000 parking stalls. Clark Pacific's contract includes the manufacturing and installation of precast concrete architectural cladding, and stairways for the structure.

The structure will serve as a central location for rental car customers, with one consolidated airport shuttle serving the new facility, as opposed to the many brand-specific shuttles that have served the airport. The structure will dramatically reduce rental car traffic on Harbor Drive and will relieve congestion around the airport itself.

TLC Names New CEO

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

TLC Engineering for Architecture Inc.'s Board of Directors announces that Michael P. Sheerin, PE, LEED AP BD+C, has been named to succeed Debra Lupton, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, as CEO of the firm. Sheerin, currently serving as the firm's director of Healthcare Engineering, was selected by the board following an extensive search of internal and external candidates. Sheerin will assume the role in early 2015 with an orderly transition until Lupton's retirement on May 1, 2015.

In addition to overseeing TLC's Healthcare practice firm-wide and his involvement on national healthcare standards such as ASHRAE Standard 170 Healthcare Ventilation, Sheerin has held key roles in the design of many award-winning projects, including the Ft. Benning Martin Army Community Hospital, Nemours Children's Hospital in Lake Nona, numerous Florida Hospital projects, and more. He chairs the ASHRAE SPC 189.3P Design, Construction & Operations of Sustainable, High Performance Healthcare Facilities, is vice-chair of ASHRAE 170 Ventilation of Health Care Facilities, chairs the NFPA 99 Revision Committee, Mechanical Sub-Committee, and is a member of USGBC and the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association.

Martin Army Community Hospital

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

The Martin Army Community Hospital Project is a 745,000 ft^2 replacement hospital for the U.S. Army at Fort Benning, Ga., on a greenfield site of approximately 50 acres. There are three main building masses, an eight-story hospital with six stories above grade and two below grade. Both below grade floors have daylight on the north elevation. There are two clinic wings, separated from each other by a courtyard, and separated from the hospital wing by a Grand Concourse. The Grand Concourse is the main circulating and gathering space, with dining on the lower level, and views to nature out the north, three-story curtainwall exterior.

The exterior skin is primarily 9" thick insulated architectural precast panels, in two textures with reveals, and glass curtainwall. The precast sandwich panel consists of 3" of exterior concrete, 3" of insulation and 3" of interior concrete, all tied together with carbon fiber shear grid. This high-performance sandwich panel achieves c.i. (continuous insulation) per ASHRAE 90.1, assisting the design team in exceeding the requirements for LEED Silver. AECOM (Ellerbe Becket/ RLF Joint Venture) was the architect for the project and Thornton Tomasetti was the EOR., Turner Construction was the Contractor and Metromont was a Design-Build subcontractor for the Architectural Precast. The precast parking structures were Design-Build by TRC Worldwide, who used Metromont for fabrication of the pieces.

There are two separate total precast parking decks, one for staff and one for visitors and patients. Each deck is designed for 1,000 spaces, for a total 2,000 car capacity on site. The exterior of each deck has architectural finishes on the integral structural pieces to match the architectural precast panels on the buildings.

The new Martin Army Community Hospital features precast concrete in the exterior skin and the sandwich panels of the main structure. There are also two total precast parking decks built as a part of this project.

EnCon United Announces Corporate Management Team Growth

DENVER, COLORADO

Jack Tubbs has joined EnCon Companies as director of Preconstruction, bringing over 27 years of engineering and construction experience to the EnCon team. In his role, Tubbs' responsibilities include developing and managing new business development opportunities for EnCon Construction, EnCon Renew, EnCon Utah, and Stresscon Corporation. Additionally, Tubbs is responsible for business process initiatives and improvement, preconception design assistance and value engineering, sales, new market development, and product development.

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