

OUR MEMBERS

Smith-Midland welcomes Corbett as the VP of operations

Kevin Corbett is the newest member of the Smith-Midland Corp. leadership team. As vice president of operations at the Virginia plant, Corbett takes responsibility for the production, delivery, and installation of the company's full line of products and services.



Kevin Corbett

Corbett joined Oldcastle Building Envelope in 2015, serving as plant manager in its Tampa, Fla., and Westbrook, Maine, facilities. While at Oldcastle, he studied and implemented lean manufacturing, a continuous improvement methodology.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Corbett has a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in history.

—Source: Smith-Midland

Bayrak named 2021 Joe J. King Award winner

Oguzhan Bayrak has been named the 2021 recipient of the Joe J. King Professional Engineering Achievement Award from the University of Texas at Austin Cockrell School of Engineering largely for his contributions to concrete bridge advancements. The award will be presented during a faculty meeting this fall and recognizes a faculty member who has made significant contributions in fur-



Oguzhan Bayrak

thering the profession of engineering, in this case structural engineering.

A former director of Ferguson Structural Engineering Laboratory at UT Austin, Bayrak is the founding director of the Concrete Bridge Engineering Institute, which is dedicated to advancing concrete bridges through research, teaching, education, and training at the University of Texas. He is a member of the PCI Bridges Committee and a contributor to *Aspire*, the concrete bridge magazine.

Smith-Midland licenses Jensen to manufacture J-J Hooks barrier for California market

Smith-Midland's licensing subsidiary Easi-Set Worldwide has signed an agreement with West Coast precasters Jensen Precast to manufacture its patented J-J Hooks highway barrier system.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) gave full approval for *Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware* (MASH)-tested J-J Hooks portable concrete barrier in two lengths, 12.5 and 20 ft (3.8 and 6.1 m), for all widely used applications, including freestanding, pinned-for-asphalt surfaces; bolted-for-concrete surfaces; and bridge decks. Caltrans has advertised more than 10 million ft (3.1 million m) of project bids on highway safety barrier in the past four years.

J-J Hooks is currently the only MASH-tested, multifunctional precast concrete safety barrier approved for use in California, the second largest highway system in the country. Manufacturing will take place in both Northern and Southern California facilities.

—Source: Smith-Midland

PCI'S NEWLY CERTIFIED PLANTS

PCI's newly certified plants and erectors

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

- U.S. Crane & Rigging LLC in Ridgewood, N.Y.: A
- Ultimate Precast Inc. in Delran, N.J.: A, S2

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WILLIAM J. CLAYTON

>> William J. Clayton, former president of High Concrete Group in Denver, Pa., and past chair of PCI, died April 4, 2021. He was 84.

Clayton attended Pierce School of Business Administration, Temple University, and LaSalle University, all in Philadelphia, Pa.

During his career in the precast concrete industry, Clayton was known as an imaginative and dynamic executive who held himself and others accountable to the highest standards of professionalism. "Do it right the first time" is among his favorite sayings. Clayton began his career in sales at Giant Portland Cement, and he never lost his focus on customer service as he advanced through the ranks. Clayton worked for Kurtz Precast Corp., which was purchased in the 1970s by High Industries.

His former colleagues recall that he routinely sought feedback from contractors, architects, and engineers about how the company could better serve them and their clients. By listening to and understanding his customers, Clayton was able to anticipate market demands and help High Concrete thrive even when the economy suffered downturns.

At High Concrete, Clayton earned a reputation as someone who would push the conventional envelope for architectural and structural building systems. Un-



der his direction, the company successfully launched both 12 and 15 ft (3.6 and 4.6 m) wide double tees in the market, ahead of other producers. Soon, other companies also started producing 12 ft wide tees, and eventually several producers were also making 15 ft wide double-tee members, which advanced the industry as a whole. Representatives of High Concrete's competitors speak of Clayton's willingness to share knowledge and operate in a spirit of mutual respect and collegiality, even as he aimed to be a trendsetter with a competitive edge. Clayton was also an innovator in human resources. He actively mentored many employees, helping some rise from being laborers in the crew to positions in management and even the C-suite.

Clayton served on the PCI Board of Directors in 1988 and 1989 and from 1992 to 2002 and as PCI chair in 1994. He was named a PCI Fellow in 2002 and received the Mario J. Bertolini Leadership and Innovation Award in 2020.

Between 1983 and 2002, Clayton served on numerous PCI committees, including as chair of the Convention Advisory Committee in 1992 and co-chair of the Program Planning Committee in 1993. Starting in the 1970s, he also participated in establishing the Mid-Atlantic Precast Association (MAPA) to regionally market and facilitate precast concrete opportunities and educate potential customers.

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