

# OUR MEMBERS

## Wells promotes Kloos to SVP of quality

Wells has added Steve Kloos to its executive leadership team as senior vice president of quality. This is a promotion for Kloos, who has been part of the Wells team for more than 26 years, most recently serving as vice president of quality for the Midwest region.

In his new role, Kloos will be responsible for companywide accountability for product quality and operating efficiencies, ensuring that customer requirements are understood and exceeded. His key responsibilities will be architectural product finishes and mixture designs and enhancing operating efficiencies by developing and implementing continuous improvement programs to drive process standardization and production, product quality, and waste reduction.

Kloos has worked closely with quality and operations personnel at Wells, reducing costs on concrete mixture design by more than 10%. He has also been a leader in improving production efficiency and carbon reduction at all Wells locations. He holds a Black Belt in Lean Six Sigma through the Opus College at the University of St. Thomas.

—Source: Wells Concrete

## Shimp receives FPCA Fellowship Award

Longtime Florida Prestressed Concrete Association (FPCA) member and industry influencer Earl Shimp accepted the FPCA Fellowship Award at the organization's summer meeting. During his award acceptance speech, he offered to match any donation made towards the newly initiated FPCA Education Foundation Student Scholarship Program.

Shimp retired as the senior vice president of operations for Gate Precast Co. in late 2019. Although he has been retired nearly two years, he still remains active in FPCA.

Shimp began his career when he was just 12 years old, helping his dad, a brick layer, by cleaning up and preparing for the next workday at his dad's jobsite. In 1981, he earned a degree in construction management. Shimp eventually went into business with his uncle, creating their own precast concrete construction company. Upon the retirement of his



Earl Shimp

uncle, he was approached by Gate. Shimp sold his business and became a project manager for Gate, quickly moving through the ranks during his tenure and retiring as second in command at the company.

—Source: FPCA

## Hamilton Form elevates Mills to sales, marketing director

Hamilton Form Co., based in Fort Worth, Tex., has promoted Bob Mills to director of sales and marketing.

Mills has 40 years of experience in the precast concrete industry. Over the years, he has worked on the shop floor, done field service work and production management, and for the last few years he has led product development for Hamilton Form.

—Source: Hamilton Form



Bob Mills

## GCP announces concrete admixtures price increase for North America

GCP Applied Technologies Inc. announced that it is implementing price increases for concrete admixtures in North America.

In a media release, GCP stated, "it is necessary to increase prices up to 10% for all concrete admixture and fiber products effective January 1, 2022."

"The global supply chain impacts on raw material and freight costs have been unprecedented over the past six months, and input costs are not expected to subside in the near term. We have continued to increase our inventory levels to service our customers' needs and added freight capacity to ensure timely supply," says David H. Campos, GCP's president of specialty construction chemicals.

"Our focus continues to be the success of our customers and their end users and to support quality, sustainable, and economically efficient construction practices," Campos says. "GCP's regional sales team will contact our customers individually to discuss the specific implications for their business."

—Source: GCP

## PCI'S NEWLY CERTIFIED PLANTS AND ERECTORS

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