



## OUR MEMBERS

### Euclid Chemical launches cement additives lab in Cleveland facility

Euclid Chemical has opened a new cement additives laboratory at its Cleveland, Ohio, campus. This facility will be utilized for new product development and material testing to optimize the use of additives in the cement manufacturing process.

The laboratory will provide comprehensive analysis that will support in-house research and detailed customer support. Some of the equipment and testing capabilities include X-ray diffraction and X-ray fluorescence for compound and elemental identification, petrographic analysis, isothermal calorimetry, particle size analysis, moisture content analysis, an air jet sieve for particle size distribution, mechanical crushers for sample preparation, and a ball mill for test grinds and the optimization of cement additive formula selection.

—Source: Euclid Chemicals

### PTAC promotes Thorp to technical solutions, BIM director

PTAC Engineering has promoted Taylor Thorp to director of technical solutions and BIM integration in June. In this new role Thorp will integrate building information modeling (BIM) with engineering standards to increase efficiency while continuing to provide a high-quality product.

Thorp previously held the position of project engineer at PTAC. She was also previously in charge of engineering standards and says she has “a passion for technology and how it can be integrated in the precast field.”

Currently, Thorp is a member of the 2023/24 Leadership PCI class.

Thorp received her bachelor of science degree in civil engineering with a minor in mathematics from the University of Louisiana.



Taylor Thorp

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## Christensen named Canada, U.S. Master Builders president

**B**ruce Christensen has been named president of Master Builders Solutions in the United States and Canada. He succeeds Brian Denys, who was the former president of MBCC Group Americas.

Christensen has spent 30 years working in various functions within



**Bruce Christensen**

the company in North America, Asia, and Europe. He most recently held the role of senior vice president of business management, where he led the commercial side of the admixtures business.

Christensen holds bachelor's degrees in both chemical engineering and materials science and engineering from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. In addition, he has a PhD in materials and engineering from Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where he studied portland cement chemistry and concrete technology.

—Source: Master Builders Solutions Admixtures US LLC

## DAVID BOURGALT

>> David Bourgault, former CEO and president of Stresscon, died January 2, 2023. He was 62.

Bourgault attended Arizona State University in Tempe and the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he received his bachelor of science degree in architectural engineering.

He began his career at HCDA Engineering in 1984 as a design consultant and worked closely with architectural firms. He quickly became enamored with the application of these skills in a manufacturing environment and joined Stresscon Corp. in 1989 as a project manager.

Over his 34-year career at Stresscon, Bourgault also served as chief operating officer, president, and chief executive officer. He was instrumental in

the creation of Stresscon's product design standards, operating philosophy, and manufacturing processes for highly engineered precast concrete building elements used in commercial construction.

Among his numerous projects, Bourgault's favorites included the Yellowstone Club in Big Sky, Mont.; Folsom Field additions at the University of Colorado at Boulder; Canvas Stadium at Colorado State University in Fort Collins; the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and the Pikes Peak Summit Visitors Center in Cascade, Colo.

Bourgault was a member of the PCI Architectural Precast Concrete Services and Manual Committee in 2005 and 2006.

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