

OUR MEMBERS

Smith-Midland CEO recognized among Virginia's most influential leaders

Ashley Smith, president and CEO of Smith-Midland Corp., has once again been named to the Virginia 500: The 2025 Power List, published by *Virginia Business*. This annual recognition celebrates Smith's leadership and impact in manufacturing.

Under Smith's direction, Smith-Midland has evolved from its origins as Smith Cattleguard in 1960 into a precast concrete innovator. The company now employs more than 230 people across three states.

Smith is an active figure in engineering and local communities, having served as chairman of the National Precast Concrete Association and on the Bridgewater College Board of Trustees, in addition to volunteering for various organizations.

The Virginia 500 Power List, now in its sixth year, honors leaders for their revenue impact, community involvement, organizational reach, and contributions to Virginia's economy and future.

—Source: Smith-Midland Corp.



Ashley Smith

Wells appoints new regional directors of sealants

Wells has appointed two new leaders within its growing sealants and restoration team. Eric Kobeska has been named director of sealants for the Midwest, and Traye Speidel is taking on the role of director of sealants for the Great Lakes.

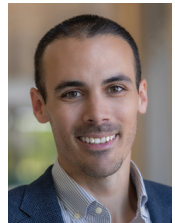
Kobeska joins Wells with more than two decades of construction industry experience, including general contracting and roles from project engineer to vice president of operations. Speidel brings extensive experience managing large-scale projects with regional and national contractors, having overseen more than \$7 billion in completed work.

Wells' Sealants and Restoration division serves commercial projects nationwide, offering expertise in sealant installation, waterproofing, firestopping, and restoration services. The company recently expanded into Nashville to bolster its Southeast offerings.

—Source: Wells



Eric Kobeska



Traye Speidel

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Tadros Family Foundation launched to advance engineering innovation

The Tadros Family Foundation, managed as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, by e.Construct USA LLC in Omaha, Neb., has been established to honor the legacy of Maher Tadros, cofounder of e.Construct's U.S. operations and a notable figure in precast concrete. Tadros, who retired from the University of Nebraska in 2011 and stepped down from e.Construct in 2024, continues to mentor engineers and researchers internationally.

The Foundation's mission is to foster creativity and innovation in structural engineering, with a focus on bridging academic research and practical application. A priority is advancing the real-world adoption of ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC), a material recognized for its strength, durability, and longevity but whose use remains limited in the United States and abroad.

To help advance UHPC from research into practice, the foundation will support initiatives in system and connection design, education, optimization, and production efficiency. Scholarships and fellowships will be awarded—in collaboration with partner organizations—to students, professors, and innovative designers who advance the field of structural engineering. —Source: e.Construct.USA

STEPHEN V. SKALKO

>> Stephen Skalko, a distinguished engineer and dedicated leader in the field of building and fire safety, died September 23, 2025. He was 73.

In 1975, Skalko earned a bachelor of civil engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Then, in 1978, he earned a master of science degree in administration, majoring in public administration, from Georgia College in Milledgeville.

As a licensed professional engineer in Georgia, Skalko was credentialed in both civil engineering and fire protection engineering. Over the course of more than 40 years, he became widely recognized for his expertise and commitment to advancing construction and fire safety codes for the built environment. His career included service as building official and fire marshal for Macon-Bibb County in Georgia, regional manager of codes for the Portland Cement Association in Skokie, Ill., and most recently, principal of his own consulting firm, Stephen V. Skalko P.E. & Associates.

Throughout his career, Skalko was a sought-after presenter, sharing his deep knowledge of international codes from the International Code Council (ICC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards with designers, code officials, and contractors nationwide. He was also a valued consultant to the Alliance for Concrete Codes and Standards (ACCS), among numerous other professional activities.

The precast and precast, prestressed concrete industry benefited greatly from Skalko's contributions. He played a key role in the development and adoption of the *Specification for Fire Resistance of Precast and Prestressed Concrete* (PCI 124) and served as an advisor to the PCI Technical Activities



Stephen Skalko

Council and several major committees, including the Building Code Committee, the Fire Committee, and the Parking Structures Committee. His guidance and technical acumen were instrumental in shaping PCI's standards and model code representation.

"Steve Skalko supported, advised, and mentored me through creating code change proposals, ICC hearings, and PCI's development of standards," says Edith Gallandorm, PCI's codes and standards managing director. "He always did so with an enthusiasm to teach. Our industry would be trailing in model code representation without his long-standing efforts."

Nationally, Skalko was involved in the technical development of multiple international codes through the ICC, including the *International Building Code* (IBC), the *International Residential Code* (IRC), the *Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters* (ICC 500), and the *Standard for Residential Construction in High-Wind Regions* (ICC 600). He was invited to contribute to the ICC Ad-Hoc Committee on Tall Wood Buildings, where he brought common-sense rationale in the development of code requirements for tall wood structures. In addition, he was active with NFPA, participating in the development of crucial NFPA codes and standards addressing building construction and life safety across various occupancies.

He was a past president of the Middle Georgia Chapter of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE) and a former GSPE state board member.

Skalko will be remembered for his technical excellence, mentorship, and unwavering dedication to both his profession and his community. His contributions leave a lasting legacy within the engineering and code development communities.

ALP Supply opens new Toronto distribution center

ALP Supply has opened its new Toronto Distribution Center. This move enables precast concrete customers faster access to essential materials, with reduced shipping costs,

and the elimination of border-related delays.

The new facility offers Canadian precast concrete producers several advantages, including quicker transit times nationwide, reliable delivery without customs delays, simplified order fulfillment, and lower overall costs through local distribution.

—Source: ALP Supply

PCI'S NEWLY CERTIFIED PLANTS

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

- Encore Building Systems LLC in Seven Mile, Ohio: C3
- McPherson Concrete Companies-Wichita in Wichita, Kans.: B1, C3
- Solid Rock Precast LLC in Britton, S.Dak.: C3
- Tull Cos. LLC in Sioux Falls, S.Dak.: S2

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