



OUR MEMBERS

Gate Precast acquires Precision Stone

Gate Precast, a division of Wells, has acquired Precision Stone, a respected regional provider of installation and construction services. This strategic acquisition expands Gate Precast's installation and field service capabilities across the southeastern United States and supports the company's long-term growth strategy focused on enhancing client service and project delivery.

The acquisition allows Gate Precast to deliver a more comprehensive suite of solutions for its clients, combining Precision Stone's decades of hands-on expertise and service excellence with Gate Precast's architectural building solutions.

The Gate team has partnered with Precision Stone for more than 30 years, collaborating on landmark projects such as Truist Park in Cumberland, Ga.; Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Ga.; State Farm Arena in Atlanta; the St. Regis Hotel in Atlanta; and the Four Seasons Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

Founded in 1984 by Harold Smith, Precision Stone offers strategic planning, a variety of crane services, and hauling of equipment and precast concrete and is backed by extensive experience and expertise in architectural and structural precast concrete erection. Precision Stone consistently achieves successful outcomes across a wide range of commercial and institutional projects.

—Source: Gate Precast

Metromont announces organizational changes to propel future growth

Metromont LLC has announced several key organizational changes as the company celebrates its 100th anniversary. Rick Pennell will continue to lead Metromont as chief executive officer, Doug



Doug Callender



Rick Pennell

Callender has been appointed president in addition to his current role as chief financial officer, Chuck Gantt has been named senior vice president and chief operating officer, Chris Pastorius has been promoted to senior vice president and general manager for Virginia, and Payne Thomas has been named vice president and general manager for the Carolinas.

All general managers, including Jerry Batcher, Brian Martin, Thomas, and Pastorius, will report to Gantt.

In addition, Jason Woodard has been promoted to senior vice president of corporate development. Woodard will continue to oversee Metromont's safety function and facilitate Metromont's growth initiatives, reporting to Callender.

Tony Smith will assume the role of vice president of preconstruction services, and Mike Ward, director of estimating, will report to Smith. Smith will report to Woodard.

Steve Babcock has been named vice president of market development. Babcock will retain his responsibilities in engineering and drafting for the Carolinas as he transitions full time into developing emerging market segments. At the time of his transition, he will begin reporting to Woodard.

—Source: Metromont LLC

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NCSU to host Zia lecture on Harkers Island Bridge

North Carolina State University (NCSU) in Raleigh will host its annual Paul Zia Memorial Lecture on September 29, 2025. This topic for this year is the Harkers Island Bridge, an all-fiber-reinforced-polymer precast concrete structure. The bridge won PCI's Harry H. Edwards Industry Advancement Award, and Coastal Precast Systems of Chesapeake, Va., was the precaster on the project.

Speakers will be Trey Carroll, Rudi Seracino, and Peter Distefano. Carroll serves as the assistant state structures engineer within the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Structures Management Unit, overseeing

Program Management and Field Operations. He served as the structural design lead for the Harkers Island Bridge replacement project. Seracino is the Paul and Dora Zia Distinguished Professor in the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at NCSU. He serves as director of the Constructed Facilities Laboratory and is the site director of the National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center for Integration of Composites into Infrastructure. Distefano serves as operations manager with Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, the general contractor on the Harkers Island Bridge project.

This event is free and open to the public, and engineers receive two professional development hours for attending. Immediately following the lecture, a cocktail reception for professional attendees will be held.

For more information, visit <https://zialecture.com/>.

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.

- Jobe Precast Prestressed Concrete in El Paso, Tex.: B3, C3
- Lindsay Precast Dacono in Dacono, Colo.: C3
- Western States Prestress Inc. in La Grande, Ore.: B3, C3

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