

## CIM program announces website redesign

The Concrete Industry Management (CIM) program, a business-intensive program that awards students with a four-year bachelor of science degree in concrete industry management, has launched its newly redesigned website. The new site offers enhanced navigation and features.

The primary goal of the new website is to provide accessible and in-depth information about the CIM program's educational and career opportunities. It features detailed descriptions of the bachelor of science degree program available at each of its five program universities, highlights scholarship opportunities, and showcases the program's industry partnerships.

New features include a dedicated section for industry news and events and prominently features student and alumni success stories. Visit the website at <https://www.concretedegree.com/>.

—Source: Concrete Industry Management

## ACI, Morocco Ministry of Equipment and Water sign MOU

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) and the Ministry of Equipment and Water of Morocco have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to increase collaboration and cooperation in advancing concrete knowledge, standards, and best practices. The signing took place during the Fall 2025 ACI Concrete Convention in Baltimore, Md.

The agreement, signed by Frederick H. Grubbe, ACI executive vice president; Maria Juenger, ACI president; and Abdelfetah Sahibi, Ministry of Equipment and Water secretary general, establishes a framework for collaboration between ACI and the ministry, focusing on improving concrete construction by making the technical expertise of each organization available to the other through publications, meetings, conferences, internet links, committee membership, certification activities, and any other activities as mutually agreed.

"We often hear that concrete is the world's most used building material, which means that we need a global community to shape knowledge and practice. This MOU reflects our shared commitment to improving concrete construction through knowledge exchange and collaboration," Juenger says.

—Source: American Concrete Institute



Maria Juenger, ACI president, and Wafi Naima, the chargée de mission of the Direction des Affaires Techniques et des Relations avec la Profession (DATRP) in the Ministry of Equipment and Water, Morocco, complete the memorandum of understanding signing during the Fall 2025 ACI Concrete Convention in Baltimore, Md.

## Pankow Foundation, ClimateWorks launch E-CURE

The Charles Pankow Foundation, in partnership with ClimateWorks Foundation, has announced an expansion of its embodied-carbon research program to include the Eurocodes and other international standards. The new effort, E-CURE (Code Updates for Reduction of Embodied-Carbon), extends the scope of the Pankow Foundation's previously announced CURE initiative and will conduct a comprehensive review of codes and standards with the goal of identifying actionable pathways to reduce embodied carbon in structural systems.

Embodied carbon in buildings and infrastructure remains a significant source of global greenhouse gas emissions. Many widely used codes and standards, such as the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE's) *Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures* (ASCE 7), the American Concrete Institute's *Building*

*Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318) and Commentary (ACI 318R)*, and *Specification for Structural Steel Buildings* (ANSI/AISC 360-16), contain prescriptive provisions that directly influence material quantities and structural design outcomes. Researchers point to elements such as ASCE 7 live-load provisions, target reliability levels, and load combinations as areas where updated data and modern design practices could enable meaningful reductions in embodied carbon without compromising safety.

By expanding the CURE initiative into E-CURE, the Pankow Foundation and its partners aim to accelerate code-based opportunities for carbon reduction across both U.S. and international structural engineering practice.

E-CURE will be led by the University of Bath in Bath, U.K., and the Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE) in London, U.K. Principal investigators for the Eurocode-focused phase include Will Hawkins of the University of Bath and Will Arnold and Patrick Hayes of IStructE. The effort is supported by a consortium of engineering and industry partners, including Heyne Tillett Steel, Holcim Foundation,

AKTII, Buro Happold, Whitby Wood, Walsh, Expedition Engineering, and Elliott Wood. ClimateWorks Foundation, which partners with organizations worldwide to accelerate climate mitigation efforts, is supporting the expansion.

The Pankow Foundation announced research grant agreement #03-25, CURE—Code Updates for Reduction of Embodied-carbon, earlier in 2025 at the Structural Engineering Institute’s (SEI’s) “Toward Zero Carbon 2025” summit in Boulder, Colo. The Phase 1 United States–focused project is led by Abbie Liel of the University of Colorado Boulder and Ian McFarlane of Magnusson Klemencic Associates (MKA). Industry champions include Jerome F. Hajjar of Northeastern University and Ron Klemencic, chairman and chief executive officer of MKA.

Funding partners for CURE include SEI, the ACI Foundation, the American Institute of Steel Construction, the MKA Foundation, and the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations. More than two dozen engineering firms are participating as industry allies.

—Source: Charles Pankow Foundation 

## INDUSTRY CALENDAR

Event details are subject to change.

### 2026 TRB Annual Meeting

Walter E. Washington Convention Center and Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C.

January 11–15, 2026

### World of Concrete

Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nev.

January 19–22, 2026

### ACI Concrete Convention

Hyatt Regency O’Hare, Rosemont, Ill.

March 29–April 2, 2026

### National Concrete Bridge Council Concepts for Extending Spans Seminar

Austin, Tex.

April 23–24, 2026

### fib Congress 2026

Lisbon, Portugal

June 15–18, 2026

### PTI 2026 Committee Days

Cancun, Mexico

September 29–  
October 2, 2026

### ACI Concrete Convention

Hilton Atlanta, Atlanta, Ga.

October 11–15, 2026

### 38th Annual ASBI Convention

Grand Hyatt Riverwalk, San Antonio, Tex.

November 8–12, 2026

### 2027 TRB Annual Meeting

Walter E. Washington Convention Center and Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C.

January 10–14, 2027

### ACI Concrete Convention

Caesars Palace Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nev.

March 21–24, 2027

### PTI Convention

Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

May 3–7, 2027

### ACI Concrete Convention

Caribe Royale Orlando, Orlando, Fla.

October 24–27, 2027