

PCI names Rishcoff new senior engineer

Cheryl L. Rishcoff has been hired as PCI's new technical activities senior engineer, effective May 28, 2026. In this role, she will provide technical leadership and project management for PCI technical initiatives that develop, maintain, and disseminate the PCI body of knowledge, including support for publications, technical sessions, and research programs.



Cheryl Rishcoff

Rishcoff most recently worked at TRC Worldwide Engineering Inc. in Allentown, Pa., where she served as structural engineering manager. Her experience includes managing structural engineering projects involving precast concrete parking structures, schools, stadiums, wall panel systems, and architectural cladding. She previously held engineering positions with Pennoni Associates Inc. in Bethlehem, Pa., and Base Engineering Inc. in Allentown, Pa.

An active PCI member, Rishcoff is a past chair of the Professional Members and Fire Committees, vice chair of the Building Code Committee, and a member of the Parking Structures Committee. She also previously served as professional member director on the PCI Board of Directors and has longstanding involvement with PCI technical and committee activities.

Rishcoff earned a BS in civil and environmental engineering from Lafayette College. She is a licensed professional engineer in nine states and is a fellow of both PCI and the Structural Engineering Institute.

PCI supports workforce reform legislation

PCI has endorsed two federal workforce and immigration reform proposals intended to address ongoing labor shortages affecting the construction and manufacturing sectors.

H.R.4393, the Dignity Act of 2025, was introduced by U.S. Representatives Maria Elvira Salazar and Veronica Escobar. The bipartisan legislation combines border security measures with workforce reforms, including renewable legal work authorization for eligible undocumented workers, employment verification requirements, and updates to legal immigration pathways.

PCI is also supporting H.R.5494, the Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act, introduced by U.S. Representative Lloyd Smucker. The legislation would establish a new H-2C temporary worker visa program for year-round, nonagricultural industries experiencing chronic labor shortages, including construction, manufacturing, logistics, hospitality, and health-support services.

The proposed H-2C program would include employer compliance requirements, worker protections, background checks, and mandatory participation in E-Verify for participating employers.

PCI joined several national business organizations in supporting the legislation as part of its broader efforts to strengthen workforce stability and support long-term economic growth.

For more information on H.R.4393, visit <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/4393>, and for H.R.5494, visit <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/5494>.

2027 PCI EDUCATOR AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

PCI's educator awards program recognizes the work of academic professionals who exhibit a commitment to precast concrete in their graduate and undergraduate classrooms. Nominations must include recommendation letters, an updated curriculum vitae or resume, and additional information.

PCI Distinguished Educator and PCI Educator of the Year Awards are currently accepting

nominations. The awards will be presented next February at the 2027 PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Salt Lake City, Utah, and nomination forms must be submitted by September 21, 2026. Nomination forms are available online at <https://www.pci.org/EducatorAward>. For more information about the educator awards program, contact Bekki Missaggia, education manager, at bmissaggia@pci.org.

PCI hosts 2026 Productivity Tour and Quality Summit

PCI hosted the 2026 PCI Productivity Tour and Quality Summit May 5–7 in Norfolk, Va. Jointly sponsored by the PCI Productivity Committee and Quality Enhancement Committee, the event brought together plant managers, quality-control technicians, batch plant operators, and plant supervisors for technical presentations, industry discussions, and plant tours.

The program included a quality summit that featured presentations on topics such as the new quality toolbox talks, batch plant best practices, air testing, and embedded thin brick. Attendees also participated in tours of Tindall Corp. in Petersburg, Va., and Coastal Precast Systems facilities in Chesapeake and Cape Charles, Va.



Attendees of the 2026 PCI Productivity Tour learn how Tindall's Petersburg, Va., plant approaches the concrete placement process in their outside production areas. Courtesy of PCI.



Paul Rambsburg delivers a exceptional technical presentation on air content in concrete mixtures at the 2026 PCI Quality Summit, part of the annual PCI Productivity Tour. 2026 PCI Productivity Tour. Courtesy of PCI.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

>> The PCI Research and Development Council is soliciting applications for the 2026/27 Daniel P. Jenny Research Fellowships and the Dennis R. Mertz Bridge Research Fellowship programs. The fellowship awards consist of grants of up to \$50,000 and are anticipated to advance the precast concrete industry through the financial support of graduate engineering students and research. Ancillary award benefits include

engaging faculty in the precast concrete industry, introducing students to the benefits of precast concrete, and connecting students, faculty, and PCI members for future networking opportunities.

The application period opens in early April, and submissions are due July 24, 2026. Complete information is available at <https://www.pci.org/Fellowships>.

PCI CALENDAR

Events

PCI event details are subject to change. For the most current information, visit <https://www.pci.org/events>.

2026 PCI Production Leadership Summit Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.	July 21-22, 2026
2026 Florida Prestressed Concrete Association Summer Meeting Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, Fla.	July 23-26, 2026
PCI Mid-Atlantic Summer Meeting National Harbor, Md.	August 6-7, 2026
2026 PCINE Fall Meeting Manchester, Vt.	September 2-3, 2026
2026 PCI Committee Days San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, Tex.	September 8-12, 2026
2026 Precast Concrete Manufacturers Association Fall Meeting Biloxi, Miss.	October 15-17, 2026
2027 PCI West Annual Board Meeting Las Vegas, Nev.	January 20, 2027
2027 PCI Convention at The Precast Show Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City, Utah	February 1-5, 2027
2027 PCI West Summer Board Meeting Woodland, Calif.	May 26, 2027
2027 Georgia/C Carolinas PCI Annual Meeting Hilton Head Island, S.C.	June 16-18, 2027
2027 Florida Prestressed Concrete Association Summer Meeting Location TBD	July 22-25, 2027
2027 PCI Committee Days and Technical Conference Loews Chicago O'Hare, Rosemont, Ill.	September 21-25, 2027
2028 PCI Convention at The Precast Show Hyatt Hotel, Columbus, Ohio	February 21-25, 2028
2029 PCI Convention at the Precast Show Marriott Downtown Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Ind.	February 6-9, 2029

PCI personnel training and certification schools

PCI School event details are subject to change. If you have any questions about the quality control school schedule or need help completing registration, please contact PCI's continuing education coordinator at education@pci.org. Register at https://www.pci.org/qc_schools.

Levels I and II	August 10-13, 2026 October 21-23, 2026 November 16-19, 2026	online Nashville, Tenn. online
Level III	July 13-16, 2026 October 20-23, 2026	online Nashville, Tenn.
Certified Field Auditor	September 28-October 1, 2026	online
Certified Company Auditor	October 2, 2026	online