

### ACI, NEU release certificate for low-carbon concrete

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) has released a new Certificate Program, Low-Carbon Concrete: Quantification, Design, and Compliance. A joint initiative between ACI University and NEU: An ACI Center of Excellence for Carbon Neutral Concrete, this new certificate program is designed to educate participants on the principles, tools, and practices used to understand, quantify, and reduce concrete's embodied carbon. The program provides a structured introduction to how carbon considerations are integrated into modern concrete design, material selection, specification, and construction while maintaining required performance, durability, and constructibility. Completion of the program earns up to 11 professional development hours.

The program addresses the technical foundations of embodied carbon in concrete, including the role of cementitious binders, mixture design, and structural efficiency, as well as the use of life cycle assessments, environmental product declarations, and product category rules to quantify and communicate environmental impacts. Participants are introduced to current and emerging codes, standards, and policy frameworks, including ACI 323-24, *Low-Carbon Concrete—Code Requirements and Commentary*, along with an overview of relevant and/or evolving international and federal initiatives that influence low-carbon concrete requirements and decision-making.

The certificate also examines practical strategies for reducing embodied carbon and overall environmental impact at the material, mixture, and structural system levels, including the use of performance-based and carbon-focused specifications, as well as the responsibilities and risks associated with achieving low-carbon objectives in practice. Emerging innovations, including high-performance materials, durability-driven design, and circular-economy approaches, are discussed to provide context for future pathways toward low- and net-zero carbon concrete.

—Source: ACI

### ACI hosts first Spanish-language Concrete Field and Strength Testing Certification sessions

The American Concrete Institute (ACI) has conducted its first Spanish-language certification exams for Concrete Field Testing Technician Grade 1 and Concrete Strength Testing Technician. The sessions were held at the ACI Southern California Resource Center in San Bernardino.

The exams provided Spanish-speaking professionals the opportunity to earn ACI certifications in their primary language, helping remove barriers to participation while maintaining ACI's technical standards.

"These first Spanish-language exams represent an important step forward for ACI and the concrete industry as a whole," says Michael Morrison, director of ACI's certification program development. "By expanding access to certification in Spanish, we are supporting a broader segment of the workforce, strengthening quality assurance in the field, and reinforcing ACI's mission to advance concrete knowledge worldwide."

The Concrete Field Testing Technician Grade 1 certification validates an individual's knowledge and ability to properly perform and record the results of seven basic field tests on freshly mixed concrete, while the Concrete Strength Testing Technician certification focuses on an individual who has demonstrated the knowledge and ability to properly perform, record, and report the results of four basic laboratory procedures related to the determination of concrete compressive and flexural strength.

The Spanish-language exams followed the same standardized ACI certification program structure, including written and performance components, ensuring consistency with English-language offerings. Exams were administered by ACI-certified examiners and conducted in accordance with ACI Certification policies.

ACI plans to continue expanding Spanish-language certification offerings and explore additional opportunities to serve the global and multilingual concrete workforce.

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## INDUSTRY CALENDAR



Event details are subject to change.

<b>2026 PTI Convention</b> Long Beach, Calif.	May 4-7, 2026
<b>fib Congress 2026</b> Lisbon, Portugal	June 15-18, 2026
<b>2026 Federal Design-Build Symposium</b> Hyatt Regency Reston, Reston, Va.	August 11-12, 2026
<b>CAMX</b> Atlanta, Ga.	September 21-24, 2026
<b>PTI 2026 Committee Days</b> Cancun, Mexico	September 29- October 2, 2026
<b>ACI Concrete Convention</b> Hilton Atlanta, Atlanta, Ga.	October 11-15, 2026
<b>Greenbuild</b> New York, N.Y.	October 20-23, 2026
<b>2026 Design-Build Conference &amp; Expo</b> Cleveland, Ohio	November 4-6, 2026
<b>38th Annual ASBI Convention</b> Grand Hyatt Riverwalk, San Antonio, Tex.	November 8-12, 2026
<b>AASHTO Annual Meeting</b> Louisville, Ky.	November 15-18, 2026
<b>2027 TRB Annual Meeting</b> Walter E. Washington Convention Center and Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C.	January 10-14, 2027
<b>World of Concrete</b> Las Vegas, Nev.	January 18-21, 2027
<b>ASCE2027</b> Philadelphia, Pa.	March 1-5, 2027
<b>ACI Concrete Convention</b> Caesars Palace Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nev.	March 21-24, 2027
<b>PTI Convention</b> Lake Buena Vista, Fla.	May 3-6, 2027
<b>fib Symposium 2027</b> Dresden, Germany	June 7-9, 2027
<b>2027 fib International Symposium on Conceptual Design of Concrete Structures</b> Italy	September 1-3, 2027
<b>ACI Concrete Convention</b> Caribe Royale Orlando, Orlando, Fla.	October 24-27, 2027
<b>39th Annual ASBI Convention</b> Boston, Mass.	October 31- November 4, 2027
<b>PTI 2027 Committee Days</b> Boston, Mass.	October 31- November 4, 2027
<b>2028 TRB Annual Meeting</b> Walter E. Washington Convention Center and Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C.	January 9-13, 2028
<b>World of Concrete</b> Las Vegas, Nev.	January 24-27, 2028