
Buildings

NRMCA Certifies CalPortland Utilizing CSI EPD Tool

As a leading program operator for the concrete industry, NRMCA recently verified [Environmental Product Declarations \(EPD\) for CalPortland](#). The EPD covers 50 mix designs from each of CalPortland's Front Avenue, Hillsboro and West Vancouver plants in the Portland, OR, area. The EPD was created by CalPortland utilizing The Cement Sustainability Initiative's Environmental Product Declaration Tool. The [CSI EPD Tool](#) was developed to facilitate the generation of sector-specific EPDs for cement and concrete. The cloud-based tool was designed to be easy to use, facilitate the overall process and reduce the costs of preparing environmental impact information from cement and concrete production. CalPortland's EPD was verified by the Athena Sustainable Materials Institute.

To date, the ready mixed concrete industry, including material suppliers, have 33 verified EPDs with a total of 9,390 products, by far the largest total of any building product category. As part of the [Build with Strength](#) campaign, NRMCA promotes [Strength Through Transparency](#) for member and industry competitiveness in the green building marketplace and the trends toward product and company transparency.

For more information, contact James Bogdan at jbogdan@nrmca.org or 412-420-4138.



Association & Industry News

Registration and Housing Now Open for NRMCA's ConcreteWorks 2018

Early bird registration is open for NRMCA's ConcreteWorks 2018 scheduled for September 29 – October 1 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD, with Board of Directors' events and committee meetings preceding the conference on September 27 - 28. Register now to take advantage of the early bird pricing discount and save more than \$100 off the regular registration fees. NRMCA has contracted a discounted room rate at the Gaylord National Resort of \$249/night plus taxes and a \$22/night resort fee that covers several in-room amenities. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Gaylord reservations line at 1-877-382-7299, option 4, and asking for the "NRMCA's ConcreteWorks 2018" rate; however, we encourage you to make your hotel reservations online. The hotel reservations cut-off date is Tuesday, September 4, or when the block sells out, whichever occurs first.

For more information, please contact Senior Director of Meetings Jessica Walgenbach at jwalgenbach@nrmca.org. [Click here](#) to access NRMCA's ConcreteWorks' registration, the resort's online reservations' link, the exhibitor prospectus and more.

Exhibitor Prospectus Now Available for NRMCA's ConcreteWorks 2018

Exhibition space is now available for NRMCA's ConcreteWorks 2018 being held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center from September 29 – October 1 in National Harbor, MD. The application process is once again based on a priority point formula for the assignment of exhibit space. Applications and payment received prior to June 1, 2018 will be part of the Priority Assignment Process. All past exhibitors in NRMCA's ConcreteWorks will be assigned by priority number first. All new exhibitors will then be assigned in the order in which they were received. Applications received on or after June 1, 2018 will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis by exhibition management.

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Drivers Sought for 2018 National Mixer Driver Championship

This year's NRMCA National Mixer Driver Championship will take place on Saturday, September 29, during NRMCA's ConcreteWorks being held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD. The registration form for drivers looking to participate in NRMCA's National Mixer Driver Championship 2018 is now available; please note that the registration form and payment for entering drivers into the championship are both due Wednesday, August 1.

[Click here](#) for registration information and entry form. For more information, contact [Gary Mullings](#), [Jessica Walgenbach](#) or [Meghan Callahan](#).

Represent Your Company at This Year's National Mixer Driver Championship

This year's Mixer Driver Championship brings an even more enhanced sponsorship program. With the continued growth of the event, sponsorship opportunities for members and non-members have been expanded. Please review the new sponsorship program opportunities and circulate them within your company and to any outside vendors you deem appropriate.

Enhanced sponsorship opportunities include entertainment and activities, driver spouse appreciation, tenting, DJ, beverage station, course challenges and many more.

[Click here](#) to review the 2018 sponsorship program and contact Jacques Jenkins at jjenkins@nrmca.org for more information.



Pavement

Governor Addresses Guests at Colorado's Ninth Annual Concrete Day



NRMCA Vice President, Local Paving, Don Clem recently joined a host of industry colleagues in Denver at the annual Concrete Day at the Capitol. This year's event was the first time that Governor John Hickenlooper was able to address the group. The ninth annual "Concrete Day at the Capitol," as declared by a proclamation from the governor, was a resounding success, Clem said. More than 500 legislators and staffers were fed a barbeque lunch grilled on site, providing concrete industry representatives

the opportunity to visit with lawmakers regarding the importance of the concrete industry to the state's economy. The event attracted legislators representing just over 50% of the entire legislature.

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Parking Lot Boot Camps Continue Providing Strong Value to Producers, Contractors

Two Parking Lot Boot Camps conducted since the end of March have produced expected results, reports Jon Hansen, NRMCA senior vice president, local paving.

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Workforce Development

Nominate Your Rising Star for the Developing Industry Leaders Program

Now in its 15th year, NRMCA's Developing Industry's Leaders (DIL) program is a premier career development tool. Participants are given the opportunity to advance their strategic thinking skills and network with peers while being mentored by NRMCA's senior staff. The DIL agenda differs from other leadership programs in that it exposes 24 selected participants to our industry's big issues from an all-encompassing, national perspective. Once done with their formal training, DILs are expected to make a long-term commitment to move their team's initiative forward by joining, and attending, the appropriate NRMCA committee meeting twice a year. DIL participation on NRMCA's committees infuses new blood into an industry's leadership track.

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Government Affairs

Learn More About CONCRETEPAC

NRMCA advocates on behalf of the ready mixed concrete industry through our involvement in the political process. CONCRETEPAC is the ready mixed concrete industry's political action committee (PAC) that supports pro-business, pro-ready mixed concrete candidates for federal office.

Please note that federal law requires companies to "authorize" the PAC for each calendar year before NRMCA can share details about the PAC or solicit contributions. Federal law only allows corporate members of NRMCA to grant prior approval to only one national trade association's PAC per calendar year. However, granting prior approval for CONCRETEPAC does not preclude employees from contributing to local or state PACs, national members or ideological PACs or a company's own federal PAC. Eligible employees include those with executive, managerial or senior administrative responsibilities.

[Click here](#) to give prior authorization to CONCRETEPAC today and learn more about how you can help the ready mixed concrete industry's voice be heard on Capitol Hill. For more information, contact Taylor Drzewicki, director of government and political affairs, at tdrzewicki@nrmca.org or 240-485-1136.



Engineering

NRMCA Now Accepting Entries for Excellence in Quality Awards

NRMCA is now accepting applications for the Excellence in Quality Award contest. A company must be a NRMCA Producer member in good standing to participate and may enter as a company or a division. Applicants are asked to respond to a multiple-choice type application form that generates their scores. Companies or divisions that achieve a score of at least 75% will be recognized at NRMCA's ConcreteWorks, scheduled from September 29 - October 1 in metropolitan Washington, DC. The deadline for receiving completed award applications is Saturday, June 30.

There are several advantages to participating in this award program:

1. It provides recognition to the companies that maintain high quality standards.
2. The award criteria can serve as an excellent quality improvement tool for companies.
3. Companies have used the award criteria for conducting internal quality audits.
4. Companies that apply will be provided with industry average quality benchmark data

[Click here](#) to access the link for the Excel file. Before starting the survey, please download the file to your computer and save it using a different file name (company/division name). Then e-mail the completed Excel file and required attachments to Karen Bean at kbean@nrmca.org. For more information, contact Vice President, Technical Services, Karthik Obla 1-888-846-7622, x1163 or kobla@nrmca.org.



Calendar

A Look Ahead

****Please note that e-mail and direct links to each event listed below can be accessed from NRMCA's [Web site](#).***

May 10, Webinar

Build with Strength: Communicating the Brand and Message

Email: Lionel Lemay, 847-918-7101

May 15, Grapevine, TX (Open to former Developing Industry Leader Participants)

Developing Industry Leaders (DIL) Workshop

Email: Eileen Dickson

May 17, Charlotte, NC

Regional ConcreteWorks, Lower Atlantic Region

Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

May 22 – 24, Dallas

Concrete Durability Course

Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

May 23, Bozeman, MT

Handling Concrete Specifications

Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

August 21, Birmingham, AL | Registration Information Forthcoming

Regional ConcreteWorks, Gulf Coast Region

Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

Summer/Fall, Cheyenne/Casper, WY | Registration Information Forthcoming

Regional ConcreteWorks, Northwest Region

Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

September 6, Phoenix | Registration Information Forthcoming

Regional ConcreteWorks, Southwest Region

Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

Fall, Uncasville, CT | Registration Information Forthcoming

Regional ConcreteWorks, Northeast Region

Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

Fall, Kansas City, KS | Registration Information Forthcoming

Regional ConcreteWorks, South Central Region

Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

September 29 – October 1, Metro Washington, DC
NRMCA's ConcreteWorks
Email: Jessica Walgenbach, 888-84-NRMCA, x1152



October 9 – 12, Silver Spring, MD
CCSP Module I: Concrete 101
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

October 17, Las Vegas, NV | Registration Information Forthcoming
Regional ConcreteWorks, Rocky Mountain Region
Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

November 5 – 9, Silver Spring, MD
Annual Short Course
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

November 13, Lansing, MI | Registration Information Forthcoming
Regional ConcreteWorks, Great Lakes Region
Email: Nicole Maher, 240-485-1158

December 4 – 6, Silver Spring, MD
CCSP Module II: Customer Business Knowledge
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

December 11 – 14, Austin, TX
Plant Manager Certification Course
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

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January 15 – 17, Silver Spring, MD
CCSP Module III: Accounting, Finance, Business Law
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

January 22 – 24, Kissimmee, FL
Effective RMC Supervisor Course
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

March 19 – 21, Silver Spring, MD
CCSP Module IV: Professional Sales Skills
Email: Meghan Callahan, 240-485-1135

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