

AGENDA
CONCRETE INNOVATION FORUM
Hyatt Regency Columbus
August 18-20, 2026

Tuesday – August 18, 2026

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Welcome Reception**

Wednesday – August 19, 2026

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Registration & Breakfast**

8:00 am – 8:05 am **Welcoming Address**
Speaker: **Ann M. Masek**, CAE, Executive Director
Company: ACI Foundation

8:05 am – 8:10 am **Meeting Logistics & CIC Updates**
Speaker: **Lesley Ko**, PhD, Director (Cementitious & Sustainability Materials) & **CIC Chair**
Company: Structural Technologies

8:10 am – 8:50 am **Presentation: Just in Time Innovation**
Speakers: **Kenneth C. Hover**, PhD, Professor Emeritus
Company: Cornell University

8:50 am – 9:30 am **Presentation: Meeting the Needs of Hyperscaler Data Centers**
Speaker: **Thomas Van Dam**, PhD, PE, Principal
Company: Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

9:30 am – 10:10 am **Technology Showcase: Automation for the Construction Industry**
Speakers: *to be confirmed*
Company: Toggle Construction

10:10 am – 10:25 am *****Break*****

10:25 am – 11:05 am **Presentation: The Future of Nuclear Power Plant Construction**
Speaker: **Robert Nussmeier**, Vice President
Company: Baker Construction

- 11:05 am – 11:45 am **Presentation: Challenges & Solutions for Mixtures with Blended Cements**
Speaker: **Paul H. Seiler**, Vice President
Company: Master Builders Solutions
- 11:45 am – 11:50 am **Address from ACI**
Speaker: **Frederick H. Grubbe**, MBA, CAE, Executive Vice President
Company: American Concrete Institute
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm *****Lunch*****
- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Contractor Panel: Consistency & Reliability when Placing Mixes with Portland-Limestone Cement**
Portland-limestone cement (PLC) has become a common type of binder for concrete mixes today. This panel will discuss case studies and best practices for placing and finishing concrete mixtures with PLC. The group will review what contractors need to know and to control. The most common challenges and solutions will be highlighted, and contractors will have the opportunity to share their needs when using new materials in the field.
- Moderator** **Scott M. Anderson**, Vice President & General Manager for Keystone Structural Concrete and current ACI Vice President.
- Panelists**
- **John D. Fauth**, Vice President, Marketing & Business Development for ChemMasters, Inc.
 - **Bob Harris**, FACI, Senior Decorative Concrete Consultant and Principal for Structural Services, Inc.
 - **Jason D. Wimberly**, PE, MCE, FACI, High Performance Concrete Technical Lead for Lithko Contracting.
 - *(to be confirmed)*
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm *****Break*****
- 3:15 pm – 3:55 pm **Presentation: Innovation Through New Methodologies: Creating Greater Value for Owners**
Speakers: **Phil Diekemper**, Executive Director
Company: PRO – An ACI Center of Excellence for Advancing Productivity
- 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Networking Event**
Cocktails & Hor D’oeuvres (*dinner not included*)

Thursday – August 20, 2026

- 7:00 am – 8:00 am **Registration & Breakfast**
- 8:00 am – 8:40 am **Technology Showcase: [Scaling Carbon Nanotube-Enabled Greener Concrete: From Lab Data to Field Deployment](#)**
Speakers: **Douglas Barr**, PhD, Vice President of CHASM Advanced Materials
George Tannoury, PhD, PE, FASCE, Vice President of Terracon
Martin Mathew, R&D Manager, Saudi Readymix Concrete Company
- 8:40 am – 9:20 am **Technology Showcase: [Tremie Concrete and Best Practices for Deep Foundations](#)**
Speaker: **Peter Faust**, Vice President – Business Development
Company: Malcolm Drilling
- 9:20 am – 10:00 am **Technology Showcase: [Measuring Formation Factors with Embedded Sensor Technology](#)**
Speaker: **Nima Kargah-Ostadi**, Vice President
Company: Callentis Consulting Group, LLC
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am *****Break*****
- 10:15 am – 10:55 am **Technology Showcase: [Densicrete – Formation of Calcium Silicate to Bind Chlorides](#)**
Speaker: **Frank Yantek**, President
Company: Wicktek, Inc.
- 10:55 am – 11:35 am **Technology Showcase: [Auxetic Reinforcement to Enhance Confinement & Ductility in Concrete Members](#)**
Speaker: **Simos Gerasimidis**, PhD, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Company: University of Massachusetts - Amherst
- 11:35 am – 11:55 **[Survey & Closing Remarks](#)**
- 12:00 pm **Adjourn**