

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: Meeting the Needs of Hyperscaler Data Centers**
Speaker: **Thomas Van Dam**, PhD, PE, Principal
Company: Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

8:50 am – 9:30 am **Technology Showcase: Automation for the Construction Industry**
Speakers: *to be confirmed*
Company: Toggle Construction

9:30 am – 10:10 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

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.
- Scott M. Anderson**, Vice President & General Manager for Keystone Structural Concrete and ACI Vice President will moderate the panel.
- What to know
 - What to control
 - What are today's challenges
 - What do contractors need
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm *****Break*****
- 3:15 pm – 3:55 pm **Presentation: Concrete Innovations – Past & Future**
Speakers: **Kenneth C. Hover**, PhD, Professor Emeritus
Company: Cornell University
- 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 **Presentation: Local Case Study on Innovation**
Speaker: *to be confirmed*
Company: ACI Chapter

- 8:40 am – 9:20 am **Technology Showcase: Tremie Concrete and Best Practices for Deep Foundations**
Speaker: **Peter Faust**, Director
Company: Deep Foundations Institute
- 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 – Forming Calcium Silicate from Unconverted Alkali**
Speaker: **Frank Yantek**, President
Company: Wicktek, Inc.
- 10:55 am – 11:35 am **Presentation Opportunity**
Speaker:
Company:
- 11:35 am – 11: 55 **Survey & Closing Remarks**
- 12:00 pm **Adjourn**