Notes From The Director

It’s hard to believe I have been in this position for a year already. It has been both challenging and rewarding working on behalf of our members and I look forward to a productive 2015.

While the economy in general is showing signs of improvement, the outlook for infrastructure spending remains troubling due to inaction at both the state and federal level. Rebuild NY Now is a broad-based coalition seeking to raise public awareness about the issues impacting New York State’s infrastructure. “The coalition actively engages federal and state elected officials to support public policies that promote safe roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, water treatment and other vital infrastructure.” New York State is currently looking at a $5 billion budget surplus from legal settlements and Rebuild NY Now is leading the charge to have these funds directed towards our critical infrastructure needs. You can learn more about this group at www.rebuildnynow.com.

Please note that we have a new email address. You can now reach us at precast@pcany.org. As always, please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions, comments, or concerns.

Warmest Regards,

Ronald E. Thornton, P.E.
Town of Marshall Sand Storage

Submitted by Bob Siver and Mark Losee of Jefferson Concrete Corp

When the Town of Marshall in Oneida County was looking to construct a sand storage building for their winter sand storage, they put the project out to bid. When the bid prices were received, the project was over budget. Having limited funding available, they would not be able to put up their structure given the cost. When the Town Highway Superintendent attended a conference in Pulaski, he initiated dialogue with Hybrid Building Solutions to learn more about what options might exist. After speaking with them, he learned that there are precast wall systems in the marketplace which might make their project viable as it related to cost. Consequently, the Town rebid the project as turnkey with a precast wall system specified. The project called for a 72’ wide x 160’ long building, closed at one end. This time around, the Town of Marshall received a bid price which fit their budget. The precast concrete wall system made this project work. After site preparation, the wall system was placed within two days. The blacktop floor and the roof system were installed the following week. Delivery of sand commenced immediately upon completion. This completed project was finalized within the constraints of their budget. The thrust of this project – a satisfied customer with a quality precast concrete structure, within budget and on time.

Project Credits:
Owner: Town of Marshall, NY
Contractor: Hybrid Building Systems
Precast Manufacturer: Jefferson Concrete Corp

Completed Structure with Canvas Dome Cover

“L” Wall Panels being Unloaded

Exterior Corner During Installation
Schenectady County Public Library

Submitted by Gina Lathan of Lakelands Concrete Products

This project consisted of 24 custom designed architectural columns as part of a new children’s unit for the library. Each of the arch shaped units was cast with pigmented cement concrete then acid washed for a uniform architectural finish. Precast columns were connected to the building foundation using NMB Splice Sleeves.

The children’s room was a major part of the 6,700 square-foot expansion, which was funded in large part by Schenectady County with matching private funds from a number of sources including grants from The Wright Family Foundation and Schenectady Foundation as well as donations secured by the library board of trustees. A number of construction grants were also secured to aid in financing this project.

The local architect incorporated the precast columns as an aesthetic focal point of the building and are visible from both inside and outside the structure.
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Registration Opens for PCI Spring Committee Days
All PCI members are welcome to this conference to be held in Chicago, April 30—May 3, for the opportunity to network, share ideas and insight with fellow members and provide input to the industry’s Body of Knowledge. Visit www.pci.org/committee-days for more information.

Cornell Local Roads Offering 2015 Workshops
Several workshops have been announced by CLRP for this spring. Visit http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/workshops/workshops for information and to register.