

Director's Notes

It is hard to believe that it is December already and we are getting ready for the New Year. This year has seen increased visibility of competitors in a market that has been hampered by the lack of a long-term transportation bill. I am looking forward to 2015 and always looking for ways to improve.



Wishing you a new year rich with the blessings of love, joy, warmth, and laughter.

2014 Activities

It is rewarding to look back at the accomplishments from 2014. These activities are aimed at maintaining our market share, correcting misconceptions about our products and providing additional information for decision-makers.

EIG has continued with participation in various meetings including: AASHTO Materials, AASHTO NTPEP, AASHTO Bridges, ASTM, CRSI, NACE, National Concrete Consortium (NCC), National Concrete Bridge Council (NCBC), TRB, and the World of Concrete.

EIG conducted training for Illinois Department of Transportation and assisted Michigan Department of Transportation with epoxy-coated dowels. EIG met with the Chicago Transit Authority, which led to epoxy-coated reinforcing steel being permitted in their specifications, and assisted the FAA to review the Standards for Specifying Construction of Airports (FAA AC 150/5370-10G).

EIG gave a presentations to the Utah Concrete Pavement Conference and a four-hour seminar to Utah Department of Transportation. EIG met with Minnesota and Georgia Departments of Transportation, and participated in the FHWA CRRB Seminar, Topeka, KS. EIG was assisted with North East State visits by Jim Riemenschneider, who handed out a number of the 40th anniversary trophies in six states.

EIG prepared an article for Construction Business titled "Use and Improvements to Epoxy-Coated Reinforcing

Steel" and another in Structure Magazine titled "Current Status of Coated Reinforcing Steel." EIG also summarized theses from Perdue University and the University of Utah.

EIG continued to expand its website, adding many more project profiles. Three editions of Anti-Corrosion Times were also presented to a mailing list of over 3000.

Advertisements were published in the Aspire Bridge Magazine, NACE and the Structures Magazine. EIG also prepared a major book chapter on epoxy-coated reinforcing steel that will be published in 2015.

EIG exhibited at the PCI Bridge Meeting, New England State Materials Engineers Association (NESMEA), the Accelerated Bridge Conference, and the International Bridge Conference. Thanks to Carrie Sayers for helping the exhibit at the American Segmental Bridge Conference. Participation in trade shows and meetings is related to the increased participating of competitors at these meetings.

EIG has also been busy assisting both CRSI and manufacturing plants with major changes in the CRSI Plant Certification Program. EIG produced a draft Quality Control manual for the three certification programs. EIG also attended a conference in Qatar on performance of epoxy-coated reinforcing resulting in a plant requesting certification in 2015.

Change in Steering Committee

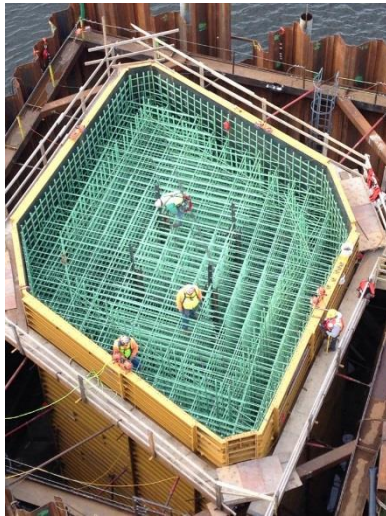
As some of you may already know, Kuru Varughese has retired from Axalta and thus was no longer eligible to remain a member of EIG. Kuru has served on the EIG steering committee since 2012 and has been a wonderful contributor to these discussions. Kuru has also been active within the CRSI, ASTM and NACE communities. We wish him all the best for the future and have sent him a small thank you for his contributions.



IDOT Training

The IDOT training will occur on January 19, 2014 in Springfield, IL from 9 am until 4 pm. EIG has secured

rooms at the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield a DoubleTree by Hilton, 701 East Adams, Springfield IL 62701 for \$111 per night. Information on this training will be forwarded soon.



Accelerated Bridge Conference

During the first week of December EIG exhibited at the ABC Conference in Miami. This conference was attended by over 90 bridge design engineers from Departments of Transportation. Overall the conference attracted over 750 attendees.

Competitors exhibiting at the conference included MMFX (ASTM A1035) and Hughes Bros. (FRP and Carbon fiber). Several stainless steel suppliers were also in attendance.

EIG also represented the National Concrete Bridge Council at the AASHTO Construction Committee meeting (T-4). This meeting was attended by about 20 senior engineers from Departments of Transportation.

ASTM D Committee, New Orleans, LA

The ballot for ASTM D3963 received 3 negatives relating to the inclusion of the repair material dip test. Based upon discussions with ASTM staff, yet another ballot is required. Hopefully then we can remove the dip test and fully reference ASTM A775.

ARBTA 2015 Forecast

ARBTA reported on their 2015 forecast indicating growth in the bridge and tunnel construction market, increasing from \$30.8 billion in 2014 to \$31.3 billion in 2015.

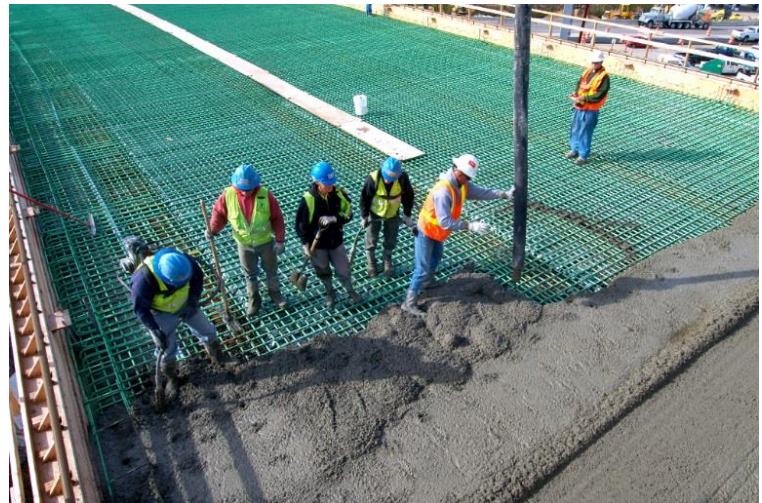
The national market is being driven by activity in 10 states, which account for over 57 percent of the market: New York, California, Texas, Pennsylvania,

Washington, New Jersey, Illinois, Ohio, Massachusetts and Virginia.

Bridge construction has grown from 19.6 percent of all highway and bridge work in 2000 to 37.3 percent in 2014. ARTBA says that the share of bridge work will continue growing in the next five years.

For more details, see:

<http://www.betterroads.com/artba-forecast-calls-for-modest-2015-growth/>



Quote

Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

Charles Dickens

Date	Event
January 5 – 6	UNM 51st Paving and Transportation Conference, Albuquerque, NM
January 11 – 15	TRB Washington, DC
January 19	IDOT Training, Springfield, IL
February 3 – 6	World of Concrete, Las Vegas, NV
March 9 – 13	CRSI Technical Meeting, Tempe, AZ
April 12 – 16	ACI, Kansas City, MO
April 14 – 15	Legislative Fly-In, Washington, DC
April 19 – 23	AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges, Saratoga Springs, NY