

EPOXY INDUSTRY SERVICE AWARD
Marcelo Guadalupe Acuña

The Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI is pleased to announce Marcelo Guadalupe Acuña as the recipient of the Epoxy Industry Service Award. This award is given to individuals that have contributed time, effort

During his career, Marcelo helped establish epoxy coating plants in Oklahoma (1979), Michigan (1980), Texas (1981), Colorado (1981), Minnesota (2001) and Illinois (2003), being the first state to have epoxycoated reinforcing steel coating plant in the Midwest. Marcelo has provided his time and financial support to the CRSI epoxy plant certification program and ASTM has continuously been a strong supporter of the programs of the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute. Many members of his family are involved in the ongoing operation of four plants started by Marcelo, and his partners he has mentored them with a strong commitment to product quality. He has also mentored many others in the industry.

We thank Marcelo for his contributions to the Industry.

Marcelo Acuña was born in 1931 and served in the Air Force from 1947 until 1952. After working as a truck driver, concrete batch plant operator, and plant dispatcher, and plant foreman from 1952 and 1967, he accepted a position with Campbell, Inc. as Vice President of concrete construction company that placed concrete shopping centers and in the precast sector.

In 1979 he briefly joined Tedec International, Inc. as Vice President until he partnered with Gerald Campbell and Don L. Bengé to form ABC Coating Company, Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the first and epoxycoated reinforcing steel coating plant in the world.

In 1981 Marcelo and his partners began construction of new lines in Waxahatchie, Texas and Brighton, Colorado. Marcelo operated ABC Coating Company, Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma while his partners operated the lines in Colorado and Texas.

In 1982 Marcelo and Gerald started the ABC Coating Company of Washington, Inc., later to become Western Coating and in 1985 Marcelo and his partners purchased Baranek Bar fabricator in Denver, Colorado.

In 1988 Marcelo and his partners purchased coating line from Hausman Steel. This line had been set up by Marcelo and his partners in Wyoming, Michigan in 1980. It was renamed the ABC Coating Company of Michigan, Inc.

Gerald Campbell was diagnosed with cancer in the spring of 1996 and after Marcelo Acuña and his remaining partner began to re-evaluate the companies in 1998 Marcelo Acuña became the sole owner of the ABC Coating Company, Inc. in Tulsa, Oklahoma and ABC Coating Company of Michigan, Inc.

In 2001, ABC Coating Company of Minnesota, Inc. was established. In the spring of 2003, ABC Coating Company of Illinois, Inc. was put into production.

Members of his family assisting with the business include his sons Marcelo and David Acuna, his daughters Rose and Sylvie Rocha, his son in law Fred Rocha, and his grandson Freddy Rocha.