

### Director's Notes

Greetings Epoxy Interest Group!



Thank you for welcoming me so warmly to this new position within EIG and CRSI. I am excited to serve you, the EIG members, in this new role and look forward to working with you over the next months to coordinate our efforts for 2016 and beyond. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to call or email. I hope to see you all in Tempe for CRSI's Spring Business and Technical Meeting.

### Illinois Department of Transportation Epoxy Training

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Epoxy training will occur on March 30, 2016 in Skokie, IL from 9 am until 3:30 pm. EIG has secured hotel rooms for March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago-North Shore/Skokie 5201 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 for \$109 per night. Information on this training was emailed on February 23 and registration information and additional details can be found at: [https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=myCRSI&WebCode=EventDetail&evt\\_key=a8f62948-552d-4877-a6e7-cd39526c5b6b](https://netforum.avectra.com/eweb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=myCRSI&WebCode=EventDetail&evt_key=a8f62948-552d-4877-a6e7-cd39526c5b6b).

### National Precast Concrete Associate article entitled "Working with Epoxy-Coated Rebar"

A recent article by Philip Cutler with the National Precast Concrete Associate (NPCA) highlights the benefits of epoxy-coated reinforcing steel and CRSI's certification programs. The article serves as a reference for precasters across the U.S. for material specifications, manufacturing, fabrication, handling and storage requirements, as well as design considerations, and applications for epoxy-coated bar.

For more details, see:

<http://precast.org/2015/09/working-with-epoxy-coated-rebar/>



### Illinois Tollway

A recent letter from the Illinois Tollway highlighted the fact that they are in their 5<sup>th</sup> year of a \$12 billion capitol program, with plans to invest \$1.3 billion this year on several projects. Their estimates indicate a total of approximately 9.5 million pounds of 'reinforcing bars - epoxy-coated and no coating' will be needed for these projects on I-90, I-88, I-355 and IL-390. The letter also identified the online plan room ([www.illinoistollwayplanroom.com](http://www.illinoistollwayplanroom.com)) as a place to find "detailed contract information and see which prime contractors are interested in bidding contracts."

If there are other mailing lists that EIG should subscribe to to obtain this type of bidding/contract information, please let me know.

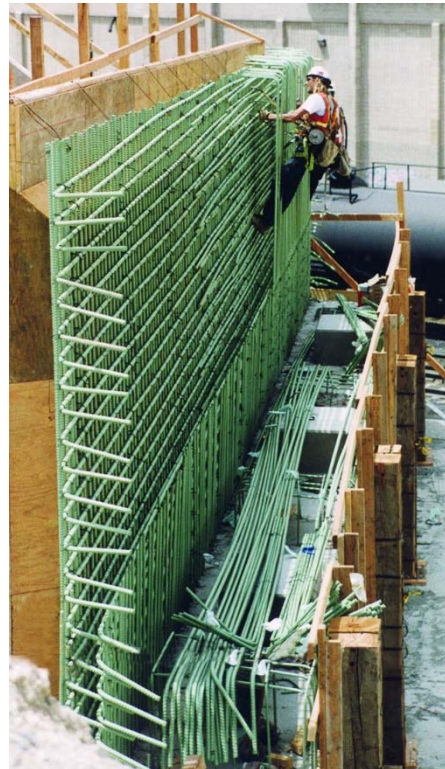
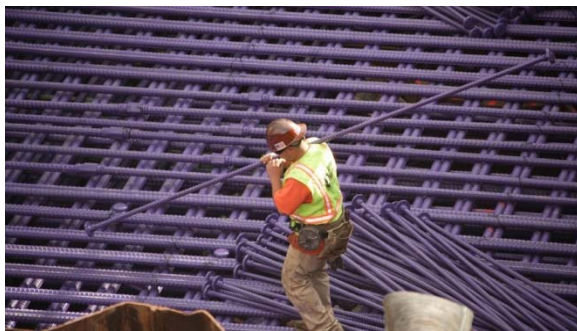
### World of Concrete 2016

EIG exhibited at the World of Concrete between February 1 and 5, 2016 in Las Vegas, NV. A big thank you to all of the members that volunteered to staff the booth! A meeting of the EIG steering committee was also held that week and was a great opportunity to discuss the status of the interest group and plans for 2016.

### California Department of Transportation

EIG met with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on Tuesday, February 23 to educate them about CRSI's certification programs. The information was well-received and they are considering adding a requirement for CRSI certification to their specifications.

A list of certified plants and states that reference CRSI's certification programs is always current online at: <http://www.crsi.org/index.cfm/standards-certifications>



### ARTBA 2016 Forecast

ARTBA reported on their 2016 forecast indicating growth in the overall transportation construction market of 4% in 2016. The national market is being driven by activity in 23 states and Washington DC.

These estimates were released prior to the passage of the federal surface transportation bill, the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act," which could likely improve these estimates. It was also noted that state department of transportation spending is on average sourced 52 percent from federal funding.

For more details, see:

<http://www.artba.org/newsline/2015/12/02/artba-economist-projects-modest-growth-in-2016-u-s-transportation-construction-market/>

### Quote

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls, and looks like work.

Thomas Edison

### Upcoming Events

Date	Event
March 8 - 10	WVDOH Materials Conference, Daniels, WV
March 14 - 17	CRSI Spring Technical Meeting, Tempe, AZ
March 30	IDOT Training, Skokie, IL
April 17 - 20	ACI, Milwaukee, WI
May 2 - 5	ASTM, San Antonio, TX
May 9 - 11	NTPEP, Grand Rapids, MI