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Sustainability / Green Building:

<http://www.aggregeterresearch.com/article.aspx?id=18759>

<http://www.greenconcrete.info/>

<http://www.concretethinker.com/>

<http://www.cement.org/Briefingkit/index.asp>

<http://www.sustainableconcrete.org/>

<http://www.concretepromotion.org/downloads.htm>

<http://concreteparking.org/environmental.htm>

Maryland Chapter ACI Newsletter:

<http://www.concrete.org/CHAPTERS/newsletter.asp?cid=c050>

Promotion Update

The staff and membership of the Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association (MRMCA) helps knit together key construction industry players who support various professional societies and organizations like NRMCA, PCA, ACI, MTBMA, ASA, HBAM and MSPE. Many of our members belong to several of these groups and they share even more interests when you consider "Green Building". At the MRMCA, we focus on promoting the concrete industry and the products and services offered by our members and we want everyone to know about the sustainable

June 27 - 29 - Maryland Construction and Materials Spring Conference

August 11 - ACI Field Grade 1 Review
August 18 - ACI Field Grade 1 Exam

August 18 - 21 - MACo

September TBD - Architects & Engineers Golf Outing

September 8 - ACI Field Grade 1 Review
September 15 - ACI Field Grade 1 Exam

October 12 - Showcase of Concrete Construction

October 13 - ACI Field Grade 1 Review
October 20 - ACI Field Grade 1 Exam

October 19 - Construction Career Day

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benefits of concrete. So, when you are networking in the construction arena, you can always rely on an MRMCA member to know the latest about sustainable development.

Over the last year, PCA / NECSA, a regional cement promotion group has challenged the cement industry to participate in various Chapters of the USGBC. To date, there is one or more industry representatives actively involved in the following USGBC Chapters: Maryland, Hampton Roads, James River, National Capital, Southwest Virginia, Delaware Valley, Long Island, New Jersey, New York City, Upstate New York, Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts. Now, this same challenge has been issued for Maryland by MRMCA. We are encouraging our members to become actively involved with State and Local sustainability groups and their respective focus committees. We want all of these "Green Building" communities to hear our side of the story.

When you hear the question, "What is the best way to build a green facility?" you can at least say, "Make sure you consider concrete." Maryland Governments at all levels are endorsing the USGBC LEED Rating System through mandates, tax credits or grants. The system is credit-based, allowing projects to earn points for environmentally-friendly actions taken during construction and use of a building. Using concrete products in various applications can help a project earn LEED® points in all Credit categories. The latest Concrete Reference Guide developed by the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association is available as a free download at www.GreenConcrete.info.

If you wish to know more about the sustainable benefits of concrete get involved with MRMCA and schedule one of our committee members to sit with your sales/technical personnel to go through the details. At your office, on your time or scheduled locally to accommodate several members; we want every MRMCA member to receive some training on concrete in "Green Building".

Concrete for Maryland

Many of you have heard about the new coalition called Concrete for Maryland. Concrete for Maryland is a coalition of Maryland associations and companies promoting awareness of the benefits of using **Concrete for Paving** (new road construction, resurfacing and parking lots) in Maryland. Already in just a few short months, the coalition is beginning to make waves. Just this past week, the Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association was invited to participate in the 1st Annual Green Business night with other green organizations by the Maryland Environmental Matters Committee in Annapolis.

We need your help!

There is great strength in numbers and the concrete industry needs to come together on this. There are four easy things that you can do *today* to keep the coalition progress marching forward:

1. Visit the Concrete for Maryland web site and become a coalition member for free (<http://www.concreteformaryland.com/index.cfm?go=main.joinus>). While you are there, check things out and let us know what you think.
2. Check us out on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Concrete-for-Maryland/310483758941?ref=ts>. From there you can become a fan of Concrete for Maryland. When you become a fan, we encourage you to share that with your connections and help them become fans too.
3. Check us out on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/concrete4MD> and follow us.
4. Visit <http://www.concreteformaryland.com/> to download a handout and send it to everyone you can think of that would benefit from knowing more about the benefits of concrete paving.

If you are interested in doing more, contact Tom Evans at 877-222-6199. We need ideas, participation and energy to turn things around.

Thank you for your help and we look forward to paving our way out of the recession!

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GREAT NEWS!! **Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF)** has actually been "named specifically" in an FBO posting!

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=d30d6d681ade456a2cee5df59a977813&tab=core&_cview=0

It has been a long time coming, but we may have actually turned a significant corner in ICF commercial construction! For the Army Corps of Engineers to specifically name ICF in an RFP is historic and more importantly a great endorsement for the ICF and the Concrete community as a whole. This is a monumental opportunity for the ICF community to focus on performance now. Hopefully, the project is an excellent example of how well we can perform under pressure, because everyone is going to be watching this project, especially the ICF community and more importantly the Military and federal branches of the government. But this is also a great marketing opportunity for all of us, who probably won't get this project, but need this type of government endorsement for our local and regional projects. So we are very excited and hopeful that the project is a "shining" success for all of us.

We will keep everyone posted as to the progress of this project and we wish those of you who are going to go after this project, happy bidding and make us proud!

Awards Banquet

Awards banquet: <http://www.marylandconcrete.com/Services/index.cfm/go/ShowEvent/EventID/19>

MRMCA Scholarship

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<http://www.marylandconcrete.com/Services/index.cfm/go/ShowEvent/EventID/16>

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