

**The 26th Annual Maryland Concrete Conference & Maryland Women in Concrete (MWIC)
The Hotel at Arundel Preserve, Arundel Mills, MD | March 24th & 25th, 2026**

DAY 1 CONCRETE BUILDINGS AGENDA | Tuesday, March 24, 2026

7:00–9:00 am **ALL EXHIBITOR SET-UP** | 9:00–7:00 pm **EXHIBITOR HALL - OPEN ALL DAY!**

8:00–9:30 am **REGISTRATION** (Sessions & panels are PDH applicable)

9:30 am **CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME ADDRESS**

Co-Chairs: Vicki Stewart, Division Chief for Concrete Technology, MDOT State Highway Administration
Dee Dee Kennedy, Executive Director, Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association

9:45–11:15 am **3rd ANNUAL MARYLAND WOMEN IN CONCRETE PANEL**

- ★ Martha E. Gross, PhD, PE, F.ASCE, Executive Director of Transit Development and Delivery, Maryland Department of Transportation, MTA
- ★ Claudia C. Marin-Artieda, PE, Ph.D. Interim Director, REPS Tier 1 University Transportation Center, Professor / Graduate Student Director, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Howard University
- ★ Carrington Blencowe, Territory Sales Manager, iwi Concrete Equipment Group
- ★ Aimee Connerton, Technical Resource Specialist, Rinker Materials® A Quikrete® Company
- ★ Teralynn Marvel, Director of Business Development, The Bartley Corporation
- ★ Amy Nagle, General Manager, Gillespie & Son Concrete
- ★ Nichole Penick, CCM / Construction Manager, Development Facilitators, Inc.
- ★ Tiffany Reed-Villarreal, P.E., ENV SP, Director, Sustainability Codes and Standards, National Ready Mix Concrete Association
- ★ **Moderator:** Dee Dee Kennedy, Executive Director, Maryland Ready Mix Concrete Association

11:15–11:30 am **EXHIBITOR NETWORKING BREAK**

11:30 am–12:00 pm **SESSION 1: Economic Outlook + State of the Union for Concrete**

Speaker: Andrew Tyrrell, Executive Vice President, Government Affairs, National Ready Mix Concrete Association

12:00–12:30 pm **SESSION 2: Buy America and BABA Laws + MDOT Specifications: Where We Are, And Where We Are Headed - Maryland Updates**

Speakers: Eric Frempong, Ph.D., P.E., Director, Office of Materials Technology, MDOT State Highway Administration

Vicki Stewart, Division Chief for Concrete Technology, MDOT State Highway Administration

12:30–1:30 pm **LUNCH**

1:30–2:00 pm **SESSION 3: Setting GWP Budgets for Concrete Buildings**

Speaker: Tiffany Reed-Villarreal, P.E., ENV SP, Director, Sustainability Codes and Standards, National Ready Mix Concrete Association

2:00–2:30 pm **SESSION 4: Experimental Validation of Vision-Based Tools for Characterization and Assessment from Mix Design to Structural Response**

Speaker: Claudia C. Marin-Artieda, PE, Ph.D. Interim Director, REPS Tier 1 University Transportation Center, Professor / Graduate Student Director, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Howard University

2:30-3:00 pm **EXHIBITOR NETWORKING BREAK**

3:00-3:30 pm **SESSION 5: Beyond the EPD: How AI is Unlocking the Next Chapter in Decarbonization in Concrete**

Speaker: Jack Cove, Head of Sales & Marketing, Pathways

3:30-4:00 pm **SESSION 6: Testing Variability, Overdesign, and the Carbon Impact of Concrete**

Speaker: Glenn Schaefer, Vice President, Research & Technical Services, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

4:00-4:30 pm **SESSION 7: Ultra-High Performance Concrete: From Material Design to 3D Printing**

Speaker: Jianqiang Wei, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Maryland

4:30 pm **Lifetime Achievement Presentation**

2026 Award Recipient: Teck Chua, PE, F.A.C.I., (Retired) Director - Technical Services, Vulcan Materials Company

5:00-7:00 pm **CONCRETE NETWORKING RECEPTION & EXHIBITORS** (Day 1 Door Prize Drawing – must be present to win)

DAY 2 CONCRETE PAVING & INFRASTRUCTURE AGENDA | Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:00-8:00 am **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

7:00 am-3:00 pm **EXHIBITOR HALL - OPEN ALL DAY!**

Sessions & panels are PDH applicable

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8:15-8:45 am **SESSION 1: Cement State of the Union**

Speaker: Paul D. Tennis, Ph.D., F.ACI, F.ASTM, Sr. Director, Research & Product Standards, American Cement Association

8:45-9:15 am **SESSION 2: Key Bridge Update**

Speaker: David Neidballa, Sponsor, Kiewit

9:15-9:45 am **SESSION 3: How Materials and Construction Practices are Affecting the Service Life of Infrastructure**

Speaker: Siva Venugopalan, President & CEO, Siva Corrosion Services (SCS)

9:45-10:05 am **EXHIBITOR NETWORKING BREAK**

10:05-10:35 am **SESSION 4: Innovative Admixture Solutions for Low Embodied Carbon Concrete**

Speaker: Dr. Charles Nmai, PE, M.ASCE, FACI, ACI Past President, Distinguished Engineer / Director of Concrete Sustainability, Master Builders Solutions

10:35-11:05 am **SESSION 5: Domestic Material Procurement Preference for Federal Aid Projects**

Speaker: Seun Ajide, Bridge Engineer, Maryland Division / FHWA, U.S. Department of Transportation

11:05 am- 12:00 pm **SESSION 6: Type 1L Test Results for the State of Maryland**

Speaker: Henry Prenger, P.E., F.A.C.I., Cement, Technical Service Engineer, Amrize Cement

Moderators: Jeremy Betts, Senior Technical Services Manager, Heidelberg Materials

Clayton McCabe, Technical Services Engineer, Quikrete Cement

12:00 pm-1:00 pm **LUNCH & EXHIBITORS**

1:00-1:30 pm **SESSION 7: Keynote from the State Highway Administration**

Speaker: William Pines, P.E., Administrator, Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

1:30-2:00 pm **SESSION 8: Concrete Overlays: A History of Projects in Maryland**

Speaker: Phil Kresge, Senior Vice President, Promotions Team Lead, National Ready Mix Concrete Association

2:00-2:15 pm **EXHIBITOR BREAK + CANDY & POPCORN STATION**

2:15-2:45 pm **SESSION 9: Rehabilitation of 10 Bridges at the I-95/I-695 Interchange in Southwestern Baltimore County**

Speaker: Jack Verhoeven, Associate, Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP

2:45-3:15 pm **SESSION 10: I-95 ETL Northbound Extension - Reconstruction of the Interchange at I-95 and MD 152**

Speaker: Aimee Connerton, Technical Resource Specialist, Rinker Materials® A Quikrete® Company

3:15 pm **ADJOURN** (Day 2 Door Prize Drawing - must be present to win)