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## OCTOBER CHAPTER PROGRAM: PERVIOUS CONCRETE: A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**Date:** October 15, 2009.

**Place:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn.

**Times:** 6:00 PM Tabletops and social time

6:30 PM Dinner

7:15 PM Program

**Cost:** Free to Chapter members in good standing; \$40 for guest

**RSVP:** Reservations due by 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 8, 2009

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Before a developer is allowed to use pervious concrete for stormwater control, stormwater management authorities of the city, county and state, that review the plans for NPDES compliance, must first approve the material and design. Architects, civil and geotechnical engineers, landscape architects and other designers must also have knowledge of the material to evaluate its properties. It may be up to the Concrete Industry to visit with local stormwater authorities, architects and or engineers, to provide information on the properties and design of pervious concrete pavements.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has rules in place concerning stormwater management under the Clean Water Act. The EPA Stormwater Phase II Final Rule requires municipalities whose population exceeds 50,000 to manage their own stormwater discharge by using a Best Management Practice (BMP). The use of pervious concrete is recognized by the EPA as a BMP for stormwater management. It is fast becoming a material of choice for the construction of parking area pavements in compliance with this ruling.

Pervious concrete pavement is a porous pavement, often with an underlying stone reservoir, that captures rainfall and stores runoff before it infiltrates into the subsoil. This pervious surface replaces traditional pavement, and allows stormwater to infiltrate directly into the ground, permitting a naturally occurring form of water treatment. Pervious concrete mixtures consist of specially formulated hydraulic cementitious materials, water, and uniform open-graded coarse aggregate. When properly designed and installed, pervious concrete has a high percentage of void space (15% or more) to accommodate stormwater from significant storm events.

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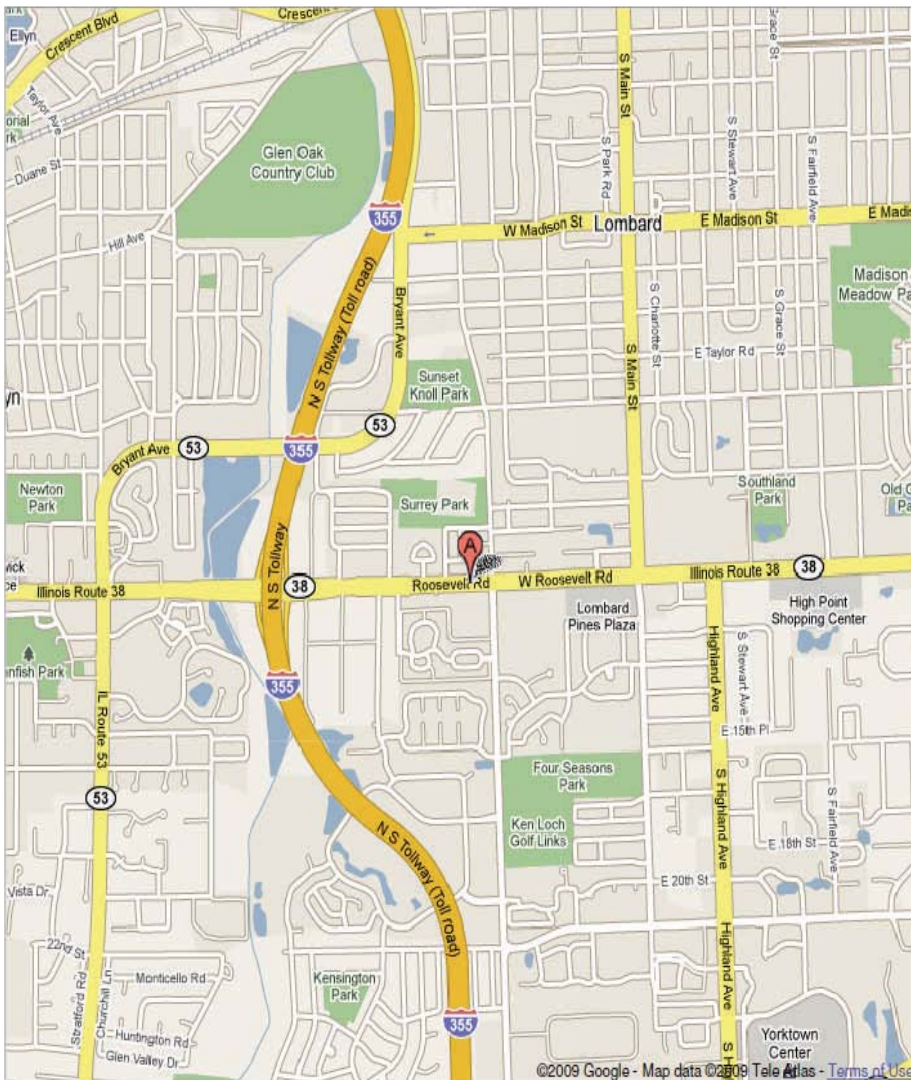


# PERVIOUS CONCRETE: A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Our presenter will be John H. Reed.

- Director of Marketing & Promotion, Illinois Ready Mixed Concrete Association;
- Bachelor of Science - Bradley University;
- 40 years of experience in the Concrete, Cement, Fly Ash, and the Transportation of Cementitious products to the Ready Mix Concrete industry;
- Registered Provider – Illinois Society of Professional Engineers;
- Affiliate Member – American Society of Civil Engineers;
- Certified Pervious Concrete Trainer/Technician;
- Member of the Illinois Department of Transportation/Industry Joint Coop Committee;
- Currently Licensed School Teacher – State of Illinois;
- Past Board of Director member of the Indiana Ready Mix Concrete Association;
- Past member of the American Coal Ash Association



## MEETING DETAILS

### MEETING LOCATIONS

All Chapter Meetings (unless otherwise indicated) will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn. The hotel is conveniently located near the intersection of I355 and Roosevelt Road.

### TABLETOP RESERVATIONS

Cost:

- \$75 per tabletop for CSI members.
- \$125 per tabletop for non-CSI members (includes one dinner)

Table-top presentations are generally not available for plant tours or other meetings not held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

For information on arranging for a table-top at one of our Chapter Meetings, contact our tabletops coordinator Kristy Rivera at [kristy-rivera@comcast.net](mailto:kristy-rivera@comcast.net).

# CSI IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Susan Johnson, AIA, CSI, CCS, 2009-2010 Chapter President*

September's meeting at the Crowne Plaza had 28 attendees for the program by Jeff Peterson and Brian Cave on Machine Room-Less Elevators. Thank you, Jeff and Brian for the very informative program.

The Crowne Plaza's table setup provided excellent viewing of the speakers and the dinner was superb. I hope some members that have not been out to a meeting in a while will come to our meeting on October 15th on Pervious Concrete presented by John Reed with Illinois Ready Mixed Concrete Association.

Gerard Capell, Vice President of CSI's North Central Region, visited the September meeting to inform members on the creation of districts within NCR. This was approved at the NCR conference in Kansas City, MO. If you would like further information please contact Gerard or me.

The Northern Illinois CSI shirts and hats came in at the last second before the September meeting. The board and committee members will be donning their CSI shirts at each monthly meeting. These are available as mentioned in the previous newsletter for purchase by our members. Please consider a purchase of one so that you can help promote CSI and our Chapter.

Speaking of promoting CSI and our Chapter....CSI membership has been on a steady decline for quite a few years. CSI institute is asking all members to help in retention of other members and promoting the benefits of membership to young professionals. It really does not take much to chat about CSI to coworkers and associates that you meet. So I am asking every member to promote CSI and our Chapter when you get that opportunity. It would be great to see our chapter grow with new members that would be interested in working on a committee and possibly taking on a leadership role.

Fun, Fun, Fun.....The Holiday gathering is taking shape. We have locked down the date to December 10 at Bigby's Pour House in Addison IL. 1700 W. Lake Street [www.bigbypourhouse.com](http://www.bigbypourhouse.com). *Save the date more information to come.*

If you have any questions or are interested in helping on a committee, please email me at [sjohnson@muller2.com](mailto:sjohnson@muller2.com)

See you in October.

## NICSI CHAPTER MEETINGS MOVING TO CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, GLEN ELLYN!

Just a reminder...Our chapter meetings for the 2009-1010 year will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn. The hotel is conveniently located near the intersection of I355 and Roosevelt Road.

See map on page 2, and reset your GPS to 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL.

Curious about the sleek, modern design of the Crowne Plaza? The building was recently transformed from an old Holiday Inn by FitzGerald Associates, Architects, Chicago, Illinois. Contact Mike De Rouin, AIA, CSI, Principal.  
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# NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER PROGRAMS

## 2009 - 2010

Date	Topic	CSI Division	Location
10/15/09	<b>Permeable Concrete</b>	32	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
11/19/09	<b>Synthetic Turf</b> History, advantages, manufacturing techniques, applications John Peters and Andy St. Paul, Floor Covering Marketing Organizers, Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters	32	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
12/10/09	<b>Holiday Event</b> Wine, cheese, and socializing	All	Biggsby's Poorhouse, Lake Street & Rt 53 Addison, IL
01/21/10	<b>Masonry for Sustainability</b> Scott Conwell, International Masonry Institute	04	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
02/23/10	<b>ALA, CCSI, &amp; NICSI Special Program</b>		To be determined
03/18/10	<b>Façade Restoration</b>	04, 07, 08, etc	Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
04/15/10	<b>Factory Tour</b>	09	National Gypsum Plant, Waukegan, IL
05/20/10	<b>Awards Dinner</b>		To be determined
August 2010, Date to be determined	<b>Baseball Game</b>		To be determined



## CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATE

*By: Robert Teller, FCSI, CCS, CCCA – Chair, Certification Committee*

*Taken from the Sept. FCSI Newsletter*

Greetings, Fellows:

When Dick Eustis asked me to do a brief update article for the newsletter about the status of the Certification program, I considered a technical article about the various certifications, the update evolutions, etc. but have decided to keep this somewhat informal. The Institute Board reports cover the details of the issues and most of you are already familiar with them. So, having laid the groundwork, here goes.

The Certification Committee, to perform the myriad functions assigned each year under the rather innocuous heading of “charges”, has to work as a finely tuned ensemble of volunteers. The work is very real and translates into all things related to certification, which includes adding to the item banks of questions for each of the four exams, evaluation of the testing (how each of the exams and individual questions has performed), promotion of the program, reaching across the aisle to other committees and task teams (Education, Technical, Membership, Practice Guides Task Team, BOKA) to make sure we are all on the same page, and working the lines of communication up and down the chain of command to region and chapter certification chairs. This may appear to be simple and straightforward at first blush. It’s not. We are an army of volunteers, which speaks to the issues of time commitment, communication and schedules.

So, what has the committee been up to? Let’s start with computerization of the four exams. This past spring the entire slate of exams is now effectively computer-based. There are a handful of hardship cases that make the paper exam necessary because of travel logistics primarily but, by and large, the electronic media is now the format, with the printing savings now showing up in the CSI coffers.

I hope that most of you know that the CDT BOKA Task Team, another group of steadfast volunteers, has been plugging in to the certification exam content. Our industry is akin to a large body of water flowing constantly and the certification program cannot sustain any level of credibility by sitting on the banks watching the current rush by. We have to stay abreast and, hopefully, ahead of the flow of issues that affect our industry. Such facets of our construction world as BIM, sustainable design, green building and integrated project delivery to name a few have been integrated into the fall CDT exam and will be inserted carefully into the upper level exams in the coming years.

Another aspect of effort involves the Practice Guides Task Team (formerly the Project Resource Manual Update Task Team), which is working with the Certification and Education Committees to align the exams, training, source documents and education programs. These folks are each authors of what are being termed “practice guides”, which will eventually replace the PRM as the source material for the exams. This is pretty heady stuff. Many of us remember the classic Manual of Practice as the “go to” resource for the certification studies. This was replaced by the PRM which, although ambitious in its content, was not as user-friendly to many studying for a particular certification. The effort now is to extract from both of these documents the specific information that is related to the exam for which a candidate is studying. It follows the axiom of being clear, concise and complete (and all in one place). This process is currently underway with input across committee lines, as well as reviews and thorough evaluations. There are definitely no slackers in this process. Again, I’d like to repeat – there is a lot of heavy lifting associated with this effort and the ambitious deadlines associated with getting it all out and on the street in a timely fashion.

I would be remiss in not noting the CCPR exam, which has been under fire almost from its inception. A portion of our committee will be working under committee member Wiley McMillan and coordinating with Alana Sunness Griffith in reworking this exam. It has been relegated to the “ugly stepsister” category, an unfair image to say the least. Consider that an enormous portion of the CSI membership are product representatives and that their collective involvement in our various programs has underwritten much of CSI’s education initiatives and you’ll begin to understand that we are definitely committed to improving this exam, promoting it and sustaining its viability.

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It's worthy to note that over half (51%) of candidates that take the various certification exams are **NOT** CSI members. My earnest Fellows, this is a very real opportunity to promote CSI and recruit new members. In addition, many instructors in the academic community are using our certifications in the classroom, another great recruiting opportunity. Please pass this rather poignant tidbit along to the certification chairs and membership chairs at the chapter and region levels.

Finally, the committee itself is composed of probably the very essence of excellence in our construction community. We bandy about such terms as "expert" or "seasoned professional". These people are the genuine article. The committee is organized into subgroups, each of which addresses a specific exam. Kay Melcher, Ann Baker and Sandra Velleca comprise the CCS exam; Wiley McMillan, Peter Baker and Marilyn Smith make up the CCPR subgroup; Jonathan Miller and I are tackling the CCCA exam; and George Everding and I will be working on the CDT exam. Our internal efforts are exhausting but bear fruit in the realization of high quality exams. Our external reaching out is facilitated by Greg Markling and Karen Koenig. Greg interfaces on behalf of our committee with the ranks of CSI administration and leadership, assisting us in keeping pace with the related committees and task teams, as well as the Institute Board. Karen is the voice of certification, dealing with Prometric (the agency that assembles and administers our exams) and the numerous public inquiries regarding the certification programs. In addition, each of the committee members is assigned a region committee chair to interface with and support throughout the year, thus providing a conduit between the committee and the chapter chairs. These are the people who make our committee function and look good. We have an ambitious series of tasks on our plate for this fiscal year. My job as chair is to keep all of the oars in the water and moving toward fulfillment of our goals.

If, in reading this, you have thoughts, perspectives or other advice to share with us, please contact Greg, Karen or me. We are all passionate about the certification program and its benefits to the CSI community and would welcome your constructive and informed input.

## ATTENTION POTENTIAL CSI CERTIFICATION CANDIDATES!

In the past, have you put off taking one of CSI's certification Exams?

With work being slow you will have more time to study for the exam. Maybe you should consider taking the exam this spring.

The exam is not going to get any easier to pass. Read upcoming changes in article "Certification Program Updated" by Bob Teller, Institute Cortication Chair printed elsewhere in the **LINK**.

Due to low attendance in the NI Chapter Certification study group, the study group was discontinued last year and we referred candidates to the Chicago Chapter study group.

The Northern Illinois Chapter certification committee was authorized by NI CSI Board to evaluate need for study sessions this year and research resources required and available to do so.

One possibility is 1 or 2 Saturday sessions and several Teleconferences, like the Specification Roundtable.

To accomplish this we would need several firms to sponsor one teleconference each. The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters will sponsor the Sat. sessions at Carpenter Training Center

If you are considering taking one of the Certification exams and would like to attend a NI CSI study session; or would sponsor a teleconference, contact myself or one of the committee.

The committee needs your input to know whether to pursue this any further.

Ken Moore,

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## WHO SAID THAT?

Who said: **A man builds a fine house; and now he has a master, and a task for life: he is to furnish, watch, show it, and keep it in repair, the rest of his days.**

If you think you know who said that, e-mail the editor - [jwoneil@larsondarby.com](mailto:jwoneil@larsondarby.com).

Check next month's *CSI Link* to find out the answer.

Last month's quote was **"That's notoriety, but not fame. Do I have fame, I wonder?"**

The speaker was the always-quotable Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959), the flamboyantly egotistical genius whose career in architecture spanned an incredible seventy years from the horse-and-buggy era to the mid twentieth century. The quote was sent to us by Don Woolery, who relates: "I am cleaning out some of my old files and ran across a clipping from the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner CALIFORNIA LIVING, week of May 21, 1967." The quote was reported as the response of Frank Lloyd Wright to a taxi driver, who had given the architect a ride, after the cabbie said, "Wait till I tell the wife Frank Lloyd Wright was in my cab."

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Northern Illinois Chapter of CSI holds these precepts as its core values and mission:

**Education:** Advance construction technology through education of members and communication to and among our group.

**Communication:** It is our aim to create an environment that fosters valuable interaction between members and the Construction industry. Be the communication link for industry information and activities to our membership.

**Research:** Foster process and specification improvement aimed at providing value to our customers and clients.

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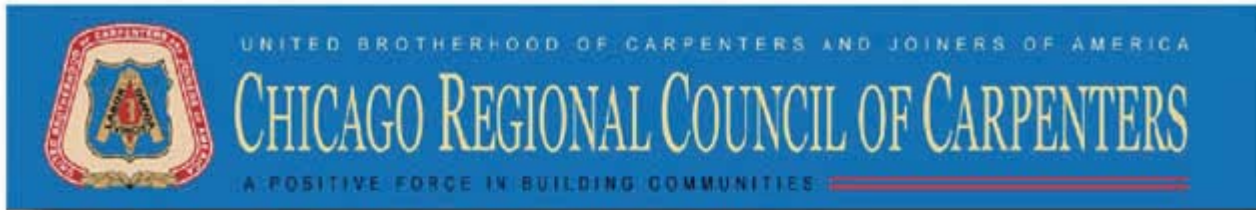
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## ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Topic	Dates/Times	Location	Contact
<p><b>National Solar Tour</b>—The Illinois Solar Tour will feature over 100 homes and businesses across Illinois with technologies including Solar Heat and Hot Water, Passive Solar, Solar Electric, Wind Electric, and Geothermal. Sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society.</p>	Saturday, October 3, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM.	Many locations in Northern Illinois	For more information, contact: Lisa Albrecht, 773-497-5472, <a href="mailto:lisa.albrecht@illinoissolar.org">lisa.albrecht@illinoissolar.org</a> or visit: <a href="http://tour.illinoissolar.org/">http://tour.illinoissolar.org/</a>
<p><b>Designing to the 2008 MSJC and the IBC 2009</b> Review of masonry design and specification provisions in the codes. Presented by the Masonry Society and co-sponsored by the Masonry Advisory Council</p>	October 15, 2009	Evanston, IL	<a href="http://www.masonrysociety.org">www.masonrysociety.org</a>
<p><b>ALA Chicago Architecture Conference and Product Show</b> Sponsored by ALA and CSI Chicago Chapter</p>	October 20, 2009	Drury Lane Conference Center, Oakbrook Terrace, IL	<a href="http://www.csichicago.org">www.csichicago.org</a>
<p><b>2010 CSI National Convention</b></p>	May 11—14, 2010	Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA	<a href="http://www.csinet.org">www.csinet.org</a>



## CONTINUING EDUCATION & INDUSTRY NETWORKING EVENT

# SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

7:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

The Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters is hosting a Continuing Education Training & Industry Networking event for industry decision makers. Everyone from architects to engineers, designers, specifiers, firm production staff, facility and project managers, municipalities, hospitals, state, county and local building officials are welcome.

More than 30 free continuing education units (CEU) will be offered from industry leaders.

- Life Cycle Assessment – the blueprint for sustainability
- Introduction to the LEED rating system
- Economic presentations from a senior economist of the Federal Reserve Bank and Metrostudy director of the Chicago region residential market
- LEED for existing building operations and maintenance

[www.ceu.chicap.org](http://www.ceu.chicap.org)

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# OCT. 14, 2009 NICS I SPECIFICATION ROUNDTABLE

Discussion Topic: VOC Requirement Changes, VOC requirements for LEED Projects., and Coating Interface.  
Date & Time: Oct. 14, 2009; 12 noon to 1 pm CDST

## Agenda:

- A. What are new IL VOC requirements, and do they differ from LEED requirements?
- B. VOC requirements for LEED Projects.
  - 1) Epoxy
  - 2) Urethanes
  - 3) Zinc rich primers.
  - 4) Rust penetrating containment and primers.
- C. Coating Interface.
  - 1) Inorganic zinc rich Primers.
    - a) Can be left exposed
    - b) Application procedures, need mist coat then full coat.
    - c) Moisture requirement
    - d) Can not be touched up with an inorganic zinc primer- must use an organic zinc primer.
    - C) Can be left exposed.
  - 2) Organic Zinc Rich Primer.
    - a) Must be top coated.
    - c. Minimum percent of zinc that should be specified.
    - d) Can be touched up with itself.
    - e) Must be top coated.
  - 2) Galvanized Metal.
    - a) What type touch up primer should be specified, what primer should not be specified.
      - 1) Shop
      - 2) Field
- D. Some cautions found in master specifications.

## Speakers:

Bob Schrock CSI CCPR, LEED AP, NACE Certified; with PPG Industries

Media: By teleconference. (Underwritten by Parksite). No cost to attendees, just loss of your lunchtime  
To Participate: Contact Ken Moore, preferably by Email, for telephone number and access code. Email me early enough to allow for review of handout material which will be emailed to you upon your response to participate.

CEU's, LU are available; please notify me if you want them. If applicable, need your AIA membership number.

Note: CEU's are required to recertify for CSI Certification Program, except CDT.

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**Future CSI Roundtable Topics of Discussion**

**Jan. 20, 2010** : Method of Specifying & Specification Language (Should be of interest to all CSI Members, especially those taking the Certification Exam.

## PRM – MODULE 5

## Chapter 5.7 Method of Specifying

Overview of the 4 methods of specifying

## Chapter 5.8 Specification Language

As legally enforceable contract document,(specs, drawing, change orders, field reports, Addenda,) should be prepared with concern and respect for their legal status.

As Architects, CAD personnel, contractors, subs, manufacturers, and manufacturers representatives, do you know precise meaning of the words you use every day.

**April 14, 2010** Topic: BIM

- A. How does it effect Specifications and the Specification Writer?
- B. How does it effect the Manufacturer/

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO SUCCESSFUL SPRING 2009 CERTIFICATION EXAM CANDIDATES**

*From Northwest & Southern Chicago Land*

**CCCA**

Kevin Palmby with PSA- Dewberry  
Mark Spann with GSA  
Jun Wang with Malcom Pirnie

**CDT**

Greg Brown with Pepper Construction  
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*From Central IL*

**CDT**

William Mann with FWAI Architects