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Disaster Resilient Construction Workshops Scheduled

(Schaumburg, IL – February 23, 2012) The [Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute](#), in cooperation with the [National Ready Mixed Concrete Association](#) and the other partners of the [Concrete Joint Sustainability Initiative \(CJSI\)](#), is conducting a series of workshops titled *Implementing Disaster Resilient Construction in Your Community*.

The full-day workshops, available in various cities throughout April and May, are scheduled for:

- April 12 Springfield, MO
- April 17 Sioux Falls, SD
- April 19 Centennial, CO
- May 15 Pewaukee, WI
- May 17 Louisville, KY
- May 30 Portsmouth, NH

The Disaster Resilient Construction Workshops will educate decision makers at the local level on the importance of enhanced resiliency in construction in the face of disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, earthquakes and floods. Topics covered during the seminar include local disaster risk assessment and mitigation, resilient construction methods, FORTIFIED design and construction programs, building code requirements, safe rooms and storm shelters, flood resistant construction and fire resistance.

The workshop topics covered include:

- Identifying natural and man-made disasters

- Assessing local disaster risks
- Building code requirements for residential and commercial buildings
- Disaster mitigation techniques
- Benefits of disaster mitigation
- FORTIFIED for Safer Living and Safer Business
- Safe Rooms and Storm Shelters
- Flood resistant construction
- Fire resistant construction
- Earthquake resistant construction
- Enhanced resilience through building code modifications
- Economic solutions with concrete building systems

“With these new workshops, we can ensure that local officials, members of the construction community and the public are educated on the best options in resilient construction methods,” said Bob Risser, President and CEO, Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute. “Reinforced concrete is known for its strength and durability. These workshops will expand upon the general knowledge to show how it is the answer in the face of disasters.” Reinforced concrete construction has long been recognized as the material of choice for resisting high winds, flying debris, and storm surge along with superior fire and earthquake resistance. In addition, with the increased attention to green building, concrete building systems are essential in fortifying a community’s economic vitality and ensuring the safety of its citizens for long-term sustainability.

Builders, developers, architects, engineers, contractors, product manufacturers, building officials and community leaders are all invited to attend. The general public is also welcome. Attendees will receive six (6) Professional Development Hours (PDHs), six (6) AIA-CES HSW Learning Units (LUs) or six (6) USGBC Continuing Education Hours (CEs). The registration fee is \$95 and includes lunch. Visit [NRMCA](#) for additional details and to register.

Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

Founded in 1924, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is a trade association that stands as the authoritative resource for information related to steel reinforced concrete construction. Serving the needs of architects, engineers and construction professionals, CRSI offers many technical publications, design aids, software programs, educational seminars, promotional activities, membership functions and design award programs. CRSI members are manufacturers, fabricators and placers of steel reinforcing bar and related products, and professionals who are involved in the research, design and construction of reinforced concrete. Serving the construction market in the United States, Canada and Mexico, CRSI is headquartered in Schaumburg, Illinois with regional offices located across the United States.

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA), based in Silver Spring, MD, represents the producers of ready mixed concrete and the companies that provide materials, equipment

and support to the industry. It conducts education, training, promotion, research, engineering, safety, environmental, technological, lobbying and regulatory programs.

Concrete Joint Sustainability Initiative

Concrete Joint Sustainability Initiative (CJSI) is a coalition of industry associations, including CRSI, which represent companies that make or maintain concrete structures. We have a goal of educating ourselves, our members and our customers about the role and responsibilities of concrete in sustainable development.

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