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### **CRSI Announces Addition of Calcagno and Hernandez, Promotion of Westin**

(SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS – August 12, 2025) CRSI is pleased to announce the addition of Michelle Calcagno to the Institute engineering staff along with the promotion of Nathan Westin within the department.

Ms. Calcagno fills the Director of Technical Resources and will facilitate the development and output of technical information produced by the Institute as well directing and assisting our technical department and member committees.

Michelle backfills the vacancy left with the promotion of Dr. David Fanella and will be an important contributor to the constructability initiative. She looks forward to offering industry professionals technical support, design tools, and best practices to deliver the best results for steel reinforced concrete construction.

“We are extremely pleased to add Michelle to our team. She provides significant expertise with her deep level of understanding of construction processes *and* design aspects of the industry. She’s an important part of our toolkit,” noted CRSI President and CEO, Lou Parous.

Ms. Calcagno has experience working at some well-known engineering firms, including Magnusson Klemencic Associates and Thornton Tomasetti. Constructability is a key focus of hers as she previously spent 18 years in the construction industry, including 15 years as a concrete laborer, primarily working on reinforced concrete high-rises and bridges. She is proud to have played a role in shaping the Chicago skyline through her work on notable projects such as Aqua Tower, 340 East Randolph, Millennium Park, and the Wacker Drive Reconstruction.



Ms. Calcagno can be reached at [mcalcagno@crsi.org](mailto:mcalcagno@crsi.org).

Additionally, please join us in congratulating Nathan Westin on his advancement to Director of Technical Services. Nathan joined the Institute in 2018 assisting in the development of technical publications by the institute and acting as staff liaison for select CRSI committees.

“Nathan’s role has expanded over the years and CRSI relies upon him for his engagement in several ACI and ASTM code committees,” says Parous, “as well as his technical knowledge in the design and construction processes of the industry.”

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Also, it is with great pleasure CRSI announces the hiring of Emmanuel “Manny” Hernandez to our talented staff who joined the team in July. He assumes the responsibilities for the promotion, operations, and member services of the Pacific Northwest as part of the Western Region.

Manny brings over eight years of experience as a structural engineer. Prior to his position at CRSI, Manny led the structural design and coordination of complex projects across Texas and Colorado serving as the primary point of contact for contractors, owners and the design team. His design experience spans across airport terminals, municipal buildings, public spaces and maintenance buildings with expertise in multiple reinforced concrete structural systems. Notable projects include the Terminal B Transformation and Mickey Leyland International Terminal (MLIT) at Houston’s IAH Airport as well as urban developments like the Lynn Wyatt Square in downtown Houston. .

“Manny brings a depth of real-world construction project and engineering experience and a passion for relationship-building that aligns perfectly with our engagement-first strategy,” stated CRSI President and CEO, Lou Parous.

Now based in Boise, Manny is committed to serving the Pacific Northwest region. Known for his team first mindset, he’s always ready to support industry partners. He is passionate about advancing steel reinforced concrete design through education, collaboration, and strong industry partnerships.

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### ***About the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute***

Founded in 1924, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is a technical institute and Standards Developing Organization (SDO) that stands as the authoritative resource for information related to steel reinforced concrete construction.

Serving the needs of engineers, architects and construction professionals, CRSI offers many industry-trusted technical publications, standards documents, design aids, reference materials and educational opportunities. CRSI Members include manufacturers, fabricators, material suppliers and placers of steel reinforcing bars and related products as well as professionals who are involved in the research, design, and construction of steel reinforced concrete. CRSI also has a broad Region Manager network that supports both members and industry professionals. Serving the construction market in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, CRSI is headquartered in Schaumburg, Ill. with regional offices located across the United States.

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