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The Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Welcomes David Fanella and Robert Kinchler to Staff

CRSI is pleased to announce the addition of David A. Fanella, Ph.D., S.E., P.E., F.ACI, F.ASCE and Robert Kinchler, P.E. to the organization. “We are extremely pleased to add David and Robert to our team. They provide significant expertise, deepening our understanding of concrete structures and being able to promote the benefits of reinforced concrete,” said Dr. David McDonald, President and CEO of CRSI.

After a long and mutually-respected work relationship, CRSI is proud to have David join the CRSI staff on a permanent basis. Dave’s proficiency and expertise in reinforced concrete design is well regarded in the design community. His role at CRSI is to facilitate the development and output of technical information produced by the Institute as well directing and providing assistance to our technical department and member committees.

Dave has authored numerous publications on reinforced concrete design, including his latest titled *Reinforced Concrete Structures - Analysis and Design, Second Edition*, which is based on the provisions of ACI 318-14. He was the recipient of the Alfred E. Lindau Award from the American Concrete Institute in 2014. He has also recently authored design guides for CRSI including *Vibrations of Reinforced Concrete Floor Systems* and the soon-to-be-released *Economical Reinforced Concrete Structures*.

Prior to joining CRSI, Dave was a Principal at a consulting structural engineering firm in Chicago, IL. He is a member of a number of ACI Committees and serves as an Associate Member on the ASCE 7 Committee. He is also past president of the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois.



CRSI is also pleased to welcome Rob Kinchler to the CRSI Staff Rob's role as the Greater Southwest Region Manager includes promoting the benefits of reinforced concrete construction to the marketplace. Rob is a structural engineer with years of experience designing industrial and commercial projects. His background includes developing conceptual budgets and working with subcontractors to more accurately determine up front project costs. He is a graduate of Auburn University and received his M.S. in structural engineering in 1991.

Prior to working with CRSI, Rob spent ten years as a regional engineer promoting steel products for a not-for-profit technical institute and trade association, providing technical information to engineers and other professionals. Before that he worked with in several organizations designing concrete and steel structures for power plants, paper mills, and other industrial facilities.

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. CRSI offers many industry-trusted technical publications, standards documents, design aids, reference materials and educational opportunities.

Approximately 8 million ton of reinforcing steel is manufactured per year using scrap steel in efficient manufacturing operations. It is estimated that the industry impacts over 75,000 people in steel transportation and placement.

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 members employ approximately 15,000 people in steel production and reinforcing bar fabrication at over 450 locations throughout North America in over different 45 states.