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Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Adds to Expert Staff

SCHAUMBURG, IL – CRSI is pleased to announce the addition of Amy Trygestad, PE, FACI, as Director of Codes and Standards and Brett Lord as Southeast Region Manager.

CRSI is pleased to welcome Amy Trygestad. Her responsibilities as Director of Codes and Standards includes identifying opportunities, developing strategies, and creating code change proposals and revisions to current standards. She will also assist in developing new CRSI standards documents to advance building requirements that are favorable to the steel reinforced concrete industry.

"I am excited that Amy is joining our Engineering Group. She will augment the existing expertise in that Group, bringing in a background in engineering consulting, concrete design and construction. Her experience in National Codes and with ACI will benefit the concrete industry," David McDonald, President and CEO, stated.

Amy was the president and principal engineer of Chase Engineering as well as a consulting principal engineer with CTLGroup before joining the Institute. She participated in the Portland Cement Association Program dealing with Buildings and Special Structures for the Central US. Amy served as the concrete industry representative on the Editorial Board for STRUCTURE, the official magazine of the three national structural engineering organizations in the United States—NCSEA, CASE (ACEC), and SEI (ASCE).

Amy graduated with a Masters Degree in Structural Engineering from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. She was elected as a Fellow of the American Concrete Institute in 2014 and actively serves on committees: 362 Parking Structures, 423 Prestressed Concrete (Committee Secretary), 421 Reinforced Slabs (Committee Secretary), 347 Formwork, and 132 Responsibility in Concrete



Construction. She was the Minnesota Concrete Council President in 2007, serving on the MCC Board for over 10 years.

Brett Lord brings extensive knowledge of concrete and the concrete construction industries. In his role as Region Manager, Brett will promote the use of steel reinforced concrete construction in the Southeast and serve as an industry resource on both regional and national levels.

Prior to joining CRSI, he was the Director of Technical Services-Project Management/Estimating at McCarthy Improvement Company. In addition to the cement industry, he has also worked in the autoclaved aerated concrete and lightweight aggregate industries. In the late 1980s Brett served in the United States Army as a Sergeant (E-5) Infantryman. Brett is a graduate of the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Sciences.

“Brett comes to CRSI with extensive experience in concrete and concrete construction industries. He has been closely involved with technologies in ready-mixed concrete, concrete construction, concrete products and concrete aggregates industries which can be leveraged by other CRSI regional managers. His enthusiasm for the industry is infectious,” noted McDonald.

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.