

ACI 134, New Constructability Committee, Features Jim Cornell as Chair



ACI has approved a chair of its new Constructability Committee; Jim Cornell, PE, general superintendent of The Beck Group. The Beck Group is a design-build company that has been in business for more than 100 years. In 1991, Cornell was named Superintendent of the Year by the American Subcontractors Association, Houston chapter. He received AGC Fort Worth committee chairman of the year in 1995 for the AGC training program. In 2013 he was named a Fellow by the American Concrete Institute (ACI). Jim teaches Concrete Core Skills for Beck University. Most of ASCC will recognize Jim for his outstanding leadership as past chair of ACI 301 Specifications. In addition, Jim is a member of other ACI committees: Tolerances, Construction Liaison, Hot Weather, Curing, Formwork, and the TAC Construction Standards Committee.

But enough about Jim! What about the new committee? Jim will need committee members with enthusiasm, knowledge and vision. What should this new committee tackle? What are the constructability issues that ASCC contractors see in construction? What about constructability of design? What is a constructability review: by a designer, or construction manager or concrete contractor? What responsibilities do the designer, construction manager and concrete contractor have with respect to constructability?

The new constructability committee, designated as ACI 134, was proposed by ACI's Construction Liaison Committee (CLC). As chair of CLC, Bev Garnant was instrumental in getting the proposal approved at ACI for this committee. ACI 134 will have its first meeting at the ACI Anaheim Convention. The meeting will take place on Monday, October 16, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. in D-Castle C. I hope some of you will be able to attend. If not, send me your ideas for this new, exciting adventure!