PROFILE
Since its launch in 2007, ASPIRE—the concrete bridge magazine has had one true focus: to bring practical and cutting-edge knowledge (design ideas, practical solutions, lessons learned) to the designers, specifiers, and owners of concrete bridges. This has not been a stagnant process, however. The editors and staff working on ASPIRE continually are feeling the pulse of the concrete bridge industry so that our team with you can serve as embrasures to changes in the marketplace. How do we achieve all this?

REACH
ASPIRE’s carefully managed mailing list reaches 22,000 of America’s most-influential bridge design professionals and owner agencies, and it is estimated that number is greater than 40,000 with the propensity of users to pass the magazine to younger and seasoned colleagues alike. Because ASPIRE supplies useful information, it is a valuable resource to key individuals and principal stakeholders in the bridge design, construction, and maintenance community.

COLLABORATION
ASPIRE is produced by the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) in cooperation with some of the associations of the National Concrete Bridge Council and other associations. These associations include the American Segmental Bridge Institute (ASBI), Epoxy Interest Group (EIG), Expanded Shale Clay and Slate Institute (ESCSI), and Portland Cement Association (PCA).

POPULAR KEY FEATURES
• Online version
• Concrete Bridge Technology
• A Professor’s Perspective

SOLID RECURRING FEATURES
• LRFD Briefing
• FHWA Update
• Featured Consultant or Contractor
• Aesthetic Commentary (by noted architect/engineer Frederick Gottemoeller)
• State Article
• City/County Article
• Concrete Connections

PULSE OF THE INDUSTRY
Reporting on new challenges, threats, and opportunities to the concrete bridge industry. Our editors and contributors are on the ground. They attend industry forums like committee meetings; they participate in design-bid-build and design-build project deliveries; they talk with owners and agencies, and bring this knowledge to ASPIRE readers.

ASPIRE also provides practical information on how owner agencies, department of transportation professionals, and consulting engineers can use, and are using, concrete to solve increasingly unique design challenges in a sustainable way. The intrinsic characteristics of concrete to provide low initial costs and low service-life costs make it very attractive. Your firm will gain exposure to the current practitioners but also the next generation of bridge professionals. Share why and how your firm integrates into the broader bridge delivery here in the United States. This nationwide exposure will put your firm at the top of the list of have-to-reads. You have to advertise and support this important publication to get noticed.
SOLID FEATURES TO MAINTAIN QUALITY EMPLOYEES, PROMOTE NEW TECHNOLOGY

Concrete Bridge Technology

ASPIRE is known for showcasing the best, most-technologically advanced concrete bridges. Each issue documents the benefits and advantages of all types of concrete bridge technologies. It is for this reason, among others, that ASPIRE enjoys such a wide readership among practicing bridge engineers. And it is exactly that audience, the practicing bridge engineers, that the ASPIRE team had in mind when it discussed the development of a new, reoccurring feature for ASPIRE titled, “Concrete Bridge Technology.”

This expanded feature is a way for practicing engineers to speak directly to practicing engineers about lessons learned, in an attempt to share the wealth, which, in this case, is knowledge.

A Professor’s Perspective

The transition from college student to entry-level engineer is an exciting and challenging prospect for most new graduates. Although college prepares students for practice by providing a broad foundation of topic knowledge, the actual transition can be frustrating for students who want to be helpful immediately. This frustration is shared by employers who are frequently challenged to find adequate time for the amount of mentoring needed for new graduates. Thus, it is in this capacity, that ASPIRE created a new feature aimed at professors and students.

“A Professor’s Perspective,” authored by invited academicians, focuses on addressing two sets of topics related to creating the next generation of concrete bridge engineers. The first focus addresses topics that are relevant to professors that educate concrete bridge engineers. Topics aimed at professors relate to the design of concrete bridges and structures. The second focus of “A Professor’s Perspective” introduces students to topics related to transitioning from a more-theory-and-research educational environment to their career as a practicing bridge engineer. Professors Oguzhan Bayrak, Michelle Roddenberry, and Andrea Schokker have authored 16 interesting and valued articles. Students and professors are encouraged to read these historical archives.

FEATURED IN EVERY ISSUE

Editorial pages document the benefits and advantages of all types of concrete bridge technologies—precast, prestressed concrete, cast-in-place concrete, and segmental construction—covering concrete bridge durability, longevity, safety, sustainability, and potential for accelerated bridge construction.

Each issue features a profile of a significant bridge engineer; information on trends and case histories; and departments providing news from the FHWA, state DOTs, and county and city officials—plus updates on the activities and programs of the industry.

Concrete Bridge Preservation

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Why Advertise in ASPIRE?
Reach the people you need to reach—every one a decision maker in the bridge design community.

ASPIRE’s high-quality, hand-selected circulation of key decision makers provides a prime audience for both concrete materials and equipment suppliers and bridge designers.

ASPIRE features inspirational and practical information in a four-color, high-impact format that showcases how YOUR bridge systems and expertise can extend design boundaries; span environmental-impact, aesthetic, and safety concerns; and produce high-performance, long-lasting, and low-maintenance bridges.

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