South Carolina Concrete Industry

Economic Data

- Number of Cubic Yards Produced: 7,447,000
- Payroll Dollars in South Carolina: $242,400,000
- Sales Taxes Generated: $77,760,000
- Number of Employees: 3471
- Total Value of Shipments: $1,296,000,000

Source: Cement.org, as of February 2018
2018 Legislative Action Items

CDL DRIVER SHORTAGE
- We need SC to engage in public-private collaboration/initiative which more directly engages the public, students, parents, potential workers and professionals in the industry to deal with the workforce shortage when it comes to CDL Drivers.
- Of 130,159 SC CDL holders, those between 18-21 years of age are 0.5%, while those over 52 years of age are 45%, of the total. Yet, 80% of South Carolina’s communities depend exclusively on trucking services for the freight and service needs, as do practically every industry, sector, and consumer.
- According to the SC Trucking Association 2000 new CDL Drivers are needed today to meet the demand in SC.

COAL ASH RECYCLING
- The SC concrete industry needs fly ash for making roads, bridges, pipes and buildings. Currently energy companies only produce a fraction of the coal ash we need thus we have been importing it from other states and other countries as far away as Asia.
- The demand for Ash in South Carolina and bordering states will exceed 46 million tons in the next 15 years.
- Use in concrete gets rid of coal ash permanently and removes the risk to the environment forever!

BUILD WITH STRENGTH
- Build with Strength is a coalition working with fire-safety professionals and first responders to help spread the message that cheap, lightweight, combustible construction puts communities at risk.
- In light of the recent fires throughout the country, the fire services community knows higher standards mean safe structures. Sustainable and durable development is the only economically viable way to build safe and resilient communities and infrastructure.
- It’s time to pass safer building codes - help lead the way in making buildings safer for communities and firefighters.

BE PRO BE PROUD INITIATIVE
- Support proposal by SC Department of Employment and Workforce for $950,000 for the Be Pro Be Proud Initiative in the upcoming budget.
- The Mobile Workshop will be able to show students that a career in Ready Mix Concrete as well as other skills related programs will provide a growth-oriented career with high paying opportunities.
- The idea is for a semi to take a special trailer around the state, to middle schools, high schools, and technical colleges, as well as trade shows and adult career fairs. Inside the trailer are hands-on displays of skilled jobs, like welding, plumbing, and electrical. Students and adults will learn what’s required to get those jobs, which don’t require a four-year college degree, and the kind of pay they can earn.

NUISANCE LEGISLATION
- Thank you for your action on protecting businesses from unjust lawsuits with the passage of 3653
- The ready mix industry typically operates plants in areas where growth is expected. By codifying these protections for the industry and all businesses, economic development can flourish and SC can continue to be a leader in business growth.

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