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THOMAS J. D'ARCY AWARDED PCI MEDAL OF HONOR

For recognition of individuals who have made a highly significant contribution to the precast, prestressed concrete industry and shall have demonstrated a sincere continuing interest in the Institute.



Thomas J. D'Arcy was conferred with PCI's highest honor – the Medal of Honor – for his many years of service to both PCI and the precast/prestressed concrete industry. Since its' founding in 1954, PCI has only given this award to 18 persons. Tom became the fourth member of CEG to receive this prestigious award, along with Norm Scott, Armand Gustafiero, and Les Martin. The honor was bestowed on October 20, 2003 during the awards ceremony at the PCI Convention.

Tom received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering (structures) from the University of Illinois in 1955. After graduation, he began work on a precast, prestressed concrete bridge as a structural engineer at Hazelet and Erdal, Chicago, Illinois. In 1960, he became the first full-time employee of PCI in Chicago, as well as the first technical director and editor of the *PCI JOURNAL*. In 1965 he moved to the Carolinas and worked with Peter Verna in designing the famous precast/prestressed concrete 32-story Gulf Life Office Building in Jacksonville, Florida (recently renamed the Riverplace Tower).

Tom's adventures in precast prestressed concrete took him to work with other prestressers like San-Vel Corporation in Littleton, Massachusetts, Rocky Mountain Prestress in Denver, Colorado, and Stanley Structures in Texas. In July 1982, he reunited with long-time friend Norm Scott and opened The Consulting Engineers Group (CEG) office in San Antonio, Texas. As president, he nurtured the office growth to a crew of 30 employees. At CEG, Tom has designed more than 200 parking structures, 40 stadiums, and 100 precast prisons.

Tom's commitment to the industry and PCI has been demonstrated through his years of serving on and chairing eight technical committees, including the Technical Activities Committee. He has been the chair of the Research and Development, Marketing, Connection, Piling, and Parking Structures committees, and co-chair of the Professional Member Committee. He has won four PCI Certificate of Merit Awards for his contributions to the Connection Details, Durability, Detailing, Industry Handbook, and Parking Structures committees. He was the author of a special report on the "Effects of Alaskan Earthquake on Precast Concrete Structures," in 1963. He was the editor of the *Manual for Prestressed Concrete Design*, 1964 and co-editor of the first *PCI Handbook on Recommended Practices of Parking Structure Design and Construction*, 1989.

Tom won the Robert J. Lyman Award for the article he co-authored on the Florida Suncoast Dome" in the January-February 1990 *PCI JOURNAL*. In 1995, he was chairman and editor of "Code of Practice," and in

1999, was an instrumental member of the committee that published the *PCI Design Handbook, Fifth Edition*. Several of his articles have appeared in the *PCI JOURNAL*, and he has had numerous other articles on parking structure design, maintenance, and durability published in other journals and magazines. Throughout his career, Tom has been a frequent lecturer on prestressed concrete design. He has also, with great distinction, been a Concrete Chef at JVI's annual celebration since 2002.

Tom served on the PCI Board of Directors from 1992 to 1996 and became a PCI Fellow in 1995. In 2000, he was named chair of PCI's Research and Development Committee and will end his term in 2004. Currently, he is serving on the PCI Board of Directors. Tom is a Fellow of PCI, ACI, and ASCE, and he founded the PCI Professional Member Committee. Additionally, he has served on various committees of ACI as well as the Parking Consultants Council of the National Parking Association (NPA). He was a member of the Board of Directors of the NPA where he won the Bernard Dutch Award, is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), American Civil Engineers Council (ACEC), and American Correctional Association (ACA), and was a United States representative to the *fib* Steering Committee. He is a registered professional and structural engineer in 20 states.

Tom, his wife Marie, their four children and seven grandchildren celebrated his semi-retirement with a family vacation this past summer to Montana.

Congratulations Tom from all of us at CEG on this most prestigious award!

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