



Paver Express

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THE SMART IS IN THE BAG

FEATURE ARTICLE

Silica Safety Enforcement Ramps Up at Construction Sites

Six months into federal safety regulators enforcing a rule that protects construction workers from breathable silica, compliance is a work in progress, building industry safety professionals said. Examples of how to reduce silica dust, which can cause a potentially fatal lung disease, are a starting point. But the construction industry continues to look at practical ways to meet the standards and educate workers and supervisors about the requirements. [More.](#)

ICPI NEWS

ICPI Foundation Launches PICP Life-Cycle Software Webinar for Members Only



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Members are invited to join Dave Hein, P. Eng. and ICPI Technical Director David Smith on Tuesday, May 29 at 1 pm EST for the webinar, "ICPI Foundation Launches PICP Life-Cycle Software." Mr. Smith will also provide a brief review of ICPI Foundation projects from 2017-18 fiscal year.

To register or to view more upcoming webinars, click [here.](#)

ICPI 2017-18 Recap Webinar: Workforce Development, Paver Sales, New Products, Certification

Concrete paver sales have reach post-recessions highs, but what is the industry doing through ICPI to drive future growth for segmental concrete paver systems in the U.S. and Canada?

ICPI conducted a members-only webinar last week to review the latest industry trends and examine the Institute's programs that help increase paver sales. You can now view a recorded version of the webinar by clicking [here](#) and scrolling to the About ICPI section. Webinar topics include:

- **Industry Health Report**—How are sales for both contractors and manufacturers, and what are the key challenges they face?
- **ICPI Report Card**—How has ICPI membership grown, and how do members rate ICPI performance?
- **ICPI Strategic Plan**—What are the key goals, and what programs have been created to achieve these objectives?

ICPI Members – Bookmark This Webpage: www.icpi.org/dashboard

ICPI has launched a members-only dashboard that features the latest industry news and Institute information/services. It's a one-stop shop for:

- Technical, education and marketing resources
- Upcoming events, courses and webinars
- Latest industry and ICPI news
- Your company's member benefits



Click [here](#) to view a video about the dashboard. Then, bookmark this webpage: www.icpi.org/dashboard.

ICPI Announces New Dealer Voting Membership



Recognizing the key role dealers play in the industry's supply chain, ICPI Board of Directors officially approved a new Dealer-voting membership category for the membership year starting on July 1, 2018.

Dealers can take a more influential role in industry planning and decision-making by participating on ICPI Committees, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee with full voting rights on major industry decisions.

For more information, contact ICPI membership staff at (703) 657-6900 or icpi@icpi.org.

ICPI Offers Stipends for the 2018 Professors' Workshop

Concrete and cement are vital to the nation's construction industry. Few construction projects can take place without cement somewhere in the design. As we think harder about the impact of the materials we choose for roads, buildings, bridges, or infrastructure projects, durable, sustainable, and economical concrete is almost always the right choice. Portland Cement Association and concrete industry sponsors like ICPI are offering a workshop to help instructors teach the fundamentals of this building block to the next generation. [More](#).

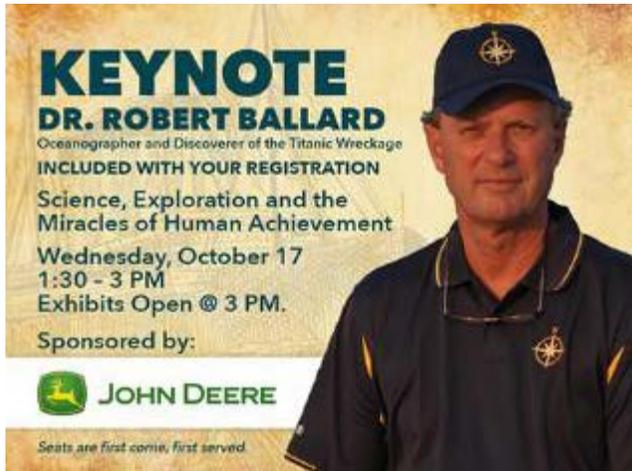


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Dr. Robert Ballard Announced as HNA's 2018 Keynote



Dr. Robert Ballard, oceanographer and discoverer of the Titanic wreckage, will be the 2018 Hardscape North America keynote.

Dr. Ballard's "Science, Exploration and the Miracles of Human Achievement" is sponsored by John Deere and is included in attendees' HNA registration. The address will take place at the Kentucky Exposition Center on Wednesday, October 17 at 1:30 -3:00 PM. Seats are first come, first served.

Click [here](#) to view a promotional video or visit www.HardscapeNA.com for more information.

HNA Regional Installer Championship Events to be Held Across North America

HNA Regional Installer Championships are being sponsored across North America:

- Northwest Region in Lacey, WA on August 11 – Sponsored by Basalite, Belgard, Mutual Materials and Pavestone
- Central Region in Fort Worth, TX on August 24 – Sponsored by Alliance, Belgard, Hulton Tools, Ox Group Tools, Pavestone, Surebond, Techniseal and Whiz-Q
- Southeast Region in Buford, GA on August 25 – Sponsored by Belgard, Pavestone, Seal n Lock-Pavetec, Stovall and Surebond
- Southwest Region in Chandler, AZ on September 8 – Sponsored by the ICPI Arizona Chapter



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Did You Know? HNA Awards are Now Open!

The 2018 HNA Project Awards are now open for submissions! The HNA Awards recognize outstanding hardscape projects by contractors building residential and commercial walkways, patios, driveways, and commercial plazas, parking lots, streets and more. Award winners will be recognized during the 2018 Hardscape North America trade show and will be featured in *Interlock Design* magazine, the HNA website and



several other industry publications. Click [here](#) for more information or to submit your project today!

MEMBER NEWS

Introducing ColorTech™: EP Henry's Newest Pavers are In-line with the Times

[ColorTech™](#) by EP Henry is the newest advancement in paver technology and is an integral part of the manufacturing process. The in-line process treatment delivers an added layer of protective coating during production while still maintaining the surface texture of the stone, making it in many cases more indistinguishable from natural stone than pavers without ColorTech. [More](#).

System Pavers Receives 2018 “Best of HomeAdvisor” Award

System Pavers is pleased to announce it has been named a recipient of the 2018 Best of HomeAdvisor Award. This award honors top-notch professionals who provide extraordinary quality, service and value in the home improvement and maintenance industries. [More](#).



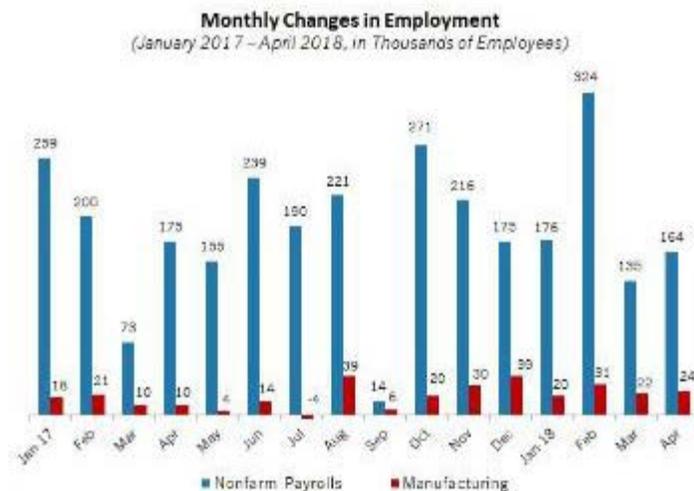
GOVERNMENT/ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Louisiana Certification Bill Amended to Address Association Concerns

Language that would have barred the use of professional certifications in the state was removed from the proposed Occupational Licensing Review Act after associations and their credentialed members objected to the provision.

[More.](#)

Manufacturers Added 24,000 Workers in April



Manufacturers [added](#) 24,000 workers in April, the seventh consecutive month with robust hiring growth in the sector, averaging 26,571 per month over that time frame. As such, the latest jobs numbers confirm that the labor market has tightened significantly, with manufacturers increasing employment by a rather strong 19,000 per month on average since the end of 2016. Since the end of the Great Recession, manufacturing employment has risen by 1,202,000 workers, with 12,655,000 employees in the sector in this report. That is the highest level of manufacturing employment since December 2008. More importantly, healthy jobs growth is also leading to higher wages. Average weekly earnings for production and nonsupervisory employees in the manufacturing sector rose to \$907.78, up 4.2 percent over the past 12 months. [More.](#)

Count of Unfilled Construction Jobs Near Cycle High

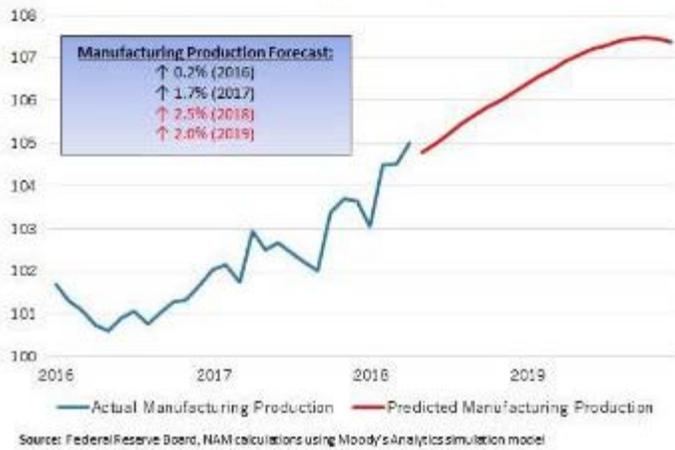
According to the BLS Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) and NAHB analysis, the number of open construction sector jobs increased to 248,000 in March. The post-recession high count of open, unfilled construction jobs was 255,000 in July of last year. The number of open construction sector jobs was 179,000 a year ago. [More.](#)



Manufacturing Production Rises in April

The Federal Reserve reported that [manufacturing production](#) rose 0.5 percent in April, bouncing back from being unchanged in March. Overall, the data continue to show healthy growth for manufacturers. Along those lines, the manufacturing production index has risen from 102.2 in April 2017 to 104.1 in the latest data. Likewise, capacity utilization in the sector has grown from 75.1 percent one year ago to 75.8 percent, the highest rate since August 2015. The year-over-year pace also remains encouraging, even with some easing

Actual and Predicted Manufacturing Production Growth (NAICS, 2012=100)



in the most recent month, down from 2.5 percent growth over the past 12 months in March to 1.8 percent in April. Yet, that deceleration could say more about the data from last year than the most recent figures. [More.](#)



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INDUSTRY BUZZ

North Carolina Coastal Federation Aims to Reduce Pollution Through More Eco-Friendly Pavement

One of the man-made problems where stormwater is concerned is the addition of non-permeable surfaces like asphalt and other pavements. When rain falls on the ground, instead of being absorbed, it remains on top of the surfaces and collects pollution before making its way to the waterways. [More.](#)

3 Digital Marketing Methods You Can Use on the Cheap

If you are interested in improving your return on investment for digital marketing strategies, you should strongly consider learning from some of the largest brands in your industry. Regardless of company size, most brands share the goal to grow a business based on their objectives and with the best possible ROI. [More.](#)



ICPI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
June 1-2	Concrete Paver Installer Course – Farley Interlocking Paving Stone, Co., Inc.	Palm Desert, CA
June 13-14	Concrete Paver Installer Course – Belgard	Frisco, TX
June 19-20	Concrete Paver Installer Course – Ewing Irrigation	Fort Myers, FL
June 26	San Jose Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement Workshop	San Jose, CA
June 27-28	Concrete Paver Installer Course – Belgard	Orlando, FL
June 28	Costa Mesa Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement Workshop	Costa Mesa, CA
September 10-13	2018 ICPI Summer Meeting	Vancouver, BC
October 16-19	2018 International Conference on Concrete Block Pavement	Seoul, Korea
October 16-17	Concrete Paver Installer Course – HNA	Louisville, KY
October 16-17	Concrete Paver Installer Course (Spanish) – HNA	Louisville, KY
October 16-17	Advanced Residential Paver Technician Course – HNA	Louisville, KY
October 16-17	Commercial Paver Technician Course – HNA	Louisville, KY
October 17	PICP Specialist Course – HNA	Louisville, KY
October 17-19	2018 Hardscape North America Trade Show	Louisville, KY
January 22-23	Concrete Paver Installer Course – World of Concrete	Las Vegas, NV
March 3-6	ICPI 25th Annual Meeting (2019)	Charleston, SC

To check out more ICPI Events, click [here](#).

Date	Webinar Topic/Speaker	Time
May 29	ICPI Launches PICP Life-Cycle Software (Members Only) – David Smith, ICPI Technical Director and Dave Hein, P. Eng., Applied Research Associates, Inc.	1 pm EST
July 10	ICPI 2018-2019 Preview (Members Only) – Kendall Anderegg, ICPI Chair	2 pm EST

To check out more ICPI Webinars, click [here](#).



Missed last week's issue?

- [HNA 2018 Registration is Now Open!](#)
- [Inspector Presentation for ICP and PICP Increases Confidence in Pavers](#)
- [Did You Know? ICPI Provides Safety Meeting Outlines for Contractor Members](#)

Don't be left behind. Click [here](#) to see what you missed.

About Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute

ICPI is the trade association representing the growing industry of segmental concrete pavement systems in the United States and Canada. The association's membership includes producers, contractors, suppliers, design professionals, and distributors. ICPI is the authority for concrete pavers, which are universally recognized as the best value for pavement systems. The association delivers education and technical guidance leading to awareness, acceptance and use of segmental concrete pavement systems in the United States and Canada. For more information, visit www.icpi.org.

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