

Statements by some of the State DOT Engineers, who attended the 2015 National ABC Conference

- 1- The information presented at the conference will be valuable as the State of Illinois implements Accelerated Bridge Construction. The technologies and procedures are always evolving and the National ABC Conference is a great way to keep up with the latest developments. The conference was very informative and well organized with a wide variety of presentations useful for people involved with any aspect of ABC.

Pat Claussen, P.E., S.E.
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- 2- The 2015 National ABC Conference was a great venue for academia, bridge engineers, fabricators, suppliers and contractors to come together and showcase ABC bridge projects, share lessons learned and discuss emerging new materials and technologies.

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- 3- Thank you for organizing another informative Accelerated Bridge Construction Conference. The original 2014 ABC Conference introduced ABC opportunities for our state to consider and utilize on several projects. The 2015 ABC Conference was an ideal continuation program that provided significant information and state-of-the-art technology to develop detailed plans and prepare bid documents for these projects. These conferences are key resources for implementing Accelerated Bridge Construction to improve overall safety, public perception and project costs for the State of Illinois.

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- 4- The national expansion of accelerated bridge construction is directly attributed to the efforts of the ABC UTC. The 2015 ABC Conference served as a nexus that brought together researchers, engineers, and contractors to share our successes and lessons learned. The annual ABC conference is a catalyst that propels the bridge profession to expedite transportation solutions.

Tom Ostrom, Deputy Division Chief
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- 5- The National ABC Conference is an excellent event and opportunity for our Department to learn from our peer DOTs and industry about innovations in ABC technology and project delivery. There are lessons learned from this forum that have improved how we deliver our ABC projects.

Bill Oliva, PE
Chief Structures Development Engineer
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- 6- The National ABC Conference is a great opportunity for bridge engineers to learn about the latest advances in accelerated bridge construction and to network with other bridge engineering professionals. It is a unique event where you can listen to and interact with bridge owners, consulting engineers, contractors, and educators from across the country and learn from their experiences in ABC.

Ahmad Abu-Hawash, Iowa DOT

- 7- This is by far the best ABC event I've attended. With representatives from across the country, the conference provides an opportunity to learn about the latest innovations and current state of the practice in many states. I left feeling rejuvenated and ready to implement new ideas in my home state.

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- 8- The workshops were very informative and interactive with all in attendance participating in the discussions. It was good to learn about the successes and the challenges the other States are having.

The conference presentations helped me to understand how far many States have come with accelerating bridge construction and how common ABC is across the country. I learned how important it is to market ABC... inform people and celebrate success.

Networking at the ABC conference essential... Vendors, Consultants, Universities, FHWA, and State DOT's... makes it easy to contact others when questions arise during planning, design, and construction of ABC projects.

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- 9- The 2015 National Accelerated Bridge Conference was an excellent opportunity for WSDOT to learn from relevant researches, other transportation agencies and industry about innovations in ABC project delivery. The conference was a unique event where attendees can listen to and interact with bridge professionals, owners, consulting engineers, contractors, and educators from across the country and learn from their experiences in ABC. The ABC-UTC effort drives the bridge profession to advance transportation solutions.

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- 10- Attending the 2015 National ABC Conference was a fantastic experience. It provided a great forum for sharing experiences and ideas from other DOT's, agencies, designers and contractors on how ABC techniques can be utilized to successfully advance projects at every level. The sharing of lessons learned helps to continue to push the envelope on what can be accomplished through ABC and will definitely influence the way we approach future projects in New Jersey.

Scott Thorn, NJDOT
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- 11- The 2015 National ABC Conference was an excellent forum for bridge engineering industry representatives from all related facets (research, design, construction, fabrication & maintenance) to gain knowledge on current state-of-the-art practices in accelerated bridge construction. It also provided valuable networking opportunities for participants to share experiences and thoughts related to past and potential future ABC projects in their areas of interest. The planned 2017 Conference is sure to build on the success of the past conferences and provide new and improved methods for incorporating ABC as more of a standard practice across the country

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