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AT PIPE SCHOOL 2027!**

**When: January 25-28, 2027
Where: Raleigh Convention Center
Raleigh, North Carolina**

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SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEB 9, 2026

9:00AM - 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION: EXHIBIT HALL FOYER MEZZANINE LEVEL
12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	NEW ATTENDEE ORIENTATION: ATLANTA BALLROOM LEVEL
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	OPENING CEREMONIES AND KEYNOTE: EXHIBIT HALL B MEZZANINE LEVEL
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	HOW DELDOT MAKES DECISIONS ON PIPE INVENTORY MAINTENANCE: EXHIBIT HALL B MEZZANINE LEVEL
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM	ABRASION RESISTANCE OF PIPES MANUFACTURED WITH RECYCLED/REPURPOSED MATERIALS KAREN THOMPSON, AMERICAN CONCRETE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALASIA: EXHIBIT HALL B MEZZANINE LEVEL
4:45 PM - 5:30 PM	TRANSPORTATION MEET & GREET: VAN HORN MEZZANINE LEVEL
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PIPE SHOW OPENING RECEPTION: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL

TUESDAY, FEB 10, 2026

	FORUM 1 (Melitza A & Tryg H) Atlanta Ballroom Level	FORUM 2 (Steve S & Aimee C) New York Ballroom Level	FORUM 3 (LIVE & VIRTUAL) (Jennifer S & Jennifer H) Chicago Ballroom Level
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Specifications Al Hogan, ACPA	Engineering Basics Trevor McDonald, Mountain States Concrete Pipe Association	Asset Management in Critical Locations Trygve Hoff, ACPA
9:05 - 10:05 AM	A Materials Engineering Approach to Concrete Pipe John Oldland, Wichita Concrete Pipe	Pre-Installation Inspection Tiffany Ferrell, Rinker Materials	SUDAS: The What-The Why-The How David Carney & Elizabeth Richards Iowa State Institute for Transportation
10:10 - 10:30 AM	BREAK		
10:30 - 11:30 AM	A.I. Tool Development Markus Lanzerath (FBS) & Christian Windeck (FBS)	Influence of TREs Don Conrad, Diamond Concrete	US 69 Expressway Steve Rockers, KDOT
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	LUNCH: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL		
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Soils on the Jobsite Karl Beckemeier, Rinker Materials	Pipe Design - Indirect Design Al Hogan, ACPA	Effects of Flooding on Buried Culverts Fei Wang, PhD, PE, MS State University
1:35 PM - 2:35 PM	Buoyancy Jennifer Schaff, County Materials	Shallow Fill Pipes: Things to Consider Josh Beakley, ACPA	I-70 Kansas City Improvement Project James Pflum, Missouri DOT
2:35 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAK		
3:00 PM - 3:55 PM	Box Culvert Design Brian Jenner, Rinker Materials Riley Dvorak, Oldcastle	Risk & Resilience: How Does an Engineer Decide? Ray Pierson, Rinker Materials	The Dirty Dozen: 12 Common Construction Engineering Mistakes (and Strategies on How to Avoid Them) Bob Hildebranski, PE, Orion Engineers
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Pipe Rehabilitation Methods and The Designs Behind Them Dr. Najafi PE, UTA	Ensuring Quality: Pipe Installation Do's and Don'ts Palisha Sthapit, Rinker Materials	I-70 Floyd Hill Project Michael Tanner, CDOT
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	PIPE SHOW & RECEPTION: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL		
6:00 - 9:00 PM	TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS DINNER: ROCKHILL GRILL, TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED		



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	QUALITY / BASIC PRODUCTION CHOUTEAU MEZZANINE LEVEL	ADVANCED PRODUCTION & PLANT MANAGEMENT	
3:10 PM - 3:35 PM	Introductions Rich Brewster, Northern Concrete	Packerhead and Box Reinforcement Bill Washabaugh, Northern Concrete Pipe Inc Jake Jyrkama, Rinker Materials Empire A - B Mezzanine Level	INSPIRE: How to Deliver Powerful and Effective Feedback Jami Dix & Gunnar Millot, Chapman & Co. Sponsored by Afinitas Empire C Mezzanine Level
3:35 PM - 4:30 PM	Cementitious Materials Matt Steen, Jensen Infrastructure		
4:35 PM - 5:30 PM	Aggregates Matt Steen, Jensen Infrastructure		
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PIPE SHOW OPENING RECEPTION: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL		

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8:00 AM - 8:55 AM	Reinforcement 1 Jake Jyrkama, Rinker Materials	Packerhead and Box Reinforcement Bill Washabaugh, Northern Concrete Jake Jyrkama, Rinker Materials Room A - B Mezzanine Level	INSPIRE: Trust and Coaching for Growth Jami Dix & Gunnar Millot, Chapman & Co.. Sponsored by Afinitas Empire C Mezzanine Level
9:00 AM - 9:55 AM	Reinforcement 2 Jake Jyrkama, Rinker Materials		
10:00 AM - 10:55 AM	Admixtures Thomas Greene, Chryso		
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	SCC Thomas Greene, Chryso		
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	PIPE SHOW LUNCH: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL		
1:00 PM - 1:55 PM	Concrete Technology Matt Steen, Jensen Infrastructure	Machinery Workshop Afinitas Empire A - C Mezzanine Level	
2:00 PM - 2:55 PM	Mix Design Calculations Rich Brewster, Northern Concrete		
3:00 PM - 3:55 PM	Concrete Production Mike Lutrick, Rinker Materials	Production Roundtable Panel Empire A - C Mezzanine Level	
4:00 - 5:30 PM	Consolidation Jake Jyrkama, Rinker Materials	Packerhead Production Todd Fesenmaier, Rinker Materials Scott Kennedy, Besser Company Empire A - B Mezzanine Level	Batching and Mixing - Plant Best Practices Archie Heikkila, Rinker Materials Mogens Nielsen, SKAKO Concrete Inc. Empire C Mezzanine Level
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	PIPE SHOW & RECEPTION: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL		



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WEDNESDAY, FEB 11, 2026

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM	REGISTRATION		
	FORUM 1 (Melitza A & Tryg H) Atlanta Ballroom Level	FORUM 2 (Steve S & Aimee C) New York Ballroom Level	FORUM 3 (LIVE & VIRTUAL) (Jennifer S & Jennifer H) Chicago Ballroom Level
6:00 - 9:00 AM	PLANT TOUR: PRETECH - TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED		
9:00 AM - 9:55 AM	Rallying Together for Legislative Action Melitza Avila, Rinker Materials	AREMA - Basic Requirements for Pipe and Boxes Tyson Hicks, Rinker Materials	ASTM C13 STANDARDS James Farrell, ASTM Eghe Igiehon
10:00 AM - 10:55 AM	Strategies and Insights for Effectively Managing in a Multicultural Environment Carlos Villarreal, Foley Products	Connecting PIPE Training to Specifications Improvements Cecil Connor, Georgia Concrete Pipe Association	Median Barrier Inlets: Developing a New Inlet Alex Schwinghamer, Indiana DOT
11:00 AM - 11:55 AM	Building Information Modeling (BIM) Stefan Schemionek (FBS) & Mario Bodenbender (FBS)	Stakeholder Decision Making to Advance the Value of RCP Steve Orehosky, Rinker Materials	Pavement Effects on Load Distribution for Buried Box Culverts Jie Han, PhD, PE, The University of Kansas
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	PIPE SHOW LUNCH: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL		
1:00 PM - 1:55 PM	Pipe Structure Connections - Is This Our Weakest Link? Hank Gottschalk, Rinker Materials	Thinking Outside the Box: Alternative Uses for Box Culverts Steve Smart, County Materials	Delegation: The Payoff Aaron Frits, GBA
2:00 PM - 2:55 PM	Post-Installation Inspection Hunter Clements, Hardeeville Recreation Center	RCP Direct Design Margarita Takou, ACPA	KC 2026 FIFA Updates Jason Sims, KC 2026 Transportation Director
3:00PM - 3:55 PM	Installation of Precast Box Culverts Adrianna Lash, Rinker Materials	Pipe Joint Excellence Austin Hudnall, Hamilton Kent	Resilient Design: Culvert Systems Exposed to Flooding and Wildfires Jeremy Bowers, SG&H
4:00 - 6:30 PM	PIPE SHOW & XTREME MUSIC BINGO: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL		

THURSDAY, FEB 12, 2026

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8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	The Construction Toolbox - Planning for Success, but Preparing for Failure Raquel Floyd, Rock Solid Solutions & Jimmy Floyd, Pioneer Engineering		
9:35 AM - 10:55 AM	KDOT Update Calvin Reed, KDOT Secretary		
11:00 AM - 11:55 AM	Acceptance of Post-Installation Pipe Inspection: A Comprehensive Review and Analysis Ray Dong, Hynds Pipe Systems		
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	AWARDS, ENDING CEREMONIES, P3, RCPiX, PHOTOS, Awards Lunch (Mel Marshall, QCast, Production Journeyman, Chairman's Quality and Chairman's Safety) Exhibit Hall B Mezzanine Level		



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9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Curing Dan Hodel, Afinitas	Packerhead Production Scott Kennedy, Besser Company Todd Fesenmaier, Rinker Materials Empire A - B	Safety Round Table Empire C Mezzanine Level
10:35 AM - 11:30 AM	Pre/Post Pour Inspection Mark Taylor, Rinker Materials		
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	LUNCH: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL		
12:30 PM - 1:55 PM	Repairs and Finishing Paul Krauss, Wiss Janney Elsner	Packerhead Production Scott Kennedy, Besser Company Todd Fesenmaier, Rinker Materials Empire A - B	Safety & Health Consultation Programs OSHA Updates Empire C Mezzanine Level
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Calculations and Review Rich Brewster, Northern Concrete	Machinery Workshop Besser Empire A - C Mezzanine Level	
4:00 - 6:30 PM	PIPE SHOW & XTREME MUSIC BINGO: EXHIBIT HALL A MEZZANINE LEVEL		

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7:30 AM - 8:25 AM	Product Testing Mark Taylor, Rinker Materials	Box Culvert Production Larry Neumann, NCP Mike Lutrick, Rinker Jake Jyrkama, Rinker Empire A - C Ballroom Level	
8:30 AM - 10:10 AM	QCast 1 & 2 Paul Krauss, Wiss Janney Elsner		
10:20 AM - 11:50 PM	Final Exam (90 Minutes)		
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	AWARDS, ENDING CEREMONIES, P3, RCPiX, PHOTOS, Awards Lunch (Mel Marshall, QCast, Production Journeyman, Chairman's Quality and Chairman's Safety) Exhibit Hall B Mezzanine Level		