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**PENNSYLVANIA AGGREGATES AND CONCRETE ASSOCIATION TRAINS
NEARLY 1,600 CONCRETE FINISHERS STATEWIDE**

HARRISBURG, Pa. (Aug. 10, 2022) —The Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association, Pennsylvania's leading voice for the crushed stone, ready mixed concrete, sand and gravel, and cement industries, recently completed 80 Certified Concrete Finishers courses across the commonwealth, training nearly 1,600 during the two-year period.

Since 2019, nearly 1,600 Pennsylvania concrete finishers completed either the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) or American Concrete Institute (ACI) certification programs, making Pennsylvania first in the nation with finishers who have received the lifetime NRMCA certification. These finishers now meet the requirements for PennDOT projects that started in or after April of this year. Additionally, there are 179 Pennsylvania finishers who currently hold the ACI finisher certification in the state.

“An equally important, if not the most important, aspect of this initiative has been its role in providing meaningful workforce development to those individuals in construction across the state,” said Jim Casilio, PACA’s director of technical services. “The NRMCA certification requires a hands-on segment that has shown time and time again to be a unique opportunity for senior finishers to help instruct, mentor and train those newcomers. Bringing together the experienced and the new in an educational setting away from an active project site was a fantastic, unexpected program outcome.”

The success of this program is due in large part to the PACA member companies that hosted an NRMCA class or brought this important training opportunity to their customers and company personnel. Those companies are:

- Masters RMC Inc.
- Golden Triangle Construction Co. Inc.
- Conewago Ready Mix
- Pennsy Supply Inc., a CRH company
- Centre Concrete Company
- Union Quarries Inc.
- Central Builders Supply Company
- New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. Inc.
- Delaware Valley Concrete Co. Inc.

- H&K Group
- Glenn O. Hawbaker Inc.
- Kinsley Construction
- JJ Kennedy Inc.
- Wendell H. Stone Company Inc.
- M&B Redi-Mix d.b.a. DuBrook Inc.
- Baycrete Inc.
- Byler Materials Group

The goal of the certification course, which includes classroom and practical, hands-on work, is to help improve the resilience and extend the service life of concrete and work to eliminate mistakes in the finishing process that can result in costly repairs or reconstruction.

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About PACA

PACA is Pennsylvania's leading voice for the crushed stone, ready mixed concrete, sand and gravel, and cement industries' community. PACA safeguards the industry from common threats; expands market opportunities; trains a productive workforce; educates and communicates the value of construction materials to all Pennsylvanians; serves as the gathering place for industry stakeholders; and unites divergent interests into a shared platform for action to benefit the aggregates, ready mixed concrete and cement industries in Pennsylvania.

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