

American Concrete Institute selects R.R. Simmons project

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The American Concrete Institute (ACI), the recognized leader in research and industry support for the use of concrete as a building material with more than 20,000 members in 108 countries, recently selected R.R. Simmons to represent the industrial segment in its new book about the use of concrete in sustainable design. The book will be presented at the upcoming ACI conference March 21st in Chicago.

The ACI singled out R.R. Simmons for its 570,000 square foot Design/Build project for Premier Beverage. Premier Beverage's Central Florida Distribution Center is the only industrial project featured as a case study. The LEED-Silver-eligible facility showcases the use of concrete as a sustainable building material in both the structure of the building and much of the heavy traffic paving need. The R.R. Simmons design and construction team selected the tilt-up design to allow the building to be constructed quickly and to provide a more durable solution than other building systems. On-site tilt-up construction utilizes materials produced locally and minimizes excessive transportation needs often associated with other materials. Moreover, the concrete waste generated by the process can be easily recycled for other uses in the project.

R.R. Simmons is a recognized leader in the use of concrete as a primary building material. Having successfully used the tilt-up system in Florida since 1968, R.R. Simmons is one of the most established experts in this environmentally-friendly building system. Concrete and tilt-up construction harness Florida's limited natural building materials, thereby reducing material transportation costs. As an additional benefit, concrete is known for its ability to use post consumer materials in its production.

