Wells Concrete and Rocky Mountain Prestress Join to Become One of the Top Precast Companies in the Country

Wells Concrete has acquired all significant business assets of Rocky Mountain Prestress, which has been an integral part of the Denver business community for 60 years.

The joint venture, operating under the name of Wells Concrete, positions the company as one of the top five largest precast companies in the U.S., reaching from Canada to New Mexico and Wisconsin to Colorado.

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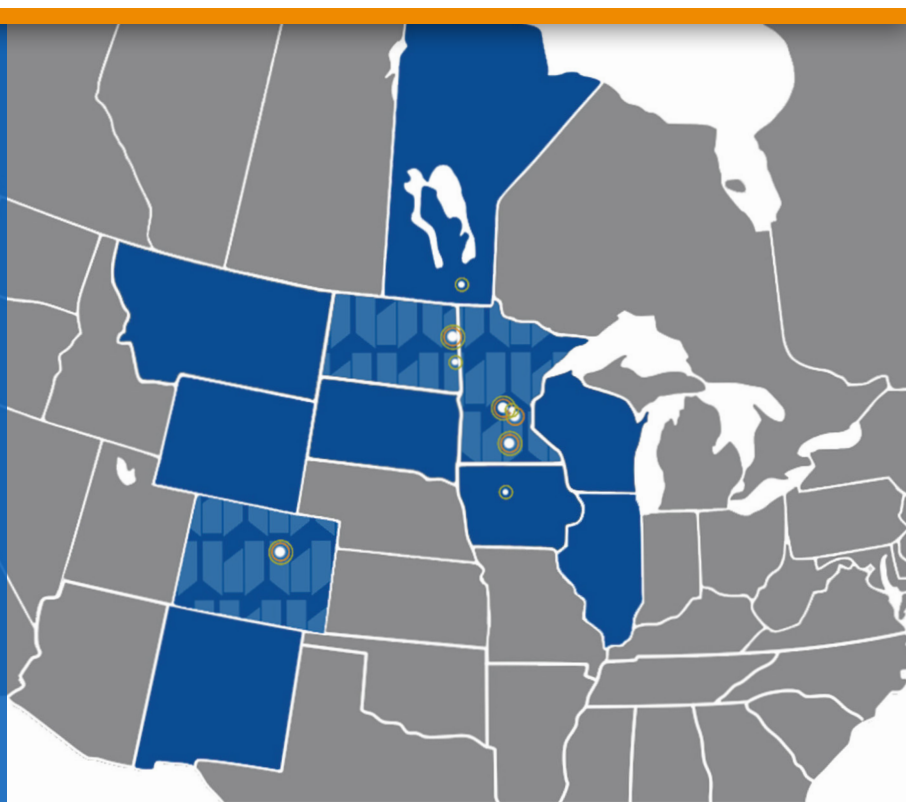
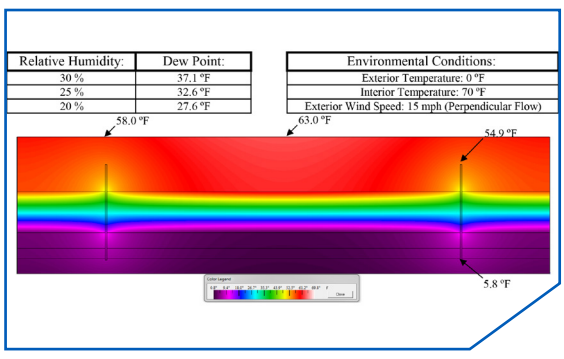


Innovation with Research & Development

Precast Innovators is not just our tagline, we live it every day. We have been spending time with our clients, listening to their questions and concerns regarding the use of precast wall systems. In addition, we are developing solutions and answers in the form of testing and various innovative efforts to improve overall building enclosure systems. This proactive approach includes:

- ASTM C1521 Caulking Pull Testing
- ASTM D5385 Permeability Testing
- ASTM D6123 Insulation Pull Testing
- E119 / UL263 Fire Resistance
- Energy Model Report
- Fiber Testing
- Hollowcore Core Filler
- Hollowcore Shear Testing
- NFPA 285 Fire Test
- Prefabrication
- Preinstalled Windows
- Thermal / Hot Box Test



Why dedicate so many resources to innovation? We recognize the challenges our clients experience on a project, whether it's finding an adequate employee base for the job-site or managing the technical components of thermal, fire and water penetration requirements. These are issues we believe will continue to surface under traditional construction methods and are committed to not only improving job-site efficiency but also providing peace of mind on the technical capabilities of each project you construct.

We are still in the discovery process of many of these solutions and therefore encourage you to follow-up with us in our Spring 2019 Newsletter to see some of our results, or reach out to your Wells representative for more information.

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Focus on Students Involvement

Wells cultivates innovative partnerships with education organizations to build relationships and awareness within the precast industry. Through these programs and strategic partnerships, we help students and instructors with the tools and resources they need in order to take advantage of the many opportunities in the precast industry. Current partnerships include:

- Wells Engineer Development Program (EDP): 4-year internal engineering program
- Colorado School of Mines: Plant Tours
- Colorado State University: PCI Studio Boot Camp, Classroom Presentations, Plant and Project Tours
- Dunwoody Institute: Plant Tour, Testing equipment, scholarships
- Iowa State University: Plant Tour, Classroom presentations
- Minnesota State University, Mankato: Precast Studio, Plant & Job-Site Tours, Classroom Presentations, Big Beam Content
- North Dakota State University: Plant Tours
- St. Cloud State University: Plant Tours
- University of Colorado, Denver: Precast Studio, Plant & Job-Site Tours, Classroom Presentations
- University of Minnesota, Duluth: Precast Studio, Job-Site Tours, Classroom Presentations
- University of North Dakota: Plant Tours
- University of Wisconsin, Stout: Endowment contribution

Teaching future engineers, architects, and construction management students about designing with precast concrete is a priority for Wells Concrete. We continue to research collaborative education opportunities that allow us to develop architectural and structural engineering programs with leading education institutes.

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Project Showcase: Innovative Project

England Park Greenhouse Center: The Parks, Recreation and Libraries (PRL) Department is expanding the England Park Greenhouse Center in Westminster, CO. Improvements include building a second greenhouse (6,000 sq ft), a small office building for staff (1,800 sq ft) and site enhancements.

Wells produced and erected architectural insulated wall panels, hollowcore, and IT beams for this project (Hollowcore was produced by Stress-Cast, Inc. in Assaria, KS). This project allowed Wells to implement a very significant innovation in the precast industry. We used new micro etching technology, which enables acid etch finishes of exposed concrete surfaces with only the use of standard water washing. This advancement in technology may result in the removal of harmful chemicals in processing of concrete panels. A highly intricate formliner was also detailed for the project. Standard, non-pigmented concrete was also selected to provide an additional level of value to the project.

Education Opportunities

Schedule your next Plant Tour or Lunch & Learn today. Wells Concrete is committed to keeping the design community up-to-date on emerging trends in precast while continuing to develop interest in designing sustainable structures. Clients, designers, association groups, and students can register for continuing education presentations or educational plant tours by clicking here.

NEW SCREEN WALL: We Invite you to a Tour

We are in the process of finalizing an "L" shaped Screen Wall that will be displayed next to our Mock-up Sample Building in Albany, MN. The Screen Wall will have 40' and 50' wings with 14' tall panels. In addition, it will showcase some of our newer finishes and features, including:

- Four panels will boast graphic paper finishes from Graphic Concrete
- Three panels will be made to show off a new simulated natural stone, including limestone and travertine
- One panel will demonstrate cast-on Terra Cotta
- Two panels will showcase our new light-weight wall panel options – SlenderWall and IES; both include a factory-installed windows by Empirehouse.

You are invited to take a tour to learn more about all that is possible with precast. Schedule your tour by clicking here.

Blogs

Have you been following our Blog posts? Subscribe today to receive updates every week. Recent topics include:

- Shiny new objectives - an architects perspective
- Create tall, open interior spaces with precast concrete
- 5 Step Guide to the Production Process for making prestressed insulated wall panels
- Pulling into first with new finishes & features
- Finishes & Features: Formliners