

“Find your Cutting Edge Online”

The Concrete Sawing & Drilling Association (CSDA) in the US is announcing that its most popular Cutting Edge training class is now available for professionals from all parts of the industry to complete online through the association's web-based training program. Cutting Edge was launched in 1993 as a two-day classroom course that provided students with a strong foundation in sawing and drilling operations and industry fundamentals. Since this time, almost 800 students have graduated, making it CSDA's most popular class ever. The addition of Cutting Edge to the association's online training programme, launched in January 2007, increases CSDA's online class offering to 29. This new online option gives CSDA the opportunity to reach a much wider audience and help train not just concrete cutters around the world, but also manufacturers, distributors and specifiers of concrete cutting. Technology continues to advance and so does CSDA. The online Cutting Edge class includes videos, tutorials, and online tests. It can be completed in an 11-hour period, and students can work at their own pace, stopping and resuming the class at their leisure.

“Since the launch of the CSDA Online Training Program, graduates of our classes have increased dramatically,” says CSDA lead training instructor Rick Norland. “People can access the Internet from almost anywhere, so it is crucial that we adapt to a technologically-minded world. Cutting Edge is the basis for the association's individual 101 training classes for all major cutting disciplines, and its content is perfect for online learning.” Cutting Edge not only covers the fundamentals of concrete sawing and drilling, but also tracks the historical development of the industry, explores the technology of concrete and diamond tools and examines the basic cutting principles and techniques of the major sawing and drilling applications with an emphasis on safety. The industry knowledge provided by this class makes it one of the prerequisites for CSDA's advanced Operator Certification 201 classes, held each November. Any industry professional thinking of becoming a CSDA Certified Operator can take the first step by completing the online Cutting Edge class.

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NJ contractor first to achieve Top-Level Certification

Atlantic Concrete Cutting, Inc. of Mount Holly became the first contractor to achieve the highest level of certification available, considered ISO 9001:2008 compliant, through a recently-launched company certification programme. The Concrete Sawing & Drilling Association (CSDA) confirms that the contractor is the first member company to achieve Level 3 of the CSDA Company Certification Programme. This 3-tier programme, the first of its kind in the industry, has been created

for cutting contractors to provide owners, architects, engineers, general contractors and government officials with a valuable pre-qualification tool that acknowledges sound business practices.

Atlantic Concrete Cutting was founded in 1991 by Nancy and Doug Walker. The couple worked out of their garage, cutting concrete during the day and preparing estimates at night. Today, the company has 22 concrete cutting operators, 31 trucks and has support operations in Totowa, New Jersey and Spring City, Pennsylvania. The company serves several states in the Northeast U.S. and offers the services of sawing and core drilling, highway grinding and grooving, joint sealing, selective demolition work and scanning with ground penetrating radar. Atlantic Concrete Cutting has been a member of CSDA for 20 years, and Nancy and Doug continue to be active in the association. Doug recently served as CSDA President from 2009 to 2011 and is an active member of several committees. The company also has several employees who have achieved operator certification through CSDA, and holds DBE/WBE certifications issued by numerous state agencies and authorities.

“We are extremely proud to be awarded CSDA Level 3 Certification”, said Atlantic Concrete Cutting owner and president Nancy. “CSDA is to be commended for its efforts and initiative to create a comprehensive company certification program for our industry.”

Level 3 provides potential customers with proof that a company has a total Quality Management System in place, and that the contractor is committed to a high standard of safety, training and sound business practices. Level 3 includes an audit with standards equivalent to the internationally-recognized ISO9000 certification scheme, plus other industry-specific requirements. The CSDA Company Certification Programme provides specifiers with a pre-qualification assurance that hiring a certified company will eliminate risks associated with hiring a cutting contractor whose capabilities are unknown. The CSDA Company Certification Program is available to all sawing and drilling contractors.

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US Demolition Association offers keys to successful demolition projects

Architects, engineers, real estate developers, general contractors, and purchasing agents should have a basic understanding of the demolition process and what's involved in a standard demolition contract before embarking on a demolition project. The National Demolition Association is offering a free planning guide and sample contract language to help buyers keep to project schedules and costs, and avoid unforeseen liabilities. Real estate developers, architects, and engineers should have a basic understanding of the demolition process and what should be included in a standard demoli-

Apply for IACDS Diamond Award 2013

On the occasion of the IACDS 19th Annual General Meeting on 6 May 2011 in Bruges, Belgium the delegates decided to continue organizing the Diamond Award under the patronage of IACDS. The Award will be given at the IACDS Bauma 2013 seminar. Winners will be invited to present their award-winning job as part of the seminar. More information about how to participate can be found at the IACDS website from the beginning of October. On the website final information of all IACDS members can be found. Participant can upload the Award flyer and the template on IACDS website to submit entries for the award.



Entry deadline

Entry deadline for the Diamond Award 2013 is set to August 31, 2012. IACDS is pointing out that a translation support should be arranged for entries in another language than English. The preliminary agenda for the IACDS Diamond Award 2013 is as follows:

Deadline for entries:
August 31, 2012

End of evaluation by the experts:
October 31, 2012

Information on the three winners:
December 3, 2012

Award ceremony and IACDS Bauma seminar:
April 19, 2013

Bauma opens April 15 to April 21, 2013.

Sponsor the Diamond Award

Diamond Award 2013 is also open for sponsorships. Companies interested in sponsoring the event should as soon as possible register to make sure that your logo and your company or association name will be mentioned in the first official Award documents uploaded in October 2011.

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tion contract before embarking on a demolition project, said the executive director of the National Demolition Association. In response to this need, the Association is offering a free checklist that will take the client through to the completion of a successful demolition job.

“The NDA developed the Demolition Planning Document to give the buyers of our services the recommendations to help minimize any problems that might occur during the process,” said CAE Michael R. Taylor. “The better everyone understands the demolition process beforehand, the less likely there will be disputes and requests for change orders down the line.”

In addition to the Demolition Planning Document, the NDA is posting a Model Demolition Specification, which offers specific contract language buyers can consider including in their contracts to make sure they manage all parties' expectations concerning things such as permitting, insurance, health and safety reports, and waste disposal. Taylor explained that a successful project requires a great deal of pre-planning in order for both the demolition contractor and owner/operator of the site to coordinate all facets of the project. “Almost every project involves some detours and changes that inevitably occur,” he said. “But with a solid plan and direct course of action, the negative impact on project schedules, costs, and liabilities can be kept to an absolute minimum.”

Along with the Purdue Press textbook on the demolition process *Demolition: Practices, Technology and Management* (Richard Diven, Mark Shaurette), the National Demolition Association is leading the way by presenting in a systematic way for the first time the means and methods

that define what modern demolition contractors do. “Frankly, many of our clients really haven't understood the demolition process in the past,” Taylor said. “One of the main goals of the Association today is to expand the public knowledge base so that our customers, including those in the construction, engineering, architectural, and real estate markets, have the tools they need to do their jobs better.”

The Demolition Planning Document, now posted on the National Demolition Association website www.demolitionassociation.com, has a checklist of stages or activities that must be completed in every job, which may include:

- Proposed use of site
- Utility disconnect responsibility
- Reuse of materials from project
- Extent of underground demolition
- Responsibility of temporary facilities
- Expected site condition after demolition

In addition to the Demolition Planning Document posted on the website, the Model Demolition Specification includes sample submittals, general conditions, and pre-execution, execution, and restoration and closeout language for consideration, as well as a sample insurance requirement document posted for viewing.

“The National Demolition Association is intent on taking a giant step forward in helping our clients purchase our members' services in a knowledgeable way, while eliminating many of the problems that often arise on a construction or demolition site,” said Taylor. “These documents are one way we're making this happen.”

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