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TACA Members Gather for Environmental & Safety Seminar
Staying Competitive Today May Involve Carbon and Sustainability Data Share

AUSTIN, Texas [Nov. 2, 2022] — The Texas Aggregates & Concrete Association (TACA) – the leading state trade association for the aggregate, concrete, cement and associated industries – welcomed 112 attendees to its Environmental & Safety Seminar on Oct. 27-28 at the Marriott Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas.

Industry professionals delivered topical presentations on managing environmental and safety regulations and other issues facing TACA members today. One conference session, “Responsible Sourcing: Pathway to Sustainable Manufacturing,” explored how the world will double its building stock by 2060, demanding responsible sourcing, carbon neutrality and a circular economy to fulfill societal needs.

“Today, to stay competitive with other building materials, the cement and concrete industries must continue to embrace the language of measuring and demonstrating carbon neutrality,” said Lionel Lemay, P.E., S.E., LEED AP, Executive Vice President/Division Head, Structures and Sustainability, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA).

Lemay outlined various local, state and federal “buy clean” initiatives – including General Services Administration (GSA) standards that became effective in March 2022 – that consider social and environmental considerations when choosing suppliers.

“The technology has caught up and we are able to collect more easily the environmental information that customers are now demanding,” he said. “Using these certifications, measurements and data enables you to better compete as you demonstrate that you are environmentally responsible for the materials you are providing.”

TACA President and CEO Josh Leftwich agrees. “Today, responsible sourcing, circularity and carbon analysis are tools the aggregate, concrete and cement industries are embracing – not only to adhere to regulations, but also to earn certifications that put them ahead of the competition when providing the building materials the state demands to satisfy its tremendous growth.”

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The Texas Aggregates & Concrete Association (TACA) is the main resource for the aggregate, concrete, cement and other associated industries in Texas. The association represents its member companies by providing industry information to the public, media, policymakers and regulators; advocating for industry issues; ensuring member companies commit to conducting business with integrity, respect, transparency and honest communication; and creating industry training courses and materials that help members effectively manage their businesses.