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Sutton Receives 2009 PCI Medal of Honor

Longtime member recognized for efforts in education and research

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — PCI gave C. Douglas Sutton, PhD, professor emeritus at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., the 2009 Medal of Honor at PCI's Awards Breakfast on September 13, 2009, during the PCI Convention & Exhibition and National Bridge Conference in San Antonio, Tex.

Prior to assuming his position at Purdue, Sutton worked in Providence, R.I., for the engineering consulting engineering firm Charles A. Maguire & Associates, designing some of the earliest interstate highway bridges and other structures. In 1961, he joined the Purdue University civil engineering faculty, on which he served continuously until his retirement in May 2007. Sutton has taught at least 10 different courses at all levels in structural analysis, structural design (especially structural concrete), mechanics, and experimental mechanics. He has been formally recognized many times for his teaching, advising, and service with departmental, college, university, regional, and national awards.

He has been especially active as a Professional Member of PCI. In recognition of his contributions, he was granted the honorary title of Fellow in 1997; received the PCI Distinguished Educator Award in 1997; and was named one of fifty Titans of the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Industry in 2004. His work has included active service on PCI's Board of Directors, Research and Development Committee, Technical Activities Committee, and several other committees. He served four years, from 1999 to 2002, as chair of the Technical Activities Committee and on the Board of Directors. He is the current chair of the PCI Research and Development Committee. Sutton is also a member and current Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the PCI Foundation.
The Medal of Honor, PCI's highest award, recognizes a member's outstanding service to the institute or contributions to the industry over a long period of time.

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PCI publishes a broad array of periodicals, technical manuals, reports, and other informational documents, including an award-winning technical journal. It also conducts educational seminars, technical conferences, conventions, exhibitions, and awards programs.

Institute members include firms comprising the precast concrete structures industry as well as architects, consultants, contractors, developers, educators, engineers, materials suppliers, service providers, and students.

PCI has 11 regional affiliates across the United States, and maintains relationships with other organizations, both national and worldwide, having interest in precast concrete.