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CSI Mission Statement

The Construction Specifications Institute advances the process of creating and sustaining the built environment for the benefit of the construction community by using the diversity of its members to exchange knowledge.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 April 10 – [SPECtaCLE!](#)
See article in newsletter.

2025 May 8– [Terracon Plant Tour and AIA HSW credit.](#)

2025 May 29 – 31 -[Great Lakes Region Conference.](#) See Newsletter Flyer.

2025 June 11 – CSI at The Guardians baseball game -details soon

2025 July 17 – Tiki Barge awards and installation of officers

2025 August – AIA Sandcastle contest- Details to follow.

2025 September 11 – [Avery Dennison Plant Tour and AIA Course.](#) See Newsletter Flyer.

FREE CSI MEMBERSHIP

Contact Theresa DeVries
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**2025 CSI National
Conference**
October 15-17, 2025
Cleveland, Ohio

Presidents Message

Education, Engagement, Entertainment

These are **3 themes** that the Cleveland Chapter of CSI is striving for. As you can see by the nearby list of programs coming up, Education is prominent and there are many opportunities for AIA HSW learning units in the next few months starting with SPECtaCLE on April 10, 2025 and the Terracon tour on May 8, 2025. While we currently do not have active CDT training in place, we can facilitate engagement with another CSI Chapter (i.e. Chicago) to provide a virtual course.

We are striving to have in person programs almost every month to create Engagement between chapter members. Whether educational or social, these are great events to get together and network with others in our Cleveland construction community.

Our plans for the summer include several Entertainment opportunities including a Guardians game on June 11, an awards and installation of officers on a Tiki barge on July 17, and the AIA Sandcastle event in August. These events will have limited capacity so sign up early. As an incentive to participate in SPECtaCLE, Design Professionals that attend will have the first opportunity to sign up for the Tiki Barge which is limited to 20 people!

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find links to sign up for the various upcoming events. Please let me know if you have any questions about them or would like to increase your engagement in the Chapter by becoming a member of the Board.

Sincerely,



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DESIGN PROFESSIONALS - The Cleveland Chapter of CSI would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming event, SPEcTaCLE, on April 10, 2025. As a fellow member or follower of our chapter, we are prioritizing your participation in our event which is happening at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Cleveland Beachwood.

This event will be a “speed-dating” type event and you will have the opportunity to have one-on-one discussions with 10-12 product manufacturers from leading suppliers to the construction industry. In addition to the one-on-one sessions, we will be providing breakfast, lunch, and a happy hour for networking at the end of the day. In addition to a terrific event, one participating architect will receive a free one-year membership to CSI.

Lunch will include Keynote Speaker: **Tom Einhouse, VP of Facilities and Maintenance (retired), Playhouse Square**. More about Tom can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this [issue of Crain's Cleveland Business](#).

He will be presenting “**Playhouse Square History and Restoration and its Impact on the Community**”. Participants will receive **1.0** hours of AIA HSW CEUs.

Here is current the list of manufacturers that will be participating this year:

- Ametco Manufacturing Corporation (*Architectural fence and gate systems, railings, sunshades, grilles, screens, louvers, and perforated metal*)
- Envirospec Inc. (*Rooftop paving stone pedestal systems*)
- Oldcastle BuildingEnvelope (*Architectural glass and windows, curtain wall, entrances, skylights, storefronts, structural glass wall, window wall, sun controls*)
- Raynor (*Garage door systems*)
- Avery Dennison (*Materials science and digital identification solutions*)
- York Flashings (*Through wall flashings*)
- Polyglass (*Roofing & waterproofing solutions*)

- Imetco (*Rainscreen, roof and wall systems*)
- GAF Commercial Roofing (*Building and roofing products*)
- Advanced Architectural Products (*Insulation, building enclosure, window systems*)
- C.R. Laurence (*Door hardware, shower system hinges, railing systems*)
- Anchor Products (*HVAC Tie Down kits, Duct Securement, Roof and Wall Mounted Electrical boxes and more*)
- Kuraray America (*Interlayers for laminated glass*)
- Nystrom (*Expansion joints, thermally broken smoke vents*)
- Noble Company (*Exterior Deck Sloped Panels*)
- SRP Outshield (*Air barrier membranes, window flashing*)
- The Garland Company (*High performance modified bitumen roofing systems*)

Please let us know if you would like to reserve a space for the event by registering [HERE](#) so we can provide background information to the manufacturers' representatives. If you have colleagues that may be interested, please forward this information to them. Please complete your registration by February 28, 2025. If you have additional questions, please contact [Brian James](#) or [Mark Jacobson](#).

Thank you in advance for your past support of the Cleveland Chapter of CSI and we look forward to seeing you in April.

Sincerely,

Brian James, CSI
SPECTaCLE Chairman

Mark Jacobson, CSI
President, Cleveland Chapter

Brad Saeger, CSI
President-Elect, Cleveland Chapter



BE A PART OF THE CSI BOARD

We are seeking exceptional leadership to join the Board of Directors and that is YOU!

Who is CSI?

CSI is a national association of more than 8,000 professionals. CSI members are experts in building construction and the materials used therein and are dedicated to improving the communication of construction information.

Please contact [John Workley](#)

**ATTENTION MEMBERS:
ATTEND THE 2025 CSI NATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

Win a chance to attend the
2025 CSI National Conference in Cleveland
Sponsored by The CSI Cleveland Chapter.
Details to follow.

CSI Cleveland Community Website

Visit our Website (Under Construction)
Advertise in the Newsletter and or Website - Contact
Newsletter Director: [Scott Taylor](#)

2025 SCIP Conference

[Visit the Website](#)

June 8-10, 2025, Louisville, Kentucky

Every year, SCIP holds an annual meeting of the members.
This meeting has looked different throughout the years and has now evolved to a three-day conference with trade show, education, and networking of colleagues and sponsors.

Become a CSI Member TODAY

The Cleveland CSI Chapter with the **CSI's Great Lakes Region Chapter Challenge** is open to new members. Invite your co-workers and other professionals you collaborate with, in the Commercial design & construction industry, to join our organization.

What is the Chapter Challenge:

It is an opportunity for Design & Construction Professionals to experience CSI for one year to highlight the value of CSI, with the goal of continuing membership beyond the Chapter Challenge year.

Who is eligible for the Chapter Challenge:

Members of an Architect, Engineer, Interior Design or GC firm who may not be familiar with CSI or have not been a member of CSI for at least three years. *Manufacturer Representatives are not eligible for this program.*

What does the Chapter Challenge cost:

New member – **FREE for the Chapter Challenge year**. The only cost is participation. Attend (4) educational meetings and report the value of being a member to the principal or decision maker in your firm.

Complete the attached CSI Membership Application *Personal Information* section and email to Theresa DeVries at tdevries@dsshowley.com.

That's it! We will take it from there.

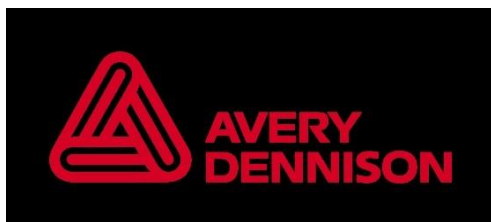
CHAPTER CHALLENGE

[Request Application Link](#)

JOIN CSI FOR FREE (ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP)



Welcome Sponsors of SPECtaCLE 2025



May 8, 2025 Cleveland CSI Event – Grounding Your Designs



Join us May 8, 2025 for:

Grounding Your Designs

A Terracon Plant Tour

Learn how geotechnical engineering impacts your architectural vision.

- Gain insights into soil behavior and its impact on building design.
- Explore concrete and foundation design testing procedures and best practices.
- Get a firsthand look at our state-of-the-art geotechnical lab.

Time: 5 - 7 P.M.
Location: 12460 Plaza Dr.
Parma, OH 44130

www.terracon.com RSVP - David Kent
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Terrecon Plant Tour and AIA Course

Thursday, May 8, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST

124600 Plaza Drive, Parma, OH 44130

About this event

This AIA HSW-approved learning unit provides architects and design professionals with an in-depth understanding of geotechnical engineering principles and their critical role in construction and site development. Through a guided tour of a geotechnical engineering plant, participants will observe soil and material testing processes, foundation design considerations, and sustainable site development practices. This experience will enhance their ability to collaborate effectively with geotechnical engineers, ensuring safer and more efficient project execution.

[Register Here](#)

SAVE THE DATE - EVENT BY CSI - CLEVELAND CHAPTER



Avery Dennison Plant Tour and AIA Course

Thursday, September 11, 2025

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST

670 Hardy Rd., Painesville, OH 44077

About this event

The unique character of today's brands come to life with Avery Dennison high-performance, pressure-sensitive cut vinyl graphic films. Engineered for use with digital, screen print and sign cut applications—such as vehicle, building **graphics**, marine and fleet graphics, architecture and **advertising**—our comprehensive line of **products** are designed to meet every application need.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn the differences between cast vinyl and calendered films
2. Understand how adhesives and liner are applied to graphic films
3. Finishing process of vinyl for final product manufacture
4. Understand how graphics products are tested before they leave the factory (QA)
5. Learn how graphic films can improve energy efficiency, bird-friendliness, and security in buildings.

Note - In terms of PPE it would be ideal to have participants bring hard hats or bump caps, hard-toed footwear, safety glasses, and high visibility clothing. They should be prepared to remove jewelry, tie up long hair and beards, and dress appropriately for a manufacturing plant. Personal electronic devices are also not allowed on the floor. If any of the tour participants do not have any of the following, we have covers for shoes, high vis vests, hard hats, and safety glasses available that we can provide them.



May 29, 2025 | 8:00 AM to 11:59 PM
Embassy Suites Grand Rapids Downtown
710 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503

Call 616-512-5700 (800-774-1500) and mention CSI Great Lakes Conference to
confirm the special rate of \$259 per night plus tax (breakfast included).

The special rate ends 4/29/2025, so don't wait.

Self-Parking: \$15/night

2025 CSI GR CHAPTER PRODUCT SHOW + GREAT LAKES REGION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Navigating the Rapids of CSI Leadership

The CSI Grand Rapids Chapter is excited to bring back our product expo and host the CSI GLR Leadership Conference in the Spring of 2025. These will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the Embassy Suites Downtown, conveniently located off of US-131 and I-196.

Our product expo will be held on Thursday May 29th and will include a full day of vendor tabletops and CEU sessions concluding with the **CSI GR Chapter Meeting** for all expo and conference attendees.

The **2025 CSI Great Lakes Region Leadership Conference** will be held on Friday May 30th & Saturday May 31st. Join us and CSI members from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky for an opportunity for networking, education, vendor tabletops, and leadership development.

Combination package for both events will be available for all attendees.

Conference Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday, May 29, 2025 - GR Chapter Product Show

- 7:30 - 8:30 am - Breakfast (hotel guests only)
- 8:00 - 9:00 am - Exhibitor setup
- 9:00 - 10:00 am - Registration and Tabletops open
- 10:00 - 11:00 am - CEU session
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Tabletops
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm - Lunch & Keynote Speaker
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Tabletops
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm - CEU session
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Tabletops
- 4:00 - 6:00 pm - Happy Hour: Networking event with GR Chapter & Great Lake Region Conference
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Grand Rapids Chapter meeting: Dinner & Speaker

Friday, May 30, 2025 - GLR Leadership Conference

- 7:30 - 8:30 am - Breakfast (hotel guests only)
- 9:00 - 10:00 am - Leadership session
- 10:00 - 11:00 am - Tabletops
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Leadership session
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch & Tabletops
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm - Leadership session
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm - Tabletops
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Leadership session
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm - Happy hour & Tabletops
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm - Awards banquet & program

Saturday, May 31, 2024 - GLR Leadership Conference

- 7:30 - 9:00 am - Breakfast (hotel guests only)
- 9:00 - 10:30 am - Annual Meeting
- 10:30 am - Checkout

Registration

- Product Show and Chapter Meeting - \$50.00
- Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference - \$150
 - Early Bird Special through March 15, 2025 - \$125
- Product Show, Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference - \$200
 - Early Bird Special through March 15, 2025 - \$150

Tickets

\$150.00 Product Show, Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference before March 15

\$200 Product Show, Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference

\$50 Thursday Only - Product Show and Chapter Meeting

\$125.00 Chapter Meeting and Leadership Conference before March 15

\$150 Chapter Meeting and Leadership Conference

\$1800 SOLD OUT - Gold Level Conference Sponsor

\$1200 SOLD OUT - Silver Level Conference Sponsor

\$750 SOLD OUT - Bronze Level Conference Sponsor