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GLR Region Conference 2026

Dear Great Lakes Region Members,

Hope all is well!

The information regarding the Region Conference is now available!

Invest in Leadership at the Regional Conference.

Strong chapters are built by engaged leaders, and leadership begins with showing up. The upcoming **Great Lakes Region Conference** is an important opportunity for our members to strengthen their leadership skills, expand professional connections, and help shape the direction of our Region and local chapters for the year ahead.

Leadership development is not limited to titles—it's about learning how to listen, collaborate, and guide others toward shared goals. For architects, spec writers, and product representatives and others alike, participation at the regional level provides valuable perspective on industry trends, best practices, and the evolving needs of our professional community. These experiences directly translate into stronger local chapters, more effective programs, and better service to our members.

Attending the conference also ensures that your chapter has a voice in regional discussions and is prepared to lead confidently into the upcoming year. The knowledge, insight, and connections gained can be brought back and shared—multiplying the value well beyond the event itself.

If you are unable to attend, we strongly encourage you to make it a **Chapter goal to send a representative**. Ensuring full chapter participation at the regional level helps maintain continuity, collaboration, and momentum across the Great Lakes Region. Every chapter benefits when someone is present to learn, contribute, and bring those insights home.

We hope you will join us—or support your chapter by sending a delegate—to continue building strong leadership and an engaged, forward-looking Region.

Conference information is part of this newsletter.

Warm wishes as always,

The Great Lakes Region Board of Directors



2026 CSI
GREAT LAKES REGION
CONFERENCE

DISTILLING
EXCELLENCE

MAY 7 & 8, 2026
LOUISVILLE, KY
TEMPO HILTON
LOUISVILLE

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AGENDA

Wednesday, May 6 (Evening):
Informal Meet & Greet in the Hotel Lobby

Thursday, May 7 - Day 1
Exhibitor Tables & Educational
Conference

Breakfast Buffet
Exhibitors & CEU Sessions All Day
Lunch Buffet
Happy Hour & Networking
Dinner & Keynote Speaker

Friday, May 8 - Day 2
Chapter Leadership Conference

Breakfast Buffet
Leadership Sessions (through 3pm)
Lunch Buffet
Awards Banquet and Annual Board Meeting
(5:30pm)

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LOUISVILLE, KY

Gold Sponsor (\$1,800)

- Includes an exhibitor table, electricity, signage,
- Logo recognition in promotional materials
- Logo recognition in conference materials
- Sign in conference room and recognition as a gold sponsor on the sponsor banner
- Verbal acknowledgement during opening & closing ceremonies
- Opportunity to provide swag item
- Opportunity to introduce a speaker
- 4 complimentary conference registrations, including reception invitation and meals

Silver Sponsor (\$1,200)

- Includes an exhibitor table, electricity, signage
- Logo recognition in promotional materials
- Logo recognition in conference materials
- Sign in conference room and recognition as a silver sponsor on the sponsor banner
- Opportunity to provide swag item
- 2 complimentary conference registrations, including , reception invitation and meals
- Recognition at Friday morning breakfast

Exhibitor (\$1000)

- Includes an exhibition table, electricity, signage, reception invitation and meals

Bronze Sponsor (\$750)

- Recognition in conference materials
- Recognition on sign at all networking breaks
- 1 complimentary conference registration, reception invitation and meals

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CHAPTERS

North Coast

CSI Next

Evansville

Grand Rapids

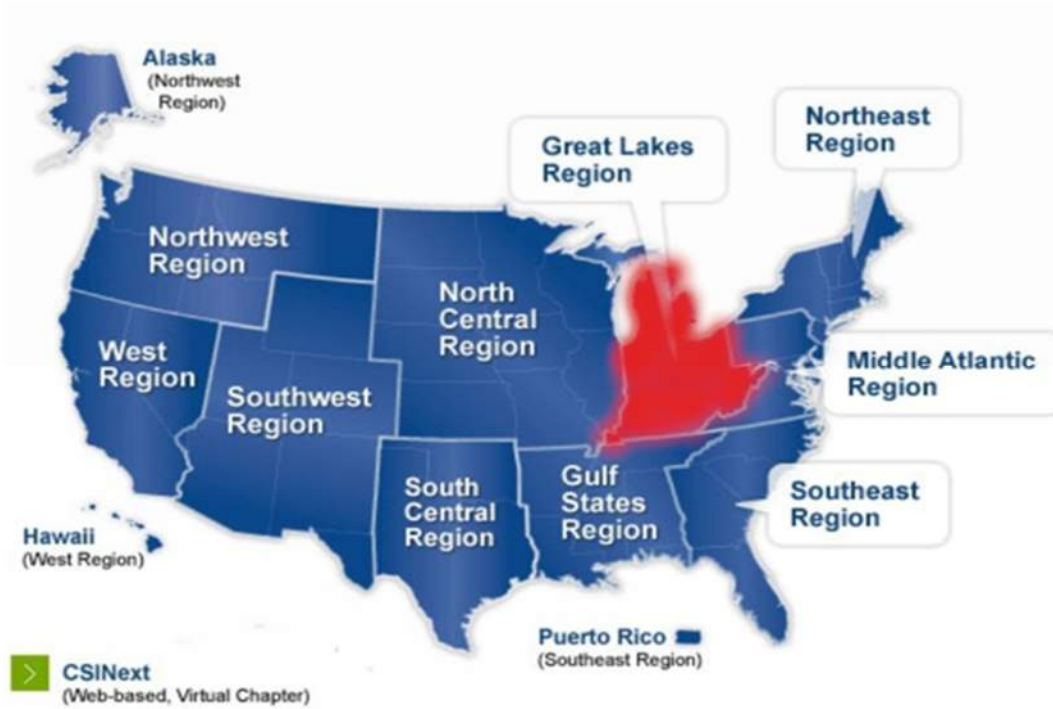
Indianapolis

Lansing

Louisville

Metro Detroit

Ohio Valley



Our Mission

To advance building information management and education of project teams to improve facility performance.

[Home - Great Lakes Region \(csiresources.org\)](http://csiresources.org)

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Here are **some of the things your Region and Region Officers do** as part of the Construction Specifications Institution Structure:

Leadership Training If you've ever thought about applying for a Chapter Leadership position, it's as simple as looking <https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/training/leader-training> to see what kind of things are expected.

Programs Bureau- Programs Chairs have a place to go to fill up a hole or two in the annual calendar. If you see a monthly program that stands out, please pass those thoughts on to Scott Taylor, who oversees the submissions.

Visit the Speakers Bureau

<https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/training/new-item>

Awards- The format and organization of our Awards program is very robust and well thought out. It has been seen by other regions and used as a template for the creation of their awards programs. Please review it:

https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/CSIRESOURCES/aee06327-4be3-4390-b3d6-90a05eef99a0/UploadedImages/GLR/GLR-Honors_AwardsGuide2016-5-05.pdf

to see how to reward active leaders in your chapter.

Contact Gregg Jones. gjones@abonmarche.com

Chapter Challenge- Introduced in 2018. It is a way to introduce your friends and colleagues to CSI. Share with them the career benefits.

Member Relief Program- Introduced December 2020, still in effect. Details and information <https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/mrl>

We ENCOURAGE YOU to GET INVOLVED with the Region FOR 2026!

Please Join Us - We need YOU!

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- **Is it time to renew YOUR MEMBERSHIP, let's get it done today!**
- the Great Lakes Region has a **Membership Assistance Program** for those who may be experiencing financial difficulties
- **Members** currently over **556** and counting Members in our Region
- **Chapter events:** Go to Chapter websites
- **Share:** Send to staylo2021@outlook.com
 - your CSI Chapter event photos for Newsletter
 - your CSI Master Specifiers Retreat (MSR) experience for the newsletter
 - your Certification Exam experience that you would like to share
 - your Spec-related photos with message for the Newsletter
- **Earn Learning Units.** Check out the CSI Learning Library for other courses offering Learning Units. There is a wealth of information and learning opportunities.
- There are many resources available to chapters and regions on the chapter and Region community at CSResources.org.
- Save the dates on National Calendar at <https://www.csiresources.org/institute/calendar>
- **GLR Conference dates: May 7 – 9, 2026, Louisville.**
 - Conference Hotel Venue: **Tempo by Hilton Louisville Downtown NuLu**
 - Defined Conference Theme: **Distilling Excellence**
- Save the date **SCIP** date May 17-19, 2026, St. Louis, MS
- Save the date **CSI National Conference** October 7-9, PHX, Az
- **Indianapolis Chapter:** Looking for additional committee volunteers.
- **Louisville Chapter:**
 - 3/26: 3-4pm, Women in Design Panel Discussion, Venue: Mashup Hall, 750 E. Jefferson St. Louisville, KY
 - 3/27: Inside Scoop Virtual Meeting
 - 4/14: Joint AIA/CSI annual meeting & Facility Tour: FASTSIGNS, Louisville, KY
- **Metro Detroit Chapter:**
 - 3/24: 12pm, MasterFormat Licensing Meeting Discussion
- **North Coast Chapter (Cleveland):**
 - March 26th Tour of Garland Company
 - May 28th for SPECTaCLE
 - During the week of June 15th, LBCC (Let's Build Construction Camp) sponsored by North Coast Chapter
- **Ohio Valley Chapter:**
 - Discussing potential Co-sponsored Ohio Valley & CSI Next event in April
 - April 30th, 3rd Annual Top Golf Outing in West Chester
- **Great Lakes Region Committee Structure and Chairs:**
 - **Membership:** Blair Reese
 - **Certification:** TBD
 - **Programs and Education:** Thad Goodman
 - **Leadership / Legacy Training:** Gregg Jones
 - **Region Conference:** Tony Butler
 - **Awards:** Gregg Jones
 - **Futurizing:** Kirk Paisley / Garrett Dickerson

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- A reminder that **Leadership Training** powerpoint information is available. We encourage all new Leaders to please review the information. Look for your role here:
<https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/training/leader-training>
- **CSI Member Product Reps** - please send us your Logos to get showcased in the GLR Newsletter. Contact staylo2021@outlook.com
- **Newsletter Content. Say something! You have a voice.** Sound off in the newsletter. Contact staylo2021@outlook.com
- **Chapter Presidents** – please forward the “in grace” Members to your Chapter Membership Chairs and ask them to personally reach out to the Members in your Chapter that are on the “in grace” list.

Any questions contact: breese@ghafari.com

ARE YOU READY TO GET YOUR CDT CERTIFICATION?

Test your knowledge - CDT Certification Sample Quiz Questions – March 2026

Keeping the **Jack P. Morgan, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CDT**, Quizmaster Tradition going.

Edited and updated by Edwin L Avink, FCSI, CCS, CDT

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1. If the contractor installs an item of work in accordance with the contract documents, knowing it is in violation of the building codes, without informing the A/E, who is responsible for the cost of correction?
 - a. The A/E
 - b. The Owner
 - c. The Contractor
 - d. None of the Above
 2. A Unit Price is:
 - a. A cost determined by the A/E
 - b. Amount determined by number of units multiplied by a unit cost in the Agreement
 - c. A cost listed on the Bid Form
 - d. A cost determined by the Contractor
 3. Marked up drawings that indicate changes incorporated into the work during construction are called:
 - a. As-built drawings
 - b. Record drawings
 - c. Shop drawings
 - d. Contractor-certified drawings
 4. Under Section Format, name the three parts:
 - a. General, Materials, Installation
 - b. Scope, Products, Execution
 - c. General, Products, Execution
 - d. Scope, Materials, Installation
 5. The Owner must sign which of the following:
 - a. Supplemental Instructions
 - b. Change Order
 - c. Addenda
 - d. Proposal Requests

CERTIFICATION QUIZ ANSWERS

Answers based on the CSI Project Delivery Practice Guide, 3rd Edition:

1.- c [PDPG, 1.14.5]; 2.- b [PDPG 4.2.3.1]; 3.- b [PDPG 8.12.5.2]; 4.- c [PDPG 1.11.1.14]; 5.- b [PDPG 8.9.6]

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Yearly Reporting Requirements

To ensure continuity in operations, including timely dues payments to chapters, and to acknowledge compliance with the affiliation agreement, every component is asked to complete two reports per year:

May 31 Report

Submit: Officer and leader roster for upcoming fiscal year

September 30 Report

Attest that:

- The component is in good standing to conduct business (current with state and current with IRS)
- Directors and officers' insurance is in place
- General liability insurance is in place
- Banking information is current

Identify:

Any enabling document that changed in previous fiscal year-

- Submit updated copies if have not already
- If bylaws were updated, must also confirm reviewed by independent legal counsel experienced with non-profit, tax-exempt organizations prior to adoption.

Submit:

- Financial documents from the previous year, including state of activities, balance sheet, and cash flow.
- Potential recruitment and customer lists

These reports will be available at least two months ahead of their due date and will be accessible through the Chapter and Region Leader Community.

In the case that a component is not able to meet one of these obligations, the component and CSI national will work together to create a plan to become compliant.

The CSI North Coast Chapter is proud to support LET'S BUILD CONSTRUCTION CAREERS 2026, A camp for girls age 12-17. CSI Board Member and Founder & Director of LBCC, Shelly Higgins, is organizing the program's 5th year at the Mahoning County Career & Technical Center.

Join us in supporting Shelly's "mission to defy stereotypes and introduce girls to all aspects of the construction trades, including the basics of architecture". Volunteers, sponsors and donations allow this weeklong camp to be free of charge to the girls who attend.

Help us lay the foundation and build careers for girls who participate in the LBCC camp.

For more information, to donate, volunteer or become a sponsor:

<https://www.letsbuild.camp/home>



2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

June 15-19, 2026

at

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center



WHY SUPPORT LET'S BUILD CONSTRUCTION CAREERS - *Camp for Girls*

Together we can inspire youth in our community to enter the Architecture, Engineering, Construction, and Building Product Manufacturing fields.

Let's Build Construction Careers is a program designed for middle school and high school age students to attend a free week-long camp to explore **architecture**, **engineering**, **construction trades** and **manufacturing** through hands-on experiences and field trips.

Why Girls? Women represent only 10% of the U.S. construction workforce. **We Can Do Better!**

CAMP OBJECTIVES

- Discover basic building design through hands-on experience in many industry trades with trade professionals.
- Create a construction company and build a structure from a set of blueprints.
- Explore industry careers, career paths, industry organizations and the power of networking.
- Understand the importance of teamwork, while developing self-confidence and leadership.
- Encourage a future career in the construction industry.



They work hard. Help them see what they are capable of.

All proceeds will help underwrite the operational costs and allow free access for students to attend. Your donation is **tax-deductible**. **LBCC, INC.** is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

If you have any questions about sponsorship or Let's Build Construction Careers, please contact us at info@letsbuild.camp.

Thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you.

2026 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

PREMIER SPONSOR

\$2,500+

- Company logo on promotional materials including, but not limited to print collateral, website, social media, and event signage.
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.
- Company mentioned in press releases for Let's Build Construction Careers - Camp for Girls.
- Opportunity to send volunteers, speak to camp attendees during camp week, and join us for End Camp Conversations & Celebrations.

EXECUTIVE SPONSOR

\$1,750+

- Company logo on promotional materials including, but not limited to print collateral, website, social media, and event signage.
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.

MENTOR SPONSOR

\$1,000+

- Company logo on promotional materials including, but not limited to website, social media.
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.

DREAM SPONSOR

\$500+

- Company logo on website.
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.

SUPPORTING SPONSOR

\$250+

- Company name listed on website.

IN-KIND DONATION SPONSOR

- Donations of building product supplies in the following areas are needed to successfully complete projects: Carpentry (Rough & Finish); Drywall; Electrical; HVAC; Masonry; Painting; Plumbing; Roofing; Technology; Miscellaneous (carpenter crayons, safety products, sharpies, siding, sundries, tools, windows, etc.)
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.
- Company logo or name on website and/or signage dependent upon donation value.



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by credit card

SUPPORTER

- Donations of any amount will be used towards camp needs.

We made the news four years in a row. Be part of the excitement this year!

Company: _____

Primary Contact: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Sponsor Level/Contribution Amount: \$ _____

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Please mail completed form and check to:

LBCC, INC. | PO Box 14418 | Poland, OH 44514 | (330) 536-9122 | www.letsbuild.camp

Checks are payable to: LBCC | In memo section: NE OH LBCCG

Sponsorship Deadline: 05/01/26

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**To Those CELEBRATING
YOUR CSI MEMBERSHIP Anniversary
This Month!**