

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MASONRY INSTITUTE



- ◆ Improving the quality of masonry wall systems throughout the Rocky Mountain Region through continuing education for masons; workforce development, technical assistance to builders, architects and engineers; and research.



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Who We Are

Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute

The Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute (RMMI) is a nonprofit trade association of more than 120 companies throughout Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. The organization includes brick and concrete masonry manufacturers, stone producers, masonry contractors, suppliers and associates.

Our mission is to increase the understanding and use of masonry in homes, schools, and commercial building projects throughout the Rocky Mountain Region. We also work to enhance everyone's awareness and appreciation of the beauty, durability, and environmental friendliness of brick, block and stone.

Rocky Mountain Masonry Foundation

The Rocky Mountain Masonry Foundation is our 501(c)3 non-profit arm. The Foundation raises funds to support RMMI's Workforce Development and Research Efforts. Through RMMF, we are able to write grants to fund research and raise funds for scholarships for masonry apprentices. RMMI and RMMF hold an annual golf tournament, clay shoot, and 5K race.



Workforce Development

The Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute sponsors Apprenticeship Training Programs in Adams, Denver and Jefferson County School Districts in Colorado as well as fully-accredited Associates Degree programs at Front Range Community College and Colorado Mountain College. Masonry Apprentices make a living wage at \$11 to \$15 per hour. Skilled Masons make more than Colorado's median wage. Additional Apprenticeship training programs are added each year. We are also constantly speaking to elementary, middle and high school students about career opportunities in the masonry industry as well as encouraging them to stay in school, graduate and continue their education whether through college or on-the-job training. We share the importance of respect, personal responsibility and developing a strong work ethic.

Continuing Education

Each month RMMI offers a variety of classes and seminars on masonry-related topics. The first Wednesday of each month there is a Lunch n Learn seminar geared toward Engineers. The second Wednesday of each month there is a Lunch n Learn seminar with topics geared toward Architects. The third Wednesday of the month is a masonry class geared toward contractors (scheduling varies). We also offer OSHA 10-hour programs and informational sessions on industry specific topics such as pending state legislation or changes in federal regulations.



Business Programs

The WorkSafe Program is a Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute program to encourage masonry contractors throughout the Rocky Mountain Region to meet or exceed OSHA standards and protect workers.

Members who participate in the Workers Compensation Group Insurance Plan are required to attend a minimum of one safety class per year. These regularly scheduled classes are focused on the needs of managers, administrators, CFOs and CEOs.

Research

The Rocky Mountain Masonry Foundation sponsors the creation of Virtual Testing Labs so Graduate Students in Structural Architecture and Engineering can get practical experience critical to the masonry field. At UW and the University of Colorado we also sponsor the undergraduate Masonry Engineering course. And at UW and CU we are sponsoring masonry lifecycle research.

Technical Advice for General Contractors, Architects and Engineers

Some technical information is available on the Web site, however your best resource is our technical staff. Technical Director Diane Travis is known world-wide as the "Goddess of Masonry." Companies from as far away as Bangalore, India call for Diane's expertise in masonry,



detailing, mortar mixes, historic preservation and more. She is available for plan reviews, job site visits, and phone consultations. Technical Assistant Shahnaz Jaffari is a wealth of information about Masonry and Green Building Practices. Shahnaz represents Colorado on a number of US Green Building Council task forces and committees. After your initial contact with either of our technical experts, you may request a password to access our technical database, where you can find an extensive directory of masonry-related technical questions and answers—sort of 24/7 access to the technical staff’s brains through a database of 10 years of technical questions from contractors and architects. Atkinson-Noland in Boulder also serve as technical consultants for RMMI, answering Engineering and masonry testing questions. For engineering help, contact Atkinson-Noland & Associates/Consulting Engineers at 303-444-3620 or info@ana-usa.com.

General contractors can find a variety of resources through our web site www.rmmi.org. First, and foremost, is a directory of our member companies, sorted by their specialty—whether it is a supplier, commercial contractor or residential contractor. Each company’s listing includes additional information on specialties, scope of work, examples of recent projects and contact information.

You can also take advantage of our free monthly Lunch n’ Learn seminars for architects and engineers, or select from our list of a dozen box lunch presentations to be given in your office.



Certified Contractors

What's the benefit of working with a Certified RMMI Contractor or Supplier? Masonry certification begins with a year-long continuing education program covering all aspects of masonry design, construction and business management. Masonry professionals who successfully complete the courses and pass a comprehensive examination may earn the coveted title of certified masonry contractor, professional or specialist. As a condition of certification, all certified RMMI members pledge to adhere to the highest standards of craftsmanship and business practices. They agree to abide by the manufacturing, workmanship and safety standards set forth by our industry's governing organizations -- the National Concrete Masonry Association, Masonry Contractors Association of America, Brick Industry Association, Building Stone Institute, American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM), and the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA). When you work with a certified RMMI member, you work with the most knowledgeable, experienced, and committed professionals in our industry.

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