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RMC Foundation Releases Revised Edition of the Popular LEED Guide

Silver Spring, MD – October 8, 2009: The RMC Research & Education Foundation is proud to announce the release of the Third Edition of its popular *Ready Mixed Concrete Industry LEED Reference Guide* (LEED Guide). This revised edition incorporates new LEED 2009 for New Construction and Major Renovations (LEED 2009 NC) information and provides guidance on how concrete may contribute to gaining LEED points for construction projects seeking certification in the United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building certification system. The LEED Guide was originally published in 2005.

"The USGBC continues to improve and update the LEED program so the Foundation has done the same with its LEED Guide," said RMC Research & Education Foundation Chairman Karl Watson, Jr., adding "Participation in the LEED certification program has exploded over the last few years and the Foundation's LEED Guide has no doubt helped to increase awareness of the LEED program, particularly in the concrete industry." Foundation Executive Director Julie Garbini also noted "Demand for the LEED Guide has been incredibly strong because it has helped producers to better understand how to enhance the sustainability of their product, and helped to educate specifiers and architects on how concrete can help projects gain additional LEED points. Our work with the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association in updating the LEED Guide is a stellar example of how such partnerships can benefit the construction industry and the communities we serve."

The LEED Guide is available for download from the Foundation's website at www.rmc-foundation.org. It is also available as part of the Foundation's free *Research Supporting Sustainable Development* CD. Hardcopies of the LEED Guide are available for purchase for a nominal fee from NRMCA at www.nrmca.org. The mission of the RMC Research & Education Foundation is to support research and educational programs that will increase professionalism and quality in the concrete industry.

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