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Guide to Specifying Concrete Performance Released by RMC Research & Education Foundation

Silver Spring, MD – April 28, 2008: The RMC Research & Education Foundation today announces the availability of the Model Performance Specification Phase II: Guide to Specifying Concrete Performance. This report is a follow up to Model Performance Specification Phase I: Preparation of a Performance-Based Specification for Cast-in-Place Concrete that was published in 2006. The Phase II report was unveiled last month at NRMCA's Annual Convention and the CONEXPO-CON/AGG Show in Las Vegas as part of a CD of all Foundation-sponsored P2P reports. The CD was well-received and over 300 copies were distributed at the two venues. The report was developed by Kenneth C. Hover, John Bickley, and R. Doug Hooton and reviewed by NRMCA's P2P Steering Committee. This guide specification was written specifically for the provisions of ACI 318-08, Building Code for Structural Concrete and is intended to address properties or requirements for ready mixed concrete based on performance. It covers requirements for concrete that are not addressed in ACI 318.

"This new report provides yet another tool for ready mixed concrete producers to use in demonstrating the benefits of performance specifications over prescriptive specifications. Several studies funded by the Foundation and reviewed by the P2P Steering Committee have repeatedly demonstrated numerous benefits and this new guide specification, in addressing specific ACI requirements, will go a long way toward ensuring their acceptance by the building community," said Foundation Chairman George Gregory. Added Foundation Executive Director Julie Garbini "Our partners at the NRMCA and those on the P2P Steering Committee will be able to use this new guide specification to advocate for widespread adoption of the use of performance specifications, which will particularly benefit the community in ensuring projects are of high quality while remaining economical to build."

The guide specification may be downloaded from the Foundation's website at www.rmc-foundation.org. Hardcopies are also available upon request. 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. Additional information about the Foundation may be found at the website. Additional information about the P2P Initiative may be found at www.nrmca.org/P2P.