QUALITY OF PT SYSTEMS
A PTI STRATEGIC PRIORITY

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

• May 3-4 : Certification Workshops
• May 4-6 : Committee Meetings
• May 5-6 : Technical Sessions
• May 5  : PTI Awards
• May 7  : Board of Directors meeting
PTI MISSION STATEMENT

Established in 1976, the Post-Tensioning Institute is recognized as the world-wide authority on post-tensioning.

PTI is dedicated to expanding post-tensioning applications through marketing, education, research, teamwork, and code development while advancing the quality, safety, efficiency, profitability, and use of post-tensioning systems.
DEFINITION OF QUALITY

how good or bad something is
“Merriam-Webster”

Simply put, a quality item (an item that has quality) has the ability to perform satisfactorily in service and is suitable for its intended purpose
“Wikipedia”
\( Q_{pts} \): QUALITY OF PT STRUCTURE

\( Q_{pr} \): QUALITY OF PRODUCTS USED

\( Q_{c} \): QUALITY OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

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Q_{pts} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Q_{pr} + Q_{c})
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MAXIMIZE \( Q_{pts} \) by Maximizing \( Q_{pr} \) and \( Q_{c} \)
STATISTICS

Based on tonnage reported by members only
- About 5000 buildings in the US in the last decade.
- About 500 bridges buildings in the US in the last decade.
- And a lot of residential building foundations
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UNBONDED SYSTEMS
- Extrusion & Fabrication
- Strand and Hardware
- Installation, Stressing & Capping

GROUTED SYSTEMS
- PT systems & hardware
- Strand & Ducts
- Installation, Stressing & Grouting

MISC
- Barrier Cable Systems
- Repair & Rehabilitation
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GROUTED SYSTEMS

PT SYSTEM
- Protection Levels
- Performance Requirement
- Quality Assurance & Quality Control

INSTALLATION STRESSING & GROUTING
- Anchors, Duct & Strand Installation
- Stressing Operation
- GROUTING Operation

Covered by the new PTI/ASBI M50.3-12 Specs

Covered by M50.3-12 & PTI Field Personnel Certification
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WHAT IS THE PTI DOING TO ENSURE THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF POST TENSIONING SYSTEMS?
QUALITY OF POST TENSIONING SYSTEMS IS A STRATEGIC PRIORITY FOR THE PTI
1. Stronger ANSI accredited plant certification program

2. Require Encapsulation for all structures governed by ACI 318

   Tendons used in all applications governed by ACI 318 shall be encapsulated in conformance with the requirements of 2.2.6.

   The intent of this requirement is to maximize the durability of post-tensioning tendons used in all applications governed by ACI 318, regardless of environmental classification. Encapsulated tendons provide additional protection of the prestressing steel regardless of location of the structure or exposure to moisture intrusion from any source.

3. Increase the frequency and locations of field personnel certification.
4. Created a new Guide for Grouted PT in association with ASBI

5. Updated Specification for grouting of PT structures to deal with the latest findings regarding packaged grouts

6. Created a research fund that can be used to fund studies aimed at increasing the quality of PT structures

7. And much more
NEXT STEPS

1. Ask committees to identify areas for improvement in all fields and processes

2. Put together an action plan to address those areas

3. Create an award program to reward high quality

4. Strengthen relationship with allied industry groups and agencies
CONCLUSION

1. QUALITY IS NOT A DEFINITION OR AN EQUATION. QUALITY IS A CULTURE.

2. GOOD QUALITY DOES NOT COST MORE MONEY. IT ACTUALLY COSTS LESS.

3. QUALITY IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ONE ENTITY. IT SHOULD BE A TEAM FOCUS.

4. PTI MEMBERS AT ALL LEVELS RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF QUALITY AND ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING ....
QUALITY OF PT STRUCTURES

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