Our World is Developing Fast & We Are All Part of It
by EFCO Chairman and CEO - Al Jennings

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GREAT TIMES FOR EFCO WITH LABOR-SAVING TECHNOLOGY
As the world grows and develops, so goes concrete construction with innovation and inventions to improve concrete with new additives and better structural designs that use stronger reinforcing steel. In addition, one area of growing importance to the customers’ buying concrete products is the appearance of the finished product. This, of course, is highly dependent on the formwork chosen where a precision single-line form joint provides a much cleaner finish than a three-line embedded form joint.

Now, let’s think about the contractors’ required labor costs and potential savings to deliver a quality concrete product on time and ahead of schedule with some degree of certainty. With most projects requiring concrete forming and shoring equipment, when you must consider the total labor cost, which can be up to 80% of the cost, the forming equipment selection becomes a very important decision.

EFCO OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES & SOLUTIONS
EFCO is an engineering company with 85 years of experience. We are a “team of highly qualified professional territory managers and engineers” dedicated to providing the best value and lowest in-place concrete costs for all our projects.

EFCO’s concrete structures can use chemicals and additives, including plasticizers for strength, durability, compaction, and a very important concrete architectural finish.

EFCO LITE® and SUPER STUD® combination easily meets dimensional changes in foundation forming.

EFCO POWER SHIELD® being used on the perimeter of the Bank Rakyat Malaysia.

EFCO formwork building the World Trade Center Freedom Tower.

Finished concrete on the East Coast Regional Rail Trail (ECRRT), a 50-mile (80.5 km) multi-use paved trail in Volusia County, Florida.

900 South Clark highrise under construction in Chicago, Illinois.

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One of EFCO’s latest product developments is the POWER TOWER® PT-100. It is a self-climbing system for highrise construction, all with one push of a button and a pull switch.

EFCO’s expanding and contracting hydraulic corner.

The SUPER PLATE GIRDER® is another one of EFCO’s latest product developments. It has over twice the spanning capacity of classic PLATE GIRDER to form larger, longer, and heavier spans without shoring to the ground which normally requires a substantial temporary foundation to support shoring.

The EFCO new Single-Sided Wall Truss system is a modular, stackable, and flexible system that can be used to pour walls up to 40’ (12 m) tall in a one-sided application.
Engineers at EFCO design column and beam forming to meet the specific requirement of your project.

EFCO’s E-Z DECK system is designed to dramatically reduce labor costs and shorten cycling times.

The EFCO GUIDED RAIL SYSTEM® (GRS) will climb the wall on a pair of high-strength, steel rails which supports the all-in-one form panel and working platform.

The SUPER STUD’s® compressive strength is ideal for the high diagonal bracing loads encountered in one-sided forming, such as in the construction of this building for Mayo Clinic.

One of 30 piers constructed for a bridge spanning over Florida’s Intercoastal Waterway system.

The REDI-RADIUS system was used to construct two 80’ (24.4 m) in diameter by 30’ (9.1 m) tall digester tanks in Rosendale, Wisconsin.

The EFCO LITE® column form can form columns in 2” increments. Only three EFCO Quick Bolts are required per 8’ of corner.

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HANDS-ON TRAINING AT EFCO’S INSTITUTE INCREASES JOBSITE PRODUCTIVITY

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EFCO’S CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION & FORMING INSTITUTE

We are celebrating the availability and use of our training center institute for our prospective customers, existing customers, and EFCO employees. With over 895 contractor company visitors from all over the world, this has been and continues to be a real value for customers to join with our EFCO engineers to evaluate opportunities and products to use and benefit from EFCO’s experienced territory managers and engineering knowledge.

The EFCO training center is located in Des Moines, Iowa, where we would be delighted to have you visit. As we tell construction company managers when they evaluate a trip to our institute, “Here in central Iowa and at the institute, we have no mountains to climb or oceans to swim; it’s just work, work, work!” So your trip will be worth the effort. As I work today to write this FORM MARKS editorial, it is snow, snow, snow! Oh well, don’t let that deter you, come anyway, it is gorgeous, a place with people who have a good work ethic and at EFCO, many work with a passion to be the best in the business.

To make arrangements for a visit, contact your local EFCO territory manager, the sales representative in your area. This FORM MARKS magazine we print three times each year is always available for reference. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
A. L. Jennings
Chairman and CEO

Meet face to face with EFCO Territory Managers, and engineering experts to discuss project plans.

Receive hands-on training on the assembly, cycling and safety of EFCO equipment.