The ICRI Guide Specifications Committee came about in early 2006 as a result of a workshop spurring from “Vision 2020, A Vision for the Concrete Repair Protection and Strengthening Industry.” Chair David Rodler has inspired a team of dedicated volunteers to put together a library of independent “à-la-carte” guide specifications and commentaries. These helpful up-to-date tools can assist the specification writer when putting together a comprehensive document for successful repair jobs. ICRI’s Guide Specifications will simply serve as a template to lay out standard procedures and list the various options available when appropriate, using the ICRI Technical Guidelines as reference documents. They will also direct the specification writer to the appropriate ICRI Technical Guideline when technical decisions are required.

Each specification is written in an MSWord® format and modeled after the MasterFormat 2004 numbering system with a format compatible with CSI MasterSpec. A second parallel document will be made available as a commentary to provide the performance criteria and educational data needed to guide the specification writer in making the decisions prompted for in the technical specification sections.

The work of the committee to date has resulted in putting together six sections, which are almost ready to submit to TAC for final review. They are:

1. Top surface partial-depth and full-depth repair;
2. Balcony slab repair;
3. Column repair;
4. Beam repair;
5. Slab soffit repair; and
6. Repairs using overlays.

Considering Division 3 of Master Format 2004, there are at least 26 individual topics for possible guide specification, so this committee will not be short of work any time soon!

Participation on ICRI technical committees and subcommittees increases your knowledge in almost every area of repair and enables you to stay on the leading edge of best industry practices.

Committee membership is open to all. If you are interested in joining this, or any other ICRI committee, go to the ICRI Web site, www.icri.org, and submit an ICRI Committee Application form today.