



# 2020 International Convention and Trade Show

March 26-31, 2020 Houston, Texas  
Marriott Marquis Houston & George R. Brown Convention Center

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### Put Your Skills, Knowledge, and Talents to Work for Your Profession

The 2020 Annual Convention & Trade Show will be the premier event for roofing, waterproofing, and exterior wall consultants and related professionals. We invite you to contribute to that experience by submitting an abstract for presentation in such areas as materials performance, forensic investigation, research, business management, case studies or environmental effects. If you are interested in presenting a paper detailing your original research or innovative technology, an exploration of professional concepts or issues, or an instructive session on issues affecting the construction industry, contact RCI as outlined below.

If your abstract is chosen, you will be asked to write a paper for presentation at the convention and publication in the *Proceedings*. You will receive continuing educational hours, recognition in RCI *Interface*, and international acknowledgment of your knowledge and expertise. Six RCI CEHs will be granted for an accepted paper. Additionally, presenters will earn triple credit for the length of the program (1 presentation hour yields 3 CEHs).

The Annual Convention will be of interest to roofing, waterproofing, exterior wall consultants, architects, engineers, facility managers, developers, property owners/managers, construction managers, code officials, policy makers, manufacturers, and general contractors.

### SUGGESTED TOPICS

#### **RESEARCH TESTING:**

- ♦ Materials research
- ♦ Procedures research
- ♦ Techniques research
- ♦ Leak Detection
- ♦ Drone Technology
- ♦ Infrared Technology

Information supported by data collected and analyzed in a rigorous, impartial, and nonproprietary fashion. Concentration on futuristic technology trends, if possible

#### **FORENSIC INVESTIGATION:**

- ♦ Roofing
- ♦ Waterproofing
- ♦ Walls and fenestrations

#### **MATERIALS PERFORMANCE:**

- ♦ Techniques and procedures
- ♦ Issues of importance to professionals
- ♦ Code implications

Issues and project implementation concepts of value to the industry

#### **BUSINESS:**

- ♦ Contractual issues
- ♦ Human resources
- ♦ Economic issues
- ♦ Computer systems and use
- ♦ Consultants and social media
- ♦ Governmental regulations

Information of use to consultants in the course of their business (particularly new technology)

#### **CASE STUDIES:**

- ♦ Roofing
- ♦ Building envelope
- ♦ Waterproofing
- ♦ Preservation

Discuss unique and special project goals, solutions and construction processes

#### **ENVIRONMENT:**

- ♦ LEED implications and applications
- ♦ Cool and garden roofs
- ♦ Mold
- ♦ Sustainability
- ♦ Energy

Issues of liability and those that affect roof, waterproofing, and exterior wall systems

### AUTHOR INSTRUCTIONS

Contact RCI for a copy of the *Abstract Submittal Form* and *RCI Guidelines for Presentations*, with complete directions on formatting for abstracts and papers. Abstracts (200 words) are due by **May 17, 2019** for peer review. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by **June 7, 2019**. If accepted, papers are due by **August 30, 2019**.

Papers and abstracts accepted for presentation may subsequently be published in RCI publications. RCI reserves the right of first publication of all submitted materials accepted for presentation at any event sponsored by RCI and retains the copyright thereafter. All submitted abstracts and papers must be original to the author and not previously published or presented nor scheduled for publication or presentation in any other publication or venue. Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of RCI.

NOTE: Owners/clients (if applicable) must have been notified this abstract is being submitted for consideration of a presentation at the RCI International Convention and Trade Show and given consent to do so.

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