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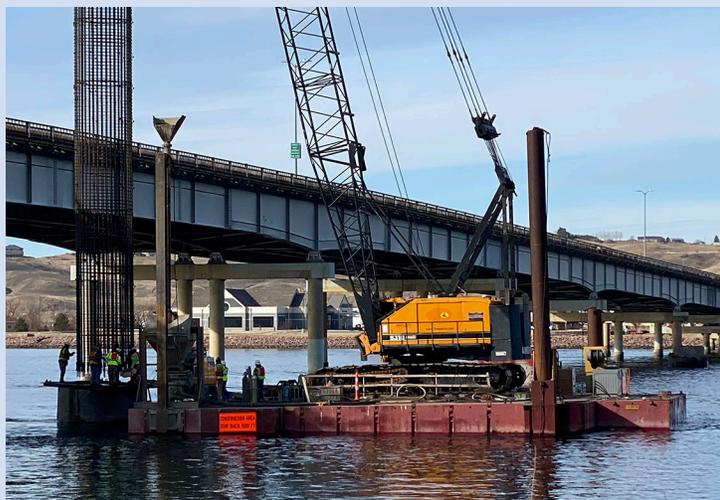


Lt. Cmdr. John C. Waldron Memorial Bridge
Pierre & Fort Pierre, S.D.

Project Update

With spring here, exciting activity has been happening on the Pierre-side of the Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Project. On March 21, the contractor began drilling the third drilled shaft at bent number six right. On March 24, the cage was lowered into the drilled shaft, and concrete was placed.

The contractor has 36 hours from the time it starts excavating with the 114-inch auger to have concrete placed to the bottom of casing. Traffic was controlled on U.S. Highway 14 in order for the concrete to be placed into the shaft from atop the bridge. ■



The cage being lowered into the drilled shaft at bent number six right.



S.D. Department of Transportation employees testing the concrete before it is placed into the drilled shaft.

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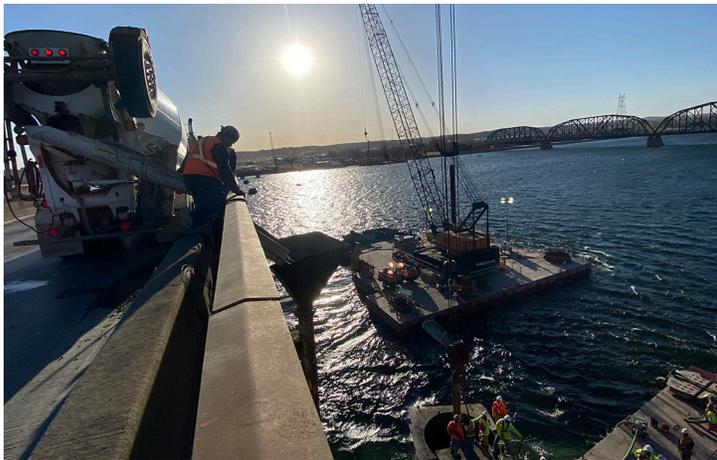
Contractor Spotlight

A.H. Beck Foundation Co., Inc.

A.H. Beck Foundation Co., Inc. is the subcontractor drilling the drilled shafts for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Project. A.H. Beck's corporate office is located in San Antonio, Texas, where the company was founded and has branch offices in Houston and Dallas, Texas; Strasburg, Va.; and Tampa, Fla.

A.H. Beck is a specialty deep foundation, ground improvement, and earth retention contractor that has been in business since 1932. The company's heritage includes the ultimate pioneering effort of helping start the drilled shaft foundation industry in the United States.

In the decades that followed, A.H. Beck has continued to remain at the forefront of the deep foundation and ground improvement industry and is regarded as one of the premier foundation contractors in the southern United States and elsewhere. Some of the company's accomplishments are mechanically installing the first drilled shaft foundations in the United States to thousands of successful deep foundation and ground improvement projects, including some of the most impressive structures in the southern United States. The company has continued to grow and expand its reach into the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Russia



Concrete being placed from atop the Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge into the drilled shaft at bent number six right.

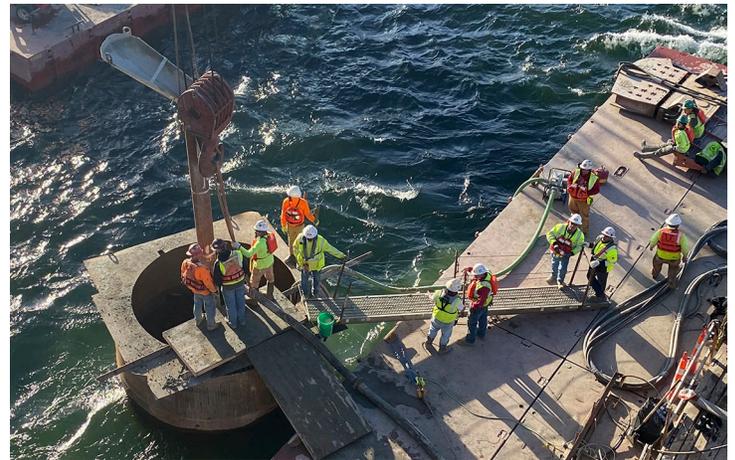


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and has continued to expand its services and expertise.

A.H. Beck has more than 80 years of experience constructing deep foundation and ground improvement projects in the challenging geologic formations of the southern United States, as well as in some of the hardest materials found in the Appalachian Region. A.H. Beck also has many years of experience working in the soft, caving, high water table soils present along the Gulf Coast Region.

A.H. Beck has formulated extensive training programs for its key personnel as applied to foundation, ground improvement, and earth retention construction; job site safety; and project management. A.H. Beck designs and builds most of its own foundation equipment and tools. This includes those capable for very low overhead, long reach, and difficult terrain applications and for mobilized concrete/grout/soilcrete batching placement. ■



Workers monitoring the concrete flowing into the drilled shaft at bent number six right.

Did You Know...

It takes 37 to 40 truckloads of concrete to fill one, 135-foot-deep drilled shaft. That is a lot of concrete!

Do you have any questions regarding the Pierre-Fort Pierre Bridge Construction Project?
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