ATTENDING TRADE SHOWS: HIGHLIGHTS AND IMPLICATIONS

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TRADESHOW TRADITION

Award presented to Harold E. Miller, President of MFC, at CONEXPO ’75 in recognition as a Half-Century Exhibitor. MFC first exhibited at the Road Show (now called CONEXPO) in 1926, so CONEXPO 2020 marks the 94th anniversary of exhibiting at this trade show.
DEALER PROGRAM
As an MFC Dealer, you will receive many benefits designed to help your business. We are committed to our dealers and believe these programs will strengthen this partnership.
MFC has instituted a 3-tier program; Silver, Gold and Platinum. All program requirements are based on products in our published price list. Paving, barrier and parapet forms are exempt from these programs.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

**SILVER DEALER**
- Silver Dealer Pricing
- Inside Sales Support

**GOLD DEALERS**

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- Special Terms
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- MFC Apparel
- Platinum Dealer Rebate Credit

- **$50k – 1.25%**
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The huge $64 million upgrade included road resurfacing, the installation of 450 LED street lamps as well as the placement of over 17,600 lineal feet of concrete safety barrier. Todd Seki, Project Manager for Goodfellow Bros., had no previous experience with building concrete barriers, so a steep learning curve was needed as Goodfellow prepared to start the project. Added to the complexity of the challenge was the use of a slipform machine was out of the question due to the many continuous changes in the barrier heights and widths.

Extensive communication between Goodfellow and MFC resulted in the fabrication of a job-specific set of steel forms having the ability to form both 32” and 46” high safety barrier. Each height (32” & 46”) also required the forming of transitions from 9 ¼” top thickness to 54” wide where the light posts were placed. The MFC engineering department produced over 50 drawings detailing all aspects of the forming system including adjustable moment arms, special transition lengths and heights as well as gang stripping/transport setups. A total of 1,000 lineal feet of forms was supplied for the project.

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**PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT: Barrier Forms**

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**Transition forming from 9 1/4” top thickness to 54” wide to accommodate light posts**

**Completed section of center safety barrier on the $64M Pali Highway Project**
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