



## SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® REGIONAL PRESS RELEASE

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SPEC MIX, Inc., releases 2008 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Schedule

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, MN — SPEC MIX®, Inc., has released 2008 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500® Regional Schedule. The schedule includes regional host contact information for all masonry competitors interested in applying to the competition. The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 program is the leading bricklaying competition with the world's largest prize package. The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regionals are the qualifying competitions held throughout the US and Canada. The winners of these regional competitions go on to compete at the SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National competition in Las Vegas, Nevada. This event, held at the World of Concrete/World of Masonry trade show crowns the "World's Best Bricklayer," and SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN award. These competitors from the Regionals to the National vie for thousands of dollars in cash and prizes, with the top awards given out in Las Vegas.

Established to showcase the skill and craftsmanship of professional masons, the general description of the bricklaying competition is as follows: Each team consists of a mason and a mason tender, and a defined work area. The contest requires all masons to meet the quality standards of the event [www.smbi500.com/documents/2008\\_bi500\\_rules.pdf](http://www.smbi500.com/documents/2008_bi500_rules.pdf) They have 60 minutes to complete their 26 foot, double wythe brick wall [www.smbi500.com/documents/2008\\_wall\\_drawing.pdf](http://www.smbi500.com/documents/2008_wall_drawing.pdf) Each regional competition has the first place winner going on to the National; Award places are based on the highest brick counts meeting the quality standards and competition rules. The SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN award is judged the most sellable wall meeting a qualifying brick count. This award is the second most coveted award at the event, yet for some winning the SPEC MIX TOP CRAFTSMAN award is their main goal, and has the second highest award purse.

The 2009 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National will be held at the Masonry Construction's Challenge arena during the 2009 World of Concrete/ World of Masonry trade show and is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

### 2008 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regionals

#### 1. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — Oklahoma

Date: May 9, 2008

Licensee: Ash Grove Packaging

Location: Tulsa Technology Center – 3420 South Memorial Drive – Tulsa, OK 74147

Contact: Charlie Boyd (501) 350-1010

Time: 11:00 AM

SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

## **2. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — Texas**

Date: May 16, 2008

Licensee: TXI

Location: TXI Hurst Packaging Facility – 9201 Trinity Blvd. – Ft. Worth, TX 76118

Contact: Barb Schmidt (214) 502-4467

Time: 1:30 PM

SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

## **3. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — Chicago**

Date: August 15, 2008

Licensee: Packaged Concrete Inc.

Location: Packaged Concrete Inc. – 1S950 South Lorang Rd. – Elburn, IL 60119

Contact: Brian Petty (630) 557-8252

Time: 1:00 PM

SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

## **4. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — Ohio**

Date: September 6, 2008

Licensee: QUIKRETE Cincinnati

Location: QUIKRETE Cincinnati – 5425 Kilby Rd. – Harrison, OH 45030

Contact: Brian Tillett (513) 615-4986

Time: 11:00 AM

SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

## **5. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — Northern California**

Date: September 6, 2008

Licensee: QUIKRETE Sacramento

Location: QUIKRETE Sacramento – 7705 Wilbur Way - Sacramento, CA 95828

Contact: Rob Dyer – (916) 919-0463

Time: 11:00 AM

SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653

## **6. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — Mid Atlantic**

Date: September 13, 2008

Licensee: QUIKRETE Perryville

Location: QUIKRETE Perryville – 700 Mount Hill Rd. – Perryville MD, 21903

Contact: Ed Owens (804) 512-3846

Shipping Contact: Jim Witter

Time: 11:00 AM

SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

## **7. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — Wisconsin, UP Michigan**

Date: September 26, 2008

Licensee: QUIKRETE Wisconsin

Location: QUIKRETE Wisconsin – W225 N6236 Village Drive – Sussex, WI 53089

Contact: Roy Greenwood (262) 246-4501

Time: 1:00 PM

SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

## **8. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — Colorado**

Date: September 27, 2008

Licensee: QUIKRETE Denver

Location: QUIKRETE Denver – 2660 West 64<sup>th</sup> Ave. – Denver, CO 80221

Contact: Riley Allen 303-819-7459/Brian Harms 303-819-7458

Time: 11:00 AM

SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653

## **9. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — Utah**

Date: October 3, 2008

Licensee: Ash Grove Packaging Salt Lake City

Location: Ash Grove Packaging Salt Lake City – 15567 Minuteman Dr. – Draper, UT 84020

Contact: Rick Shorter – 800-457-3624

Time: 11:00 AM

SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653

## **10. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional — North & South Carolina**

Date: October 4, 2008

Licensee: QUIKRETE North Carolina

Location: QUIKRETE North Carolina – Highway 74 West – Peachland, NC 28133

Contact: Jason Stutts (704) 287-8551

Time: 1:00 PM

SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

## **11. SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 Regional – Kitchener, Ontario**

Date: October 22, 2008

Licensee: Forwell Materials Inc.

Location: Conestoga College – 108 University Avenue East – Waterloo, Ontario N2J 2W2

Contact: Dean Garbutt (519) 240-7265

Time: 11:00 AM

SPEC MIX Manager: Nick Blohowiak (920) 737-3856

## **12. SPEC MIX Bricklayer 500 Regional – Calgary, Alberta**

Date: November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Licensee: QUIKRETE / Target – Alberta

Location: South Alberta Institute of Technology – 1301 16 Ave NW – Calgary, AB T2M 0L4

Contact: Tom Bartley (403) 651-0650

Time: 11:00 AM

SPEC MIX Manager: Tom Peterson (612) 750-8653

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[www.specmixbricklayer500.com](http://www.specmixbricklayer500.com)

To view an archive video of the 2008 SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National competition go to:  
<http://www.specmix.com/promotionalwork.html>

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Published 10 times a year, MASONRY CONSTRUCTION magazine is the premier source of information for masons. Masonry Construction's Challenge takes place at World of Concrete each year and is a series of competitions designed to demonstrate the skills of masons. The SPEC MIX BRICKLAYER 500 National Competition and the SPEC MIX TOUGHEST TENDER are two of the premier events within the Masonry Construction's Challenge program.

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Regards,

**Jeff Farmakes**

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