

6th ANNUAL SEAIO MIDWEST BRIDGE SYMPOSIUM

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SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW

Since 2004, the SEAOI Annual Midwest Bridge Symposium has been held in Chicago to provide a forum for bridge engineers to share analysis, design, and construction information from recent projects with unique and/or distinguishing characteristics. Attendance typically represents a diverse cross-section of around 200 professionals from every facet of the bridge industry including: design, construction management, material suppliers, academia, general contracting, as well as, owner representatives from various Departments of Transportation and FHWA.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

The Symposium is comprised of a single session with a continental breakfast and a delicious family-style lunch. It is anticipated that the session will include 16 presentations, including a Keynote Lecture provided by invited speaker, Mr. Kevin Western of Minnesota Department of Transportation, who will be discussing the collapse, redesign, and construction of the I-35W Bridge. Since the Symposium is limited to a single session, attendees benefit from the information shared in every presentation and presenters are ensured a large audience. Certifications for 7.5 Professional Development Hours will be made available to all attendees. All presentations will be posted on the SEAOI website.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Individuals wishing to present at the Symposium are invited to submit an abstract (MS-WORD or PDF format) on any general interest subject related to the analysis, design, construction inspection, or in-place monitoring of a bridge project. The abstract should be written in English and should not exceed 500 words. Authors may submit more than one abstract. The Symposium registration fee will be waived for the presenting author.

The following information must be given on the top of the abstract:

- Name of Conference (6th Annual SEAOI Midwest Bridge Symposium)
- Full name, e-mail, and full address of the authors
- Title of the presentation
- A number of key words

Abstracts must be submitted by e-mail, fax, regular mail, or courier service to the address below no later than December 22, 2008.

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TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS

Selected authors will be notified of acceptance by the organizing committee by January 2009. Additional information will be provided following acceptance. Authors of selected abstracts can prepare a full paper that will be eligible for publication in *Structure Magazine*. As a minimum, a MS-PowerPoint presentation must be submitted on CD-ROM, USB drive, or through a ftp site no later than April 13, 2009.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Deadline for Abstracts
December 22, 2008

Acceptance of Abstracts
January 19, 2009

Deadline for Early Registration
April 9, 2009

Deadline for PowerPoint Presentation
April 13, 2009

Symposium Date
April 23, 2009

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Any updated information pertaining to registration, including on-line registration and registration forms, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.seaio.org/bridge/bridge.htm>

EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

Limited Exhibitor Opportunities are available. Exhibitors will receive recognition in the program, one admittance to the Bridge Symposium, and access to participants during breakfast, lunch and breaks during the day. Exhibitor fee is \$500. For more information, please contact Elizabeth O'Connor at eoconnor@seaio.org.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Companies interested in sponsoring this event are invited to contact SEAIO Executive Director, Elizabeth O'Connor, at the SEAIO office. There are four different levels of corporate sponsorship. The following are the costs and respective benefits for each of the four levels.

Bronze: \$250 – Recognition in the program

Silver: \$500 – Recognition in the program and poster exhibit at event

Gold: \$750 – Recognition in the program, poster exhibit at event, and recognition during the technical session for sponsoring one of the following:

- Continental Breakfast
- Morning Break
- Afternoon Break

Platinum: \$1,000 – Recognition in program, poster exhibit at event, and recognition for sponsoring lunch.

In addition to the benefits above, corporate sponsors at all levels will be recognized in the e-mail notifications and call for abstracts for the 2010 Symposium. An application form and instructions for corporate sponsorship can be found on the SEAIO website.

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Abstracts and PowerPoint presentations from previous Symposiums may be found on the SEAIO website at:

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