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SEAOI presents: Art Institute of Chicago – Modern Wing

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (**SEAOI**) February dinner meeting will feature a presentation on the 290,000 ft² Art Institute of Chicago Modern Wing, designed by Renzo Piano Building Workshop, is scheduled to open to the public in May. Named by the Institute as its “Building of the Century,” the expansion will increase the size of the museum by a third, and will be the Institute’s largest addition since the construction of the main building in 1893.

This presentation will cover several aspects of the engineering design of the Modern Wing, including the integration of the structural design with the architectural and services design, wherein the structure frequently serves as signature architectural elements; the “Flying Carpet” roof structure that hovers over and provides indirect sunlight to the third floor galleries and main level sculpture garden; the 600-foot long Nichols Bridgeway, which will span from inside Millennium Park to the top floor of the west pavilion, 25 feet above Monroe Street; and the phasing of construction, given the interfaces with the adjacent structure and the requirement that the existing museum remain fully operational throughout construction.

The presenter will be Matt Breidenthal, P.E., Senior Structural Engineer with Arup. Mr. Breidenthal has experience on a number of museum, institutional, and performing arts projects, including the Gary Comer Youth Center, which received the 2007 Merit Award for New Construction from the Chicago Building Congress; the Lincoln Center Campus Redevelopment in New York City; and the Poetry Foundation Headquarters in Chicago, which is currently in design.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This program should be of interest to all members of the construction industry, including architects, engineers, contractors, building owners, developers and property managers. **SEAOI** dinner meetings are open to the public.

ARRANGEMENTS:

The dinner will be held on Tuesday, February 3rd at the Cliff Dwellers at 200 S. Michigan Avenue, 22nd Floor in Chicago, Illinois. A cash bar will open at 5:15 pm and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. The program is scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

The cost of the meeting is \$45 for SEAOI Members and \$65 for non-members. Individuals who wish to attend this function should contact SEAOI Executive Assistant Donna Childs at or office@seaoi.org or 312-726-4165 x200, by Friday, January 30, 2009.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 6, 2009: **SEAOI** Dinner Meeting – Power Plants
- January 16, 2009: **SEAOI** Annual Trade Show
- January 20, 2009: **SEAOI** Workshop – Corrosion protection and strengthening of existing concrete structures
- January 24, 2009: Future City Regional Finals – www.futurecitychicago.org
- January 26-February 6, 2009: Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges
- February 15-21, 2009: National Engineers Week – www.chicagolandeweek.org

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