



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – INVITATION TO SPEAKERS  
DFI 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON DEEP FOUNDATIONS  
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DFI is soliciting abstracts on a broad range of topics from Deep Foundations in urban areas to Lessons Learned. Suggested topics are listed below:

1. **Unique Solutions for Deep Foundation Design and Construction in Constrained Urban Areas** – This topic area may include case histories, state of practice, deep excavation and up/down construction, construction in environmentally sensitive areas, illustration of how site or other constraints dictated the foundation solution, risk management in use of innovative solution, load testing.
2. **Deep Foundation Applications to Renovations and Retrofits of Existing Structures** – This topic area may include case histories on buildings, waterfront structures, load testing, instrumentation, infrastructure and seismic upgrades.
3. **If I Only Knew Then What I Know Now** – This topic area may include how lack of information led to the wrong application, what could have been done differently, lessons learned.
4. **Evolution and Change in Deep Foundation Design and Construction** - This topic area may include historical perspectives, application of new technology to equipment, or methods resulting in improvements over time, advances in instrumentation, new design challenges, historical overviews, research advances, use of BIM.
5. **Industry Panel: Current Trends and Issues:** Presentation and discussion of current trends and issues by industry experts, practitioners and agencies. Topics may include contractual issues, bidding, prequalification, alternative project delivery models such as Design Build and IPD.
6. **Industry Panel: Building Code Issues** – Presentation and discussion of design and construction issues nationally and regionally, including application of code requirements, and variances.
7. **Industry Panel: Innovations and Advancements in Deep Foundations** – Industry experts present and discuss their perspective, what are the drivers, what are the risks, where is the innovation, what is next?

DFI is seeking original, quality papers for consideration of inclusion in the 2011 conference program. Submission deadlines and instructions are as follows:

- **December 10, 2010:** Interested authors should submit an abstract of not more than 300 words online at [www.dfi2011submissions.org](http://www.dfi2011submissions.org). Abstract document should include author names, affiliations and contact information. If you are interested in serving as a panelist on a specific topic, please indicate the panel topic in the abstract document.
- January 14, 2011: Authors will be notified as to whether or not they have been selected to submit a draft paper
- March 25, 2011: Draft papers due
- May 27, 2011: Paper reviews complete; decision on presentation status and comments to be returned to authors
- July 29, 2011: Final paper due – 10 page limit

Paper format guidelines are available from the submission website and from DFI Headquarters. All Correspondence related to paper submission shall be directed to:

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