



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – INVITATION TO SPEAKERS
DFI 37th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON DEEP FOUNDATIONS
*“Foundations and Ground Improvement Techniques:
Adapting them to an Ever Changing Environment”*
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DFI is soliciting abstracts for a broad range of session topics on Foundations and Ground Modification Techniques. The session topics are as follows:

1. The Installation and Performance of Drilled, Driven and Energy Saving Foundation Elements
2. Maintenance and Repairs of Drilled and Driven Foundations
3. Alternative Deep Foundation Solutions offered by Ground Modification Techniques
4. The Use of Foundations for Marine Type Structures
 - a. Near-Shore, Off-Shore
 - b. Offshore Oil and Gas Platforms
5. In-Situ Testing - Performance Testing, Static load testing, Dynamic Testing, Statnamic Testing, Other
6. Modeling - Static Analysis, Dynamic/Earthquake Analysis, Other
7. Design and Installation of Foundations for Process Plants in the Gulf Coast Region
8. Energy Piles and Sustainability
9. Panel Discussion:
 - a. Foundation Design versus Construction Means and Methods
 - b. Regulations, Standard & Specifications (Including QA/QC)

DFI is seeking original, quality papers for consideration of inclusion in the 2012 conference program. Submission deadlines and instructions are as follows:

- **December 9, 2011: Interested authors should submit an abstract of not more than 300 words online at www.dfi2012submissions.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 13, 2012: Authors will be notified as to whether or not they have been selected to submit a draft paper
- March 23, 2012: Draft papers due
- May 18, 2012: Paper reviews complete; decision on presentation status and comments to be returned to authors
- July 27, 2012: 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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