



The Deep Foundations Institute is a not-for-profit association of contractors, engineers, manufacturers, suppliers, owners and academia.

DFI's membership promotes understanding and advancement of the deep foundations & excavations construction industry through conferences, publications, and community.

The technical committees, Augered Cast-In-Place Pile, Codes & Standards, Drilled Shaft, Driven Pile, Ground Improvement, Helical Foundations & Tiebacks, Marine Foundation, Micropiles, Seismic and Lateral Loads, Slurry Wall, Soil Mixing, Sustainability, Testing and Evaluation, and Tiebacks & Soil Nailing provide industry leadership for these foundation systems, through the publication of Guides, Specifications and References and by providing educational programs.

The membership is international.

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## For Immediate Release

### DFI 34th Annual Conference on Deep Foundations October 21-23, 2009 Kansas City, MO, USA

The Deep Foundations Institute will hold its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Deep Foundations and Members' Meeting at The Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, MO, USA on October 21-23, 2009. Additionally, on October 20<sup>th</sup>, two pre-conference courses will be held. Tentatively the courses planned will cover the topics of Augered Cast-in-Place Piles and Drilled Shafts.



The conference will include the following 4 plenary sessions of technical presentations which will be developed from a broad range of topics solicited through an open call for papers relating to Deep Foundations:

- Midwest Deep Foundation Design Issues
- Construction Methods/Design-Build Construction
- Performance Monitoring, Condition Assessment, and Load Testing
- Special Applications - Earth Retention, Slope Stabilization, Ground Improvement

The organizing committee, comprised of local DFI and industry members led by Alan Roach of Berkel & Company Contractors Inc. as Conference Chairman and Mark Petersen of Black & Veatch as Program Chairman, has issued the call for papers with an abstract submission deadline of November 26, 2008. Exhibits Chairman, Keith Blum of Berkel & Company, has arranged for an exhibition hall of over 60 industry organizations which will be open to registered attendees throughout the three-day event. Additionally, DFI will present the 2009 Outstanding Project Award and Distinguished Service Award during the Annual Awards Banquet on the evening of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, as well as select winners for the Annual Student and Young Professor Paper Competitions, the winners of which will present their papers during the conference technical sessions. A companions' program including local tours is also being arranged.

The purpose of the Annual Conference is to promote the understanding of deep foundations design and construction by providing a forum for the industry regardless of commercial or professional affiliation.

Further information may be obtained at [www.deepfoundations09.org](http://www.deepfoundations09.org) or by contacting DFI headquarters.