



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

The Deep Foundations Institute will hold its 34th 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 20th, 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 22nd, 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 or by contacting DFI headquarters.