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DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF COST-EFFICIENT PILE CONFERENCE

REGISTER TODAY!

The PDCA of the Gulf Coast chapter and PDCA (national) have re-scheduled the 2008 Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Pile (DICEP) conference in New Orleans, LA due to the problems created by Hurricane Ike. *The one-day conference is now scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2008.*

The DICEP conference will feature 6 presentations primarily designed for civil, geotechnical, and structural engineers, with lectures presented from an engineering perspective on the advantages of driven pile. However, the conference is also intended to provide a positive learning experience for contractors and other firms or individuals who support, conduct business or are associated with the pile driving industry.

This conference will feature presentations on “Cost Components of Driven Pile Foundations” (Van Komurka, Wagner Komurka Geotechnical Group), “Spun Cast Cylinder Pile – Manufacture and History” (Don Theobald, Gulf Coast Pre-Stress), Overview of New Technologies in Driven Pile” (Mike Justason, Birmingham Foundation Solutions), “Driven Pile Setup Prediction Using Dynamic Testing” (Paul Bullock, GRL Engineers, Inc.), “PDCA Installation Specifications for Driven Pile – Private Work” (Dale Biggers, Boh Bros.), “Value Engineered Changes to Driven Piles Provides Benefits to Owners” (Panel Discussion).

Subash Kulkarni, Kulkarni Consultants, APC will provide the keynote presentation on ethics, titled, “Can an Engineering Firm Conduct Business and Still Be Ethical?”

The conference will provide 7 PDH’s that can be used towards the State of Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board requirements for engineering license renewal or other state’s renewal policies that will accept credits from DICEP. PDH’s will include the required one-hour course on “Ethics” for Louisiana.

The PDCA has set up an Exhibitor area that will provide an opportunity for suppliers and manufacturers to spend some quality time with engineers and contractors in a focused setting. The exhibit area is adjacent to the meeting rooms and will be the location of the continental breakfast and the AM and PM breaks. Additional time to network will be provided following the luncheon.

Currently, the PDCA has seventeen of the nineteen table top booths sold. Exhibitors include GRL Engineers, L. B. Foster Company, Essev Tech, McFarland Cascade, Cox of Alabama, Birmingham Foundation Solutions, Koppers, Piling Products, Interpipe, Sun Piledriving Equipment, Consolidated Pipe and Supply, Cajun Deep Foundations, International Construction Equipment, Emeca/SPE USA, DYWIDAG Systems International, PDCA and PDCA Chapters.

PDCA has two exhibit tables remaining. Call the PDCA office at 888-311-PDCA (7322) for more information or to reserve your exhibit area.

Limited sponsorships are also available. The only remaining sponsorships available are two for the Continental Breakfast and one for the Luncheon. See the DICEP brochure on the PDCA website for more information on sponsorships.

Current Sponsors include:

Continental Breakfast – L. B. Foster Company, Geokon, Inc., Mississippi River Equipment

Luncheon – Herbert F. Darling, Inc., Foundation Constructors, Inc., Giken America, Inc., Gulf South Piling and Construction

Morning and Afternoon Breaks – Pile Dynamics, Inc. Koppers, Inc., Cox of Alabama, Parker Marine, Pileco, Inc., Specialty Piling Systems, Inc., Consolidated Pipe and Supply,

The conference location is the InterContinental New Orleans. PDCA selected the InterContinental New Orleans because it is a AAA four-diamond award winning hotel, its reputation for quality service, outstanding facilities and its location. The InterContinental New Orleans is located on historic St. Charles Street and Poydras in the heart of downtown New Orleans. The hotel is located just three blocks from the Mississippi River and French Quarter, two blocks from Harrah's Casino and within walking distance to almost anything this unique town, with its European, African, Caribbean, and Hispanic culture has to offer.

For those attending the conference and needing overnight accommodations, the PDCA has secured a block of rooms for just \$139.00 a night. Reservations can be made by calling the InterContinental New Orleans at 800-445-6563. When making reservations, be sure to identify yourself as a participant in the Pile Driving Contractors DICEP conference and use reservation code D52.

You can download the conference brochure to register as a participant, exhibitor or sponsor by going to the PDCA website, www.piledrivers.org or call the PDCA office with questions or for assistance.



**2009 International Foundation Congress and Equipment Exposition '09 Program is Set
(IFCEE '09)**

The Pile Driving Contractors Association (PDCA), the Geo-Institute of ASCE, and the ADSC: The International Association of Foundation Drilling will be conducting the largest geotechnical engineering and geo-construction Congress ever held from March 15-19 in Orlando Florida.

The Keynote presenter for the Congress will be the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Major General Don Riley, the Deputy Commanding General, and Deputy Chief of Engineers. Major General Riley is the second in command of the U.S. Army Corps of engineers which has over 31,000 employees and manages a yearly budget of over \$30 billion. One of the Congress's main themes will focus on the condition of the U.S. infrastructure. Major General Riley is at the forefront of defining and addressing a plan to deal with what is clearly one of the most pressing issues confronting the United States.

The Congress will bring together the world's leading designers and constructors of foundation systems presenting state-of-the-art-and-practice papers and panel discussions in 21 separate technical tracks presented in 57 sessions. Subjects will range from design theory through construction practice with special sessions for construction professionals focusing on best business practices including Contracts and Risk Management, Safety, and Equipment Purchase and Maintenance. PDCA is sponsoring several short courses, as well as presentations and panel discussions. The prestigious Terzaghi and Peck Lectures will be presented as well as annual awards from the three co-sponsoring organizations. The PDCA, G-I, and ADSC will conduct their Annual Members Meetings during the week long Congress.

The PDCA is pleased to announce that all exhibit spaces, both outdoor and indoor have been sold out. The Exhibit area is a part of the IFCEE '09 you do not want to miss. The equipment exhibition will feature construction equipment from around the world displayed in an outdoor setting. Every conceivable type of foundation installation rig, tooling, cranes, and like equipment will be on display. The indoor exhibit hall will house providers of design services, materials, testing equipment, as well as construction services.

Fifteen Cooperating Organizations from around the world will be on hand to share information about their respective programs. These organizations include the Association of Engineering Geologists, ASFE, American Rock Mechanics, the Canadian Geotechnical Society, Geotechnical Society of Singapore, the Deep Foundations Institute, Florida Department of Transportation, the FHWA, Japanese Geotechnical Society, National Association of Geosynthetics, OSHA, Russian Geotechnical Association, the Structural Engineers Institute of ASCE, and USUCGR.

For detailed information about the IFCEE visit the Congress website at: www.ifcee09.org, the PDCA website, www.piledrivers.org or contact the PDCA via email at marian@piledrivers.org.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR IFCEE '09

As a major partner in the upcoming IFCEE '09, the PDCA is responsible for attracting sponsors to this important industry event. During recent PDCA annual conferences, PDCA members have contributed significantly to help support the program. The IFCEE '09 replaces the PDCA's annual conference, so it is, for practical purposes our annual conference. Please consider sponsoring one of the conference event, which I have listed below. There are many benefits to sponsorships, but one is your firm is recognized by approximately 2500 individuals attending the conference. Contact the PDCA office for more information.

AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS AND COST:

Congress Keynote Breakfast (exclusive) - \$5000.00

Monday Luncheon (exclusive - Indoor or Outdoor) - \$3000 each

Tuesday Luncheon (exclusive - Indoor or Outdoor) - \$3000 each

Thursday Luncheon (one only - Indoor or Outdoor) - \$3000 each

Sunday Reception (multiple sponsors) - \$1200 and up (two sponsors to date)

Monday Reception (multiple sponsors) - \$1200 and up (no sponsors to date)

Coffee Breaks (exclusive or shared) - \$1000 total

Monday PM indoor

Monday PM outdoor

Tuesday AM outdoor

Tuesday PM outdoor

Wednesday AM indoor

Wednesday AM outdoor

Wednesday PM outdoor

Thursday AM indoor

Thursday AM outdoor

Reception (exclusive) - \$2500

Lectures

Opening Ceremonies (exclusive) - \$3000

Track Sessions (exclusive) – 10 @ \$1500 each

On-Site Program Advertising

Inside front cover - \$800

Inside back cover - \$800

CORRECTIONS TO THE PDCA 2008 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

As mentioned in last month's E-Letter, the PDCA does miss placing information in the directory or places information in the directory that is incorrect. If your listing is incorrect, please contact the PDCA to have the error corrected. The PDCA will reprint the correct version in the E-Letter and *PileDriver* magazine and indicate that it is a corrected listing. If you have changes in your contact information, but have not notified the PDCA, please do so by contacting the office at 888-311-PDCA (7322).

The following companies had errors in their listings. Corrections are as follows. Please make these notes in your membership directory.

Atlantic Piling, Inc. Jeff Merlette 142 Bamm Hollow Road Middletown, NJ 07748	IHC Hydrohammer B. V. Egbert van 't Hooft Smitweg 6, 2961 AW Kinderdijk PO Box 26, 2960 AW Kinderdijk
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<p>USA 732-957-0818 732-957-0817 Piledriver2005@aol.com Sheet Pile, Pipe Pile, Timber Pile, Concrete Pile, H-Pile, Pile Driving CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA</p> <p>Pile and Piling Supplies (Eastern) LTD. Kevin Brady PO Box 44178, 1658 Bedford Highway Bedford, N.S. B4A 3Z8 Canada Phone: 902-835-6158 Fax: 902-835-6079 kbrady@pipe-piling.com Supplier of US-made H-Piles and Manufacturer of Spiralweld Steel Pipe and Piling Pipe from 6 5/8"OD, lengths up to 128 ft. All States, Canada</p>	<p>Netherlands +31 (0)78-69 10 302 +31 (0)78-69 10 304 Info.hh@ihcmerwede.com www.ihchh.com Design, manufacture and sell offshore and onshore pile driving hammers and equipment Global</p> <p>Junttan Oy Miika Eskelinen / Ari Kuikka PO Box 1702 Kuopio 70700 Finland Phone: +358 17 287 4400 Fax: +358 17 287 4411 www.junttan.com miika.eskelinen@junttan.com ari.kuikka@junttan.com</p> <p>Boh Bros. Construction Company, LLC Corrected telephone number 504-821-2400 (NOT -2500)</p>
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MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

R. W. Conklin Steel:

R. W. Conklin Steel will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the Hilton – Netherlands Plaza Hotel, in Cincinnati, OH. The PDCA would like to congratulate Phil Conklin for achieving this milestone in R. W. Conklin Steel's history. You can read more about R. W. Conklin Steel in the Q-3 2008 edition of *PileDriver* magazine.

WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The PDCA would like to congratulate Pollyanna Cunningham (ICE – International Construction Equipment, Inc., USA) and Joe Savarese, F&S Supply.

Pollyanna will assume the committee chair for the PDCA Communications Committee and will officially take over for the Q-1 2009 edition of *PileDriver*, although she has jumped right in as an important contributor to the Q-4 2008 edition, as well as committee issues currently on the table. The committee would also like to welcome new members Don Surrency (Cox Industries – Timber Representative) and Dean Abbondanza (Skyline Steel Company – Steel Industry). PDCA is waiting on the concrete representative who will be provided by PDCA member PCI and a GeoTech representative who will be submitted by S&ME.

Joe Savarese will assume the committee chair for the PDCA Environmental Committee. Joe will assume his post as an interim chair immediately and officially take over at the annual conference in Orlando, FL in March 2009. Joe has 25 years experience in the construction equipment arena.

He has a background in Environmental Science and Forestry. As the incoming chair, Joe stated, “It is imperative that we don’t lose the valuable progress that the Committee had made to this point under the leadership of John Linscott. We must complete the Noise and Vibration Database project. This information could affect the very future of the driven pile and would prove to be a great tool in deep foundation engineering. It would be a great contribution by, and credit to, the members of this organization.”

The PDCA wants all its members to know that you are always welcomed and invited to participate in one or all of the PDCA Committees, which include Communications, Environmental, Market Development, Education, Safety, Membership Development and Member Retention.

The PDCA would like to acknowledge both Van Hogan and John Linscott for the tremendous job they did as Chair’s of the Communications Committee and Environmental Committee, respectively. Both Van and John worked tirelessly in their capacity as Committee Chairs. Both made significant contributions to the PDCA and they will be remembered for the inspirational work they did on behalf of the PDCA.

PDCA “PROJECT OF THE YEAR” AWARD

The PDCA is proud to announce the 2009 “Project of the Year” award competition.

The PDCA is dedicated to acknowledging the hard work, ingenuity and commitment that goes into each project where driven piles are used in a deep foundation or earth retention system or utilized to solve foundation problems. This esteemed PDCA tradition recognizes excellence in driven pile projects completed by PDCA members in good standing.

Through the “Project of the Year” award, the PDCA has the distinguished opportunity to continue its long-standing and consistent commitment to recognize those PDCA members who demonstrate excellence in the process of providing solutions, services and products to the needs of the deep foundation and earth retention environment.

Project entries must feature projects completed in 2008. The PDCA Market Development Committee has expanded the dollar volume and project categories for 2009. Project entries will be awarded in three dollar volume categories this year, which are “Less than \$500,000.00”, \$500,000.00 - \$2 Million, and Greater than \$2Million. Price ranges are based solely on the dollar volume of the piling contract associated with the project. The two entry categories are distinguished between “Land-based” and “Marine-based” projects.

The PDCA is asking each of its members to consider submitting a project worthy of this symbolic PDCA award. Entry Forms can be found on the PDCA website, www.piledrivers.org. The *2009 Project of the Year Award* entry deadline is **December 12, 2007**.

Winning entries will be announced during the IFCEE '09 Conference in Orlando, FL during the PDCA Business Luncheon on March 18, 2009. PDCA will **NOT** reveal the winning entries prior to the luncheon.

PDCA CHAPTER UPDATES

PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter: The PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter is busy helping organize and promote the upcoming DICEP conference. PDCA is grateful for their assistance in what is expected to be a tremendous program.

The chapter's next dinner meeting will be Thursday, November 13, 2008, at Messina's Restaurant, Kenner, LA.

The PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter next dinner meeting will be back a Messina's Restaurant, 2722 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA on November 13, 2008. The social begins at 5:45 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. For more information or to make reservations for the meeting, contact chapter President, Michael Kelly, Gulf South Piling and Construction, 504-834-7791. For information on additional chapter activities or membership, contact Robert Baker (Baker Piledriving & Site Work, LLC) at 985-792-5001 or via email at bakerlandmarine@bellsouth.net or Michael Kelly (Gulf South Piling) at 504-834-7791 or via email at gspmichael@bellsouth.net.

PDCA of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter: The chapter's next dinner meeting will be on December 4, 2008, at Paul's on the River, in Riva, MD. Guest speakers will be announced at a later date

PDCA of California: California PDCA will hold its annual luncheon on Friday, December 5, 2008 at Hotel Mac, Point Richmond, CA. For more information on the luncheon, contact President Charles Gibson (Manson Construction) at 510-232-6319.

PDCA is expecting to begin conversations with the PDCA of California Chapter regarding the collaborative efforts of holding the 2009 DICEP in the San Francisco area. PDCA is moving DICEP around to all chapters on a rotating basis and is looking forward to working with the California chapter to host this program in 2009.

PDCA of South Carolina Chapter: The PDCA of South Carolina Chapter will hold its next dinner meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at the Town and Country Inn. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

The PDCA of South Carolina Chapter Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 4:30 PM, prior to the dinner meeting.

COEUR D'ALENE RESORT SELECTED AS 2010 CONFERENCE SITE

The PDCA has selected Coeur d'Alene Golf and Spa Resort as the site for the 14th Annual International Conference and Exposition in 2010. The **conference dates are May 6-8, 2010.**

The conference will present excellent educational programs, social activities, Companion's program, and exhibitors with plenty of receptions, dinners, awards, golfing and fun for everyone. PDCA is especially excited about the planned evening reception/dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene.

After a site visit, Marketing Development Committee Chair Mike Elliott and PDCA Executive Director Stevan Hall have nothing but high marks for Coeur d'Alene. The accommodations are excellent. All of the PDCA premiere blocked rooms have an excellent view of the lake with private balconies, and all deluxe rooms have either full or partial lake views. Those who register

early with the resort will get the best rooms with the best views, regardless of whether you select premiere or deluxe.

The resort's signature restaurant, Beverly's is a five star award winning facility consistently ranking as one of the top restaurants in America. Beverly's also boasts a \$1.5 million wine cellar with the largest selection of imported and domestic wines in the Northwest and has received Wine Spectator's Grand Award for the past decade.

Spa Coeur d'Alene is a 30,000 square foot facility with treatment rooms overlooking the lake. PDCA is working with the spa to make it a part of the Companion's Program – we will opt out of the Phoenix spa program for the ladies, but for now the package will be kept a secret.

And of course, there's the golf. Golf Digest said, "Coeur d'Alene is what every golf course should be. It's not just upscale, it's posh. You aren't just pampered, you're spoiled. It's not just an escape, it's an experience." Each round of golf includes a shuttle to the course via a custom-designed, handcrafted, Honduran mahogany water taxi, range time at the over-the-water driving range, a forecaddie (ours was Casey – he's great), deluxe golf cart (better than the personally owned customs you see on private courses), and (believe this) a warm up range massage to get you limber before you go out and play. Golf Digest also rated the course as one of the top resort courses in the world and named Coeur d'Alene Golf Course the "Best Conditioned Golf Course in North America."

With plenty of time for prior planning, this will be a conference you will NOT want to miss.



For more information about Coeur d'Alene go to www.cdaresort.com, and to see more pictures of the resort, golf course and surrounding area go to www.cdaresort.com/images.html.

PDCA LOGOS

The PDCA encourages its members to display the PDCA LOGO.



PDCA Logos can be used on your letterhead, office stationery, business cards or downloaded for other types of artwork. Displaying the PDCA logo identifies you as a member of a professional trade association and further identifies your commitment to excellence in the deep foundations and earth retention systems industry.

PDCA logo artwork can be obtained from the PDCA office in a .JPEG format, but PDCA can acquire it other formats as well. Contact the PDCA office for more information. There is no cost to members to use the logo – it is encouraged.

PDCA SHIRTS AND HATS ON SALE

The PDCA has 100% Oxford Cotton, Short Sleeve logoed dress shirts available through the PDCA office and online. Colors are RED, LIGHT BLUE AND BUTTER. Shirts are reasonably priced at \$35.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members.

The PDCA also has logoed hats for sale. Hats are stone washed in texture, ball cap style, with the PDCA logo embroidered on the front. Caps come in solid colors or cap and brim colors mixed. Hats are priced at \$15.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members.

Contact the PDCA office at 888-311-PDCA (7322) for more information. You can view pictures of all PDCA products on the website at www.piledrivers.org.

Comments and suggestions should be sent to the PDCA office either by email (steve@piledrivers.org) or mail to PDCA, 1857 Wells Road, Suite 214, Orange Park, FL 32073.

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