

## Pre-Conference Short Course "Pile Driving Professionals Development"

The Pile Driving Contractors Association Education Committee assembled an Ad Hoc Committee for the purposes of developing a new course titled, "Pile Driving Professional Development Course". This new course will be presented as a Pre-Conference Short Course on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch, site of the PDCA 18th Annual International Conference and Expo 2014.

This exclusive eight hour PDCA course is designed to strengthen the professionalism, knowledge and overall comprehension of the pile driving professional (field personnel, sales, engineers, estimators, etc.) by exploring critical areas of the pile driving industry through a one-day interactive training workshop.

The workshop is structured to include discussions and interactive sessions, which will provide detailed information necessary to achieve a solid foundation of industry skill sets required by entry level professionals in the pile driving industry to successfully develop in their profession. Current instructors are Buck Darling (Herbert F. Darling, Inc.) and Pat Hannigan (GRL Engineers, Inc.).

The first phase of the course - Entry Level - will include the following topics: Introduction to the Pile Driving Profession, Communications, Introduction to Pile Driving Aspects, Safety, Units of Measurement/Conversion Factors, Project Management, Hammer Components/Mechanics, and Geotechnical Aspects.

Those planning on attending the PDCA 18th Annual Conference may attend this short course at a discounted registration fee of \$50.00. Individuals who wish to attend the short course only may do so with a registration fee of \$150.00. To register online, click <u>HERE.</u>

Course participants will receive a "Certificate of Completion" and earn 8 Professional Development Hours for attending this course. The Education Committee plans to expand the program to include Intermediate and Advanced level programs.

## **Accommodation Details**

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch, 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO 63102, US

Individuals are responsible for making their own reservations. To make reservations, please go to our Booking Website by visiting <u>https://</u>resweb.passkey.com/go/pdca2014.

Special room rate – \$179 per night for a single or double (triple, quad and club rates available online) Reservation deadline for the special conference room rate is Friday, March 7, 2014!

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