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PDCA DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF COST-EFFICIENT PILES CONFERENCE

MOVING AHEAD QUICKLY

The PDCA of the Gulf Coast chapter and PDCA (national) have scheduled the 2008 Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Pile (DICEP) conference in New Orleans, LA.

The one-day conference will be held on ***FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008.***

The DICEP conference will feature 6 presentations primarily designed for civil, geotechnical, and structural engineers, presenting the lectures 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 year, the PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter and the PDCA Education Committee have planned lectures on topics which include “Cost Components of Driven Pile Foundations”, a presentation on the “Rigolets Bridge Project and US Hwy 90 in New Orleans” using 66” cylinder pile, an “Overview of New Technologies in Driven Pile”, “Driven Pile Set Up Prediction Using Dynamic Tests”, an overview of the “PDCA Installation Specifications for Driven Pile”, and “Value Engineered Changes to Driven Piles Provides Benefits to Owners” – a multi-project comparison of real costs between auger cast (CFA) and driven pile. The local chapter members have been successful in converting several CFA projects to driven pile and have also had some CFA projects completed in the Gulf Coast area. The idea behind this presentation is to contrast the real cost of finished CFA projects to those that have been converted to driven pile.

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 towards the State of Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board requirements for engineering license renewal. PDH’s will include the required one-hour course on “Ethics”.

The PDCA will also provide members with the opportunity to exhibit during the conference. PDCA has arranged to have 19 – 6’ table tops available for exhibitors. As of July 31, 2008, 6 booths have been reserved. If you or your firm is interested in exhibiting, you need to submit your registration form as soon as possible to ensure your reservation. The DICEP conference will provide a great opportunity for suppliers and manufacturers to spend some quality time with up to 120 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.

Limited sponsorships are also available. See the DICEP brochure on the PDCA website for more information.

The PDCA is pleased to announce 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. Reservations must be made no later than **September 4, 2008**, to be assured a room at this discounted rate. When making reservations, be sure to identify yourself as a participant in the Pile Driving Contractors DICEP conference and use reservation code PD2.

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 assistance.

PDCA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO MEET WITH AASHTO

The PDCA Technical Committee has completed its review and revisions to the AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, Section 10 – Foundations, 10.5 and 10.7. On August 8, 2008, members of the PDCA Technical Committee will meet in Washington, DC with representatives from AASHTO's T-15 Committee to review the revisions the PDCA is proposing.

PDCA Technical Committee Chair, Dale Biggers (Boh Bros.) and committee members Garland Likins (Pile Dynamics, Inc.), George Goble (George Goble Consulting & Engr.), Billy Camp (S&ME), and Steve Hall (PDCA Executive Director) will meet with T-15 Committee Chair, Jawdat Siddiqi (Ohio DOT), Jerry DiMaggio (FHWA) and via conference call with Tony Allen (Washington DOT). During the scheduled one-day meeting, the PDCA hopes to achieve the approval of the T-15 representatives on the revisions to both 10.5 and 10.7, so the specifications can move forward for approval by the entire T-15 committee and then AASHTO for future implementation.



The Pile Driving Contractors Association (PDCA), the Geo-Institute of ASCE and ADSC The International Association of Foundation Drilling have joined together to present the largest

Geotechnical Engineering and Geo-Construction Congress ever held – the International Foundation Congress and Equipment Expo '09 (IFCEE '09). This Congress will focus on foundations and will include related geo-engineering and geo-construction technologies including foundation engineering, ground modification and earth retention. The IFCEE '09 provides a premier setting as well as providing a vital element in helping you meet your marketing goals!

The IFCEE '09 will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Lake Buena Vista Palace Resort from March 15 – 19, 2009. This conference will attract over 2500 people in the geotechnical engineering and geo-construction related fields. The conference will include a mega indoor and outdoor exhibit area as well as lectures on the top issues in geotechnical engineering and geo-construction.

The PDCA submitted several presentations, short courses and a panel discussion. The following panel discussion has been selected by the IFCEE '09 selection committees to be presented in March 2009.

“Pile Issues and Current Specifications “ - The panel will consist of Dale Biggers (Boh Bros.), Randy Dietel (Piling, Inc.), George Goble (George G. Goble Consulting Engineer), Wayne Waters (Ed Waters and Sons Contracting Co., Inc.) and Pat Hannigan (GRL, Inc.). The discussion will include comparisons of the PDCA Installation Specifications for Driven Pile (PDCA Specification 103-07) and that of AASHTO and IBC in the areas of Payment, Driving Equipment, Materials, Capacity Verification and Installation Issues.

The IFCEE '09 has also selected several PDCA presentations and short courses.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

The ASCE Geo-Institute is soliciting abstracts for technical papers to be considered for inclusion in the Geotechnical Special Publication (GSP) honoring Clyde N. Baker, Jr., P.E., S.E. Hon.M.ASCE. The GSP will be titled: ***The Art of Foundation Engineering Practice***, Mohamad Hussein, J. Brian Anderson, and William Camp, III - Editors; and will be published in 2010 during the Geo-Institute's annual meeting. Technical papers covering all aspects of foundation engineering: research, (structural and geotechnical) design, construction practices, testing, and performance will be considered. Papers documenting case histories are particularly welcome. Deadline for abstract submission is November 30, 2008.

Please e-mail (300 to 400 words) abstracts to: ClydeBakerGSP@uncc.edu; GSP website: <http://www.ce.uncc.edu/gidfc/CBaker.html>

PDCA TO HOLD STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

The Strategic Planning Committee will meet at the InterContinental New Orleans, New Orleans, LA on Wednesday, September 10 and again on Thursday, September 11, 2008 for the purposes of creating the next PDCA strategic plan.

The Strategic Planning Committee will be Chaired by PDCA Immediate Past President, Mark Weisz (C. S. Marine Constructors), the members of the Executive Committee; Board of Director members Buck Darling (Herbert F. Darling, Inc.) and Mike Justason (Birmingham Foundation Solutions); and Stevan Hall, PDCA Executive Director.

The Strategic Planning Committee will prepare a preliminary report to present to the PDCA Board of Directors, which will meet Thursday evening, September 11, 2008, prior to the DICEP Conference, which is being held the next day. A formal report will be prepared by the committee and adopted by the Board for implementation in 2009. Once approved, the strategic plan will be available for viewing on the PDCA website, www.piledrivers.org.

Any comments from the PDCA members regarding the strategic plan can be presented to the PDCA prior to Friday, September 5, 2008 for consideration before the committee meets. Send all requests to the PDCA via email at steve@piledrivers.org.

CORRECTIONS TO THE PDCA 2008 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

As mentioned in last months 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.

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MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

“Members on the Move” is a section of the PDCA E-Letter that allows PDCA members to announce specific company achievements, honors, promotions, project awards and completions, community, civic or industry awards and other accolades. Submit your information to the PDCA, Members on the Move, via email to marian@piledrivers.org.

Cox Industries Acquires Taylor Ramsey of Virginia

Cox Industries, a leading manufacturer of treated wood products, has acquired ownership of a treating facility in Virginia.

The plant, formerly Taylor Ramsey Wood Preserving, will be known as Cox Wood of Virginia, LLC and is located at 2960 Cox Rd. in Blackstone, VA. Jay Pugh has been promoted from Assistant Plant Manager of Cox’s Structural Wood Preserving facility and will serve as plant manager of the Virginia location. Cox has also acquired a separate sales office in Lynchburg, VA formerly owned by Taylor Ramsey.

“We look forward to continuing the customer and vendor relationships that have been established by Taylor Ramsey and we anticipate a smooth transition,” said Cox Industries President and CEO Michael Johnson. Johnson added that Cox plans to retain as many existing employees as possible during the change of ownership.

With this acquisition, Cox Industries further expands its presence in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern United States. Cox Wood of Virginia is the twelfth plant in five states that is owned and operated by parent company Cox Industries. The Blackstone location will continue operations as a residential treating facility but could possibly incorporate industrial operations in the future.

Houston’s Pileco Inc. Makes Business News as Parent Company BAUER Maschinen Boasts Plans for Increasing US Manufacturing

As word of the new state of the art facility global foundation equipment company BAUER Maschinen plans for the Conroe area with its subsidiary and exclusive provider of BAUER products in the western hemisphere, Pileco Inc., media interest peaked.

Amid growth and office expansion in Houston, Panama, California and Florida, it is the Conroe project that has BAUER and Pileco executives alike most excited. And the local media wasted no time spotlighting the development plans, with articles featuring the company and new Conroe facility appearing in both the Houston Chronicle and Houston Business Journal June 27.

The new development will not only contain new corporate offices but also a manufacturing facility, in order to begin manufacturing much of the equipment currently shipped from Germany and China.

“We believe that this partnership has been significant for both BAUER and Pileco. We have distributed the quality BAUER equipment for many years, but to now bring the manufacturing of this superior ingenuity to Texas is something for which we are very proud,” said Pileco President George Smith.

According to Pileco Chief Operating Officer Don Mangum, the new facility will require hundreds of new employees and enable domestic clients to more rapidly obtain equipment they need and custom fabrication they require.

The Houston Chronicle article featured a drawing of the new manufacturing facility, which will sit on nearly 80 acres in the Conroe Industrial Park. Both journals reported that construction of the 200,000-square-foot facility designed by Houston-based KDW will begin in July. The first phase of several is scheduled to be complete July of 2009.

LOCAL BUSINESS OPENS FACTORY – Brings International Recognition and Jobs to the Area

Michael R. Jahnigen, Founder and President of *Sun Piledriving Equipment, LLC* and *Sun Marine Maintenance*, hosted a grand opening celebration for his new manufacturing facility. The factory, *Emeca/SPEUSA*, was constructed without any government subsidies, demonstrating Mr. Jahnigen's unlimited optimism in America's economy and opportunity. *Emeca/SPEUSA* joins together the best of Finnish technology, *Emeca Oy*, with American enthusiasm for innovation and exploration in order to produce equipment that will make deep foundation construction more efficient.

Revolutionizing pile driving in all of the Americas, this inexpensive and lightweight invention functions as the means to connect and fasten two smaller sections of a pile together to create custom pile lengths. The shorter the pile, the easier it is to transport and handle, thereby increasing efficiency, saving time and money and giving the builder a competitive edge. In addition to this, the joints have strong and durable components that will exceed the strength of the pile in all dimensions of compression, tension, and shear.

The factory also produces a technology new to the Americas, *Emeca's* rock points. These connect to the end of a concrete pile and act as protection between the pile and rock, thus allowing piles to be driven directly into rock and very hard soils.

The opening was attended by representatives from *Emeca* and *Junttan* of Finland. *Junttan* is a manufacturer of pile driving rigs, sold in the US by *Sun Piledriving Equipment, LLC* and successfully used by *Sun Marine Maintenance*, they are ideal for utilizing the entire line of *Emeca* products now in production at the new factory.

The factory opening consisted of two parts. From 11:00PM-4:00PM, there was a pile driving demonstrations and factory walkthroughs with food and refreshments. From 5:00PM-8:00PM, there was an invitation only dinner and dedication ceremony. The opening was attended by Congressman Mike Castle (R-DE), Mayor John Shwed and among others, various members of the PDCA.

PDCA CHAPTER UPDATES

PDCA of South Carolina Chapter: The next PDCA of South Carolina Chapter dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, August 26, 2008, at the Town and Country Inn, Hwy. 17, Charleston, SC. The chapter dinner meeting will be preceded by the Board of Directors meeting. S&ME and Geoquip Inc. will be sponsoring the August meeting. For more information on the PDCA of South Carolina chapter meetings, activities or membership, please contact John Parker, Parker Marine at 843-853-7615 or by email at johnp@parkermarine.net.

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 PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter next dinner meeting will be back a Messina's Restaurant, 2722 Williams Blvd., Kenner, LA on August 21, 2008. 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 PDCA is planning a plant tour for engineers at the Atlantic Metro Cast, Inc. concrete production plant in LaPlata, MD. The plant produces pre-stressed, precast concrete piles and has offered to do a plant tour for local engineers. The purpose is to expose engineers to the quality control, quality assurances and exacting standards that are incorporated into the manufacturing of driven pile – in this case, concrete. This program has been successfully conducted with positive outcomes by PDCA independent contractor, Signor Enterprises (Rusty Signor) in Austin, TX and by the PDCA of South Carolina Chapter, who also incorporated timber and steel pile manufacturing into their program.

PDCA of California: 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.

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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.

