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PDCA STRATEGIC PLAN – UPDATE

As mentioned in the January 2009 E-Letter, PDCA has implemented a new Strategic Plan beginning in 2009. The plan has identified Membership, Organizational Structure, Financials and Program Development as its primary areas of strategic focus. Within each area are Strategies and Objectives designed to help PDCA achieve its goals within each focus area.

Earlier this month, the PDCA Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and staff met via conference call to review the Strategic Plan, review the areas of strategic focus and the strategies and objectives of each. Upon completion of that task, all strategies and objectives under the areas of strategic focus were assigned to either the Board of Directors or PDCA Committees for implementation. Strategies and Objectives assigned to the Committees will be discussed in upcoming committee meetings, followed by the development of an implementation plan, with a final plan submitted to the PDCA Board of Directors during the IFCEE '09.

Anyone interested in seeing a complete copy of the PDCA Strategic Plan can do so by contacting the PDCA office at 888-311-PDCA (7322).

PDCA 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The PDCA has been talking about the International Foundation Congress and Equipment Expo '09 (IFCEE '09) for almost a year now. But, what is IFCEE '09 and what does it have to do with the PDCA? Well, here's the low-down. In 2006, the PDCA was invited to join with the Geotechnical Institute of ASCE and ADSC to conduct an international foundation engineering and construction conference that would include the largest foundation equipment and services exhibition ever held. This vision would become the International Foundation Congress and Equipment Expo '09, or IFCEE '09, a mega-event scheduled at the Buena Vista Palace Resort and Spa in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

What about the PDCA's Annual Conference? This is it! In 2009, the IFCEE '09 will take the place of the PDCA's annual conference.

Along with everything else that will take place at the IFCEE '09, PDCA members will still have a significant amount of PDCA events to focus on - from Short Courses to Technical Sessions, from Committee meetings to our Executive Committee and Board meetings and of course the

PDCA Awards luncheons.

Provided below is a summary of conference activities that will help you know exactly what awaits you with regards to PDCA activities or possibilities at IFCEE '09.

Short Courses - Sunday, March 15, 2009

Managing Your Safety Program
High Strain Dynamic Testing for Driven and Drilled Deep Foundations
Estimation of Soil Properties for Foundation Design
Intro to Instrumentation and Monitoring in Geotechnical Engineering

Technical Sessions

Monday, March 16

Effective Use of Steel Piles for a Large Transportation Project
The Effects of Installation Techniques on Capacity of Cylinder Piles in the Yorktown Formation
Value Engineering of Driven H-Piles for Slope Stability on the Missouri River
H-Piles Selected for New Power Plant Based on Pre-Award Testing Program and Cost Comparison
Use of Dynamic Measurements to Drive High Capacity Concrete Piles in Washington's Potomac Foundation
Geotechnical Design of a Partially Piled Raft Foundation

Tuesday, March 17

Foundation Engineering of Offshore "Jacket" Structures
Analyses of Pile Capacity for Offshore Structures in Hurricane Katrina
Driven Pile Foundations in the Offshore Fields of Qatar: Installation Problems, Challenges, and Potential Solutions
Driven Pile Capacity in Intermediate Geomaterial Formations
Measured vs. Predicted Shaft Resistance of H- and Closed Ended Pipe Piles in Sands
Steel Innovations: Changing the Economics of Below Grade Foundations

Wednesday, March 18

Ductile Iron Driven Piles
Characterization of Pecast UHPC Pile Drivability
The Vibro-jetting Driving Method
Centrifuge Model Tests on Instability of Automotive Pile Drivers
Intelligent Pile Driving With a Diesel Hammer
Ground Vibrations and Dynamic Pile Testing
Seismic Hazards and Construction Vibrations
An Overview of Relevant Guidelines for Deep Foundation Vibrations
Development of a Driven Pile Ground Vibration Case History Database
Advances in Dynamic Foundation Testing Technology
Dynamic Pile Testing/Construction Control and Design Verification

Thursday, March 19

Pile Driving Specifications - A Panel Discussion

Other Construction Technical Sessions include topics on:

Construction Economic Forecast
Crane Safety
Management and Maintenance of Equipment
Insurance Risk Management

PDCA Committee Meetings

Sunday, March 15

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Education
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Market Development

Monday, March 16

10:00 AM - 12:00 N Communications
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Technical
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Environmental

Thursday, March 19

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM PDCA Executive Committee Meeting
12:30 PM - 2:30 PM PDCA Board of Directors Meeting

Social Events

Sunday, March 15

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM IFCEE '09 Welcome Reception

Monday, March 16

7:15 AM - 9:00 AM IFCEE '09 Welcome Buffet Breakfast
12:00 N - 1:30 PM PDCA Members Business & Awards Luncheon
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Reception

Tuesday, March 17

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM IFCEE '09 Student Meet and Greet
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM GI Terzaghi Lecture - Clyde Baker

Wednesday, March 18

6:00 PM - 6:45 PM Honoring Our Hero Award Reception
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Honoring Our Hero Award Dinner and Dance

Thursday, March 19

12:00 N - 2:30 PM IFCEE '09 Student Achievement Awards Luncheon
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM Peck Lecture - Ed Kavananzian, Jr.

One of the most important things to remember is IFCEE '09 is your 2009 PDCA Annual Conference, with the additional added benefits of more attendees, more educational selections, more exhibitors and more networking.

Don't miss out on this exclusive event. Go to www.ifcee09.org to register or for more information. Rooms are going fast and on a first-come, first-reserved basis, so call the Buena Vista Palace at 866-397-6516 TODAY. Call the PDCA at 888-311-PDCA (7322) for more

information.

2009 PDCA ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL

January 2009 is the time to renew your PDCA membership. Thanks to all of our members who are continuing their support of the PDCA with your 2009 membership renewal. For those who have not renewed, the PDCA needs your continued support. Without your membership, participation and support, the PDCA would not be an organization. A strong case can be made for driven piles in a slow economy to owners and developers who are looking for the most cost-efficient, product effective system for their project foundation needs. That's driven pile. PDCA has a plan to market the advantages of driven piles, expand our market share and keep our industry moving during these uncertain times. Everyone knows our collective voice will be much louder and carry much further if we come together, as an association with a strong membership than any one individual or one company can accomplish on their own. "One for all, all for one!"

The PDCA is also a resource to help you create opportunities for your business through networking/interaction, education, governmental advocacy, technical information, marketing, research and much more. We encourage you to support PDCA through your 2009 membership. If you were a member in 2008, renew; if you were not a member in 2008, join today.

THE NORTH AMERICAN STEEL SHEET PILING ASSOCIATION

The North American Steel Sheet Piling Association (NASSPA) has launched its new website at www.nasspa.com.

The NASSPA website has been revised to improve navigation to the various website elements. Included at nasspa.com is information on markets and applications of steel sheet piling as well as information about NASSPA.

According to Mike Engstrom, who represents Nucor-Yamato Steel on the NASSPA Board of Trustees, "The NASSPA website shows the wide range of construction projects where steel sheet piling provides a cost effective solution. Furthermore, NASSPA publications are available to download providing engineers and designers with tools to correctly specify steel sheet piling in their construction projects."

PROFESSORS' DRIVEN PILE INSTITUTE

For More Information – <http://www.piledrivers.org/profdrivenpile.php>

HIGH STRAIN DYNAMIC PILE TEST PROGRAM

September 23 – 25, 2009. Philadelphia, PA. More details to follow

DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF COST-EFFICIENT PILES CONFERENCE

November 19, 2009. San Francisco, CA. More details to follow.

PDCA HATS AND SHIRT – ON SALE NOW

For More Information –

<http://www.piledrivers.org/categoryproducts.php?cid=3&title=PDCA%20Shirts>

BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION – RENEW YOUR 2009 MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

A DRIVEN PILE IS A TESTED PILE!

