



THIRD NATIONAL SEISMIC CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ON BRIDGES & HIGHWAYS

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CONFERENCE DATES:
April 28 - May 1, 2002

LOCATION:
Portland, Oregon

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APRIL 1, 2002 IS DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS FOR NATIONAL SEISMIC CONFERENCE ON BRIDGES AND HIGHWAYS

Program slated for Portland, Oregon, April 28 - May 1, 2002

BUFFALO, NY ... There's still time to take advantage of early registration discounts for the Third National Seismic Conference and Workshop on Bridges and Highways -- the deadline is April 1, 2002. Scheduled to take place in April 28 - May 1 in Portland, Oregon, the 3NSC represents one of the largest gatherings anywhere, on highway seismic design and retrofit strategies for practicing engineers.

It is expected to attract between 300 and 400 participants including: bridge and highway engineers, design consultants, and federal, state, and local transportation owners and representatives from throughout the United States. The 2 1/2-day program features 50 presentations and more than 20 poster presentations that detail the latest advancements in earthquake design and retrofit and new and innovative technologies for bridges, highway systems and components.

Full conference registration for local, state, and federal government employees is \$195, on or before April 1, and \$230 afterwards. Full conference registration for all others before April 1, is \$295, and \$330 thereafter. A special conference registration rate is available for full-time college students: \$50 before April 1, and \$85 afterwards.

The conference will provide a forum for information on current practices and research for seismic-resistant design and retrofit of bridges and highway systems in all seismic zones. Presentations will focus on the latest advances in engineering and technology for seismic safety.

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Session topics include:

- Lessons Learned from Recent Earthquakes (Since 1998)
- Seismic Design Practices and Specifications
- Design of Major Bridges in High and Moderate Seismicity Areas
- Effects of Near Field Earthquakes on Bridges
- Seismic Practices for Transportation Structures and Systems
- Displacement Based Design
- Emerging Seismic Design and Retrofit Technologies
- Development and Testing of the New LRFD Seismic Design Specifications for Highway Bridges

The conference will also include an International Forum illustrating innovative seismic applications implemented abroad, and a Technology Show and Information Display involving as many as 40 exhibitors of contemporary products and services for seismic design and retrofit. The conference theme is "Advances in Engineering and Technology for the Seismic Safety of Bridges in the New Millennium."

It is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the Washington State Department of Transportation. It is organized by the Federal Highway Administration's Western Resource Center, and the Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research (MCEER) headquartered at the University at Buffalo.

Cosponsors include: the California Department of Transportation, Mid America Earthquake Center, MCEER, Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, and the Transportation Research Board.

Registration and exhibitor information, as well as a complete conference program, are available online via <http://mceer.buffalo.edu>. For additional information, contact: Michael S. Higgins, P.E., Regional Manager, Eastern Region, Pure Technologies US Inc., 10015 Old Columbia Road, Suite B-215, Columbia, MD 21046; Tel: 410-309-7050; Fax: 410-309-7051; Email: mike.higgins@soundprint.com.