



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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ABSTRACT DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR THIRD NATIONAL SEISMIC CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ON BRIDGES AND HIGHWAYS

New deadline is August 31, 2001

BUFFALO, NY ... The deadline for submission of abstracts for the Third National Seismic Conference and Workshop on Bridges and Highways has been extended to August 31, 2001. Organizers are seeking 50 to 60 papers for formal presentations. Another 25 papers will be selected for poster sessions.

Presentations will focus on the latest advancements in earthquake design and retrofit, and on new and innovative technologies — including the latest research and developments in earthquake engineering for bridges, highway systems, and components.

The Third National Seismic Conference and Workshop on Bridges and Highways will take place April 28 through May 1, 2002, in Portland, Oregon. The conference theme is “Advances in Engineering and Technology for the Seismic Safety of Bridges in the New Millennium.”

The program 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. Abstracts are sought on the following topics:

- Effects of near-field earthquakes on bridges
- Displacement based design
- Lessons learned from recent earthquakes (since 1998)
- Design of major long span bridges in high or moderate seismicity areas
- Design strategies for bridges subject to large ground motions
- Seismic practices east of the Rockies
- Emerging seismic design and retrofit technologies for bridges, tunnels, and other structures
- Seismic response modification devices

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One-page typewritten abstracts should be submitted by August 31, 2001 to: Third National Seismic Conference and Workshop on Bridges and Highways, c/o MCEER, University at Buffalo, Red Jacket Quadrangle, Buffalo, NY 14261-0052; Tel: 716/645-3391; Fax: 716/645-3399; Email: mceer@acsu.buffalo.edu. Faxed and email submissions are welcome. Abstracts may also be submitted via the conference web site, accessible through the MCEER home page at <http://mceer.buffalo.edu>.

Authors should clearly indicate the topic under which their abstract is submitted. They will be notified of acceptance in September 2001.

The Third National Seismic Conference and Workshop on Bridges and Highways is expected to attract worldwide participation from bridge and highway engineers, design consultants, researchers, and federal, state and local transportation agency owners.

It will also include an International Forum comprising invited speakers from countries that have implemented advanced earthquake design and mitigation technologies and techniques. A Technology Showcase involving as many as 40 exhibitors of contemporary products and services for seismic design and retrofit, is also being organized.

The program 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. Conference cosponsors include: the California Department of Transportation, Mid-America Earthquake Center, MCEER, Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center, and the Transportation Research Board.

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