

# Organizational Meeting

## Structural Engineering Loss Prevention Program

*May 11, 2004*

*Colorado Springs – The Broadmoor Resort  
During the ACEC Annual Convention*

The number of claims against structural engineers has increased drastically in recent years for a variety of complex reasons. Although many of the factors that cause this increase are out of our control, we do have the ability to positively influence the impact to our business. Costs associated with claims can be reduced or avoided if we are cognizant of the project risks and write contracts accordingly, practice within specific professional guidelines and respond to claims early and appropriately. If we collectively change the way we practice and respond to claims, then we can make a difference.

A small group of representatives from SEI, CASE, NCSEA and a few SERMC alumni has considered the options for reducing the cost of claims and would like to present the results of their effort.

### **The Meeting Agenda is as follows:**

1. Presentation of the Problem

Structural engineers are paying claims at a rate of three times that of the other disciplines in engineering.

2. Presentation of Possible Solutions

Educational programs and changes to the way we practice.

3. Presentation of a Possible Organizational Model

A proposed organizational model will serve as a starting point for discussion, but it is not meant to be the final model.

4. Open Discussion

What Is the Next Step?

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(You do not need to register at the convention)*