

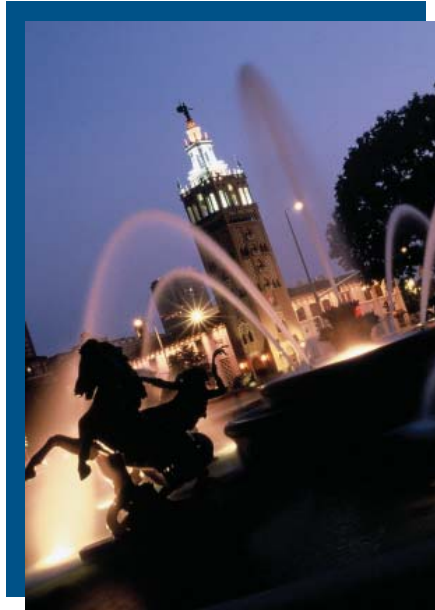


NCSEA Annual Conference 2005 Kansas City, Missouri

The Structural Engineers Association of Kansas & Missouri (SEAKM) and the Oklahoma Structural Engineers Association (OSEA) are pleased to be co-hosting the 13th Annual Conference of the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA). This event will take place October 27-29, 2005, at the Fairmont Hotel on the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri. Information about the area, which was planned in 1922 as the first suburban shopping district in the United States and reflects the unique architecture of Seville, Spain, is available at www.countryclubplaza.com.

The SEAKM-OSEA Host Committee has selected the following theme for the Friday technical program: "Engineering the World from the Heart of America." The keynote speaker will be L. William Zahner, President of A. Zahner Co. in Kansas City, which among other things has been responsible for fabricating the metal cladding panels on many of the unique buildings designed by architect Frank Gehry. Mr. Zahner and a representative from Wallace Engineering will discuss the close collaboration between their firms, which is necessary in order to customize the geometry of each one-of-a-kind component such that the pieces fit together properly when erected in the field. A sample panel will illustrate the design, fabrication, and erection challenges.

Another speaker will be Jennifer Prichard, E.I., a structural engineer with The Benham Companies in Tulsa. She will describe her participation in a group that recreated an ancient super-weapon for the Discovery Channel. Ms. Prichard's team built, in just seven days and using only locally available materials, a 40-foot-tall mobile siege tower capable of conquering a 28-foot-tall city wall. Her specific responsibility was to perform the overall structural analysis and design of the City Destroyer. Ms. Prichard is waiting an extra six months to take the P.E. exam in order to give her presentation at this event.



The SEAKM-OSEA Host Committee is reviewing abstracts for several additional high-quality presentations that are consistent with the program theme. Objectives include highlighting the breadth of project types and locations that are designed in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma, and having at least one speaker from each of the five Chapters (Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Saint Louis, Tulsa, and Wichita) that comprise the two organizations. Look for the complete preliminary program in an upcoming issue of STRUCTURE magazine. ■



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2005 NCSEA EXCELLENCE IN STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING AWARDS

Call for Entries



NCSEA announces the eighth annual Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards Program. This program annually highlights some of the best examples of structural engineering ingenuity throughout the world. Structural engineers and structural engineering firms are encouraged to enter this year's program. Projects will be judged on innovative design, engineering achievement and creativity.



Up to three Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards will be presented in each of the following five categories: New Buildings Under \$10M, New Buildings \$10M to \$30M, New Buildings Over \$30M, New Bridges and Other Structures. One project in each category will be chosen as an Outstanding Project. Eligible projects must have been constructed after January 1, 2002.



Entries are due on Friday, July 8, 2005. Awards will be presented in October at the NCSEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri. Winning projects will be featured in future issues of STRUCTURE Magazine. For award program rules, project eligibility and entry forms, see the Call for Entries on the NCSEA web site at www.ncsea.com.



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