

Call for Papers

Abstracts being accepted until April 2, 2008

2008 PCI Convention

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October 6 – 8, 2008

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PCI Announces NEW Peer-Reviewed Technical Sessions as part of the 2008 PCI Annual Convention

These sessions are in addition to traditional education sessions that address a wide variety of topics

Precast concrete continues to grow as the material of choice for commercial, residential, institutional, manufacturing, parking, and many other types of structures. The annual PCI Convention is the premier national venue for the exchange of ideas and state-of-the-art information on precast concrete structures design, fabrication, and construction. The PCI Convention, held in conjunction with the PCI National Bridge Conference, attracts over 1400 participants each year and provides an outstanding opportunity for networking, education, and sharing of ideas. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity—submit your abstract today.

Abbreviated conference schedule

Sunday, October 5

Exhibit hall opens
Technical committee meetings

Monday, October 6

Keynote address
Technical sessions

Tuesday, October 7

Technical sessions
Design awards banquet

Wednesday, October 8

Technical sessions

Social Events and Gatherings

Throughout the convention, there will be ample time to network with colleagues and establish or renew acquaintances, as well as learn about the state-of-the-art of precast

concrete structures and technologies. Social events include an opening reception, buffet luncheons sponsored by the exhibitors, and a dinner banquet. Tours and activities are also available for accompanying guests.

Special Bonus

Those registering for the PCI Annual Convention and Exhibition also have the opportunity to participate in all the exciting educational sessions of the PCI National Bridge Conference.

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The 2008 PCI Annual Convention will include both general sessions and a peer-reviewed program. *PCI is currently accepting abstracts for the peer-reviewed program.* Proceedings from both sessions will be provided to all registrants on CD-ROM. Peer-reviewed papers may also be selected for publication in the *PCI Journal*, the Industry's leading technical periodical.

Suggested topics include:

- Aesthetics and finishes
- Blast resistance and progressive collapse
- Concrete—SCC, lightweight, high strength
- Contractor alternates, value engineering, and design-build
- Designing and testing related to fire resistance
- Designing for seismic forces
- FRP reinforcement and technologies
- High-performance concrete/high-performance solutions
- Innovative precast concrete structures
- Life-cycle costs and/or assessment
- Material technologies
- Project case studies
- Repair and rehabilitation
- Research in practice

- Supplementary cementitious materials in precast concrete
- Sustainable design using precast concrete

Submission requirements:

A technical committee will review all submissions. Abstracts should:

- be no longer than one, double-spaced, typewritten page
- adequately describe the topic
- confirm the author's willingness to present the paper personally at the PCI Convention if the paper is selected
- identify the intended presenter if multiple authors are listed

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is **April 2, 2008**. Abstracts should be submitted electronically at <http://www.softconf.com/start/PCIConvention08/submit.html>

Authors of selected papers will be notified April 11, 2008. Final papers are due June 16, 2008.

Requirements for papers can be found at www.pci.org.

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