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2017 Professional Engineers Conference in Atlanta July 19th – 23rd



Optional Event Tickets

A Night at the Aquarium

Spend an evening with fellow PEs and guests, enjoying dinner in the famed [Georgia Aquarium](#). Tickets include a buffet dinner and admission to the aquarium.

Sponsored by Briggs and Morgan

Date: Friday, July 21

Mark your calendar for the **2017 Professional Engineers Conference, July 19–23, Atlanta Marriott Marquis**. The conference is an opportunity for PEs and those on the path to licensure to connect with like-minded professionals, earn continuing education credits, and learn about the profession's top issues.

2017 Conference At-A-Glance

Full Conference

Includes: Conference Professional Development (up to 12 PDHs) covering a variety of topics that touch different disciplines across the profession; Thursday After Business Hours reception and Thursday and Friday networking lunches. **NOTE:** Optional event tickets can be purchased separately.

Conference dates: [Thursday, July 20 and Friday, July 21](#)

One-Day Conference

Includes: Conference Professional Development (up to 6 PDHs) covering a variety of topics that touch different disciplines across the profession; Thursday After Business Hour reception and Thursday OR Friday networking lunch.

NOTE: Optional event tickets can be purchased separately.

Conference dates: [Thursday, July 20 or Friday, July 21](#).

<https://www.nspe.org/resources/2017-professional-engineers-conference>

Hotel and Travel

Atlanta Marriott Marquis is ideally located in the heart of downtown, the hotel's indoor MARTA access provides guests with direct access to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport just 15 miles away.

Discounts, CityPASS, & Things To Do

Discover some of the city's most popular tourist attractions and search for events for the dates you are in Atlanta. *See a complete list of offers and savings including the Southern Hospitality Pass.* [Learn more and print the Savings in the City Card!](#)

Reasons to Attend

Networking, continuing education, leadership, and much more [read and listen to all the reasons to attend the 2017 Professional Engineers Conference](#).

Conference Attendee Justification Toolkit

Justifying attendance at conferences can be tough. Below is a letter template you can use to help justify your attendance at 2017 PE Conference. Simply edit the document and fill in the highlighted portions into the word document or copy it into an email.

About the GDOT

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About the Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with GDOT as the statewide provider of the federally fund Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

Learn Today for Tomorrow

Beat The Heat In Summer Construction



Summer is coming and with it, energy-sapping heat. For construction laborers and others who work outdoors, or who, regardless of the time of year, work in heat-producing environments, heat is not only uncomfortable, but also dangerous.

[Heat](#) sickens thousands of workers every year and kills more than 30. About half of these deaths occur in the construction industry. Heat can make anyone sick, but people who are overweight, have high blood pressure or heart disease are at increased risk. So is anyone who takes allergy medication, decongestants or blood pressure medication.

“Precautions must be taken when it’s hot outside. Engineering controls, such as misting and ventilation, can make the jobsite cooler. Workers should take frequent work/rest cycles and stay hydrated with the intake of fluids,” says LIUNA General President Terry O’Sullivan. “Educating workers to recognize the symptoms of heat illness, know steps to take to reduce their risk and what to do if a co-worker suffers from heat exposure is also essential.”

[Heat stress](#) can cause a host of conditions and illnesses ranging from rashes and cramps to heat exhaustion and life-threatening heat stroke. Factors that can make construction laborers particularly vulnerable to heat stress and illnesses related to heat stress include:

- Working in high temperatures and humidity, direct sun exposure and no breeze
- Engaging in heavy physical labor
- Wearing waterproof clothing

Symptoms of heat exhaustion:

Headaches, dizziness, lightheadedness, fainting

- Moist skin
- Irritability or confusion
- Upset stomach, vomiting

Symptoms of heat stroke:

- Dry, hot skin with no sweating
- Confusion, loss of consciousness
- Seizures or convulsions

Employers can help protect workers from the heat by following these precautions:

- Allow workers to acclimatize by gradually increasing exposure to heat over a five-day period.
- Provide cool water to drink (five to seven ounces) every 15 minutes.
- Require rest breaks in a cool, shady spot and with fans available.
- Schedule heavy work during the coolest time of the day.
- When possible, assign work that can be done in the shade.
- Rotate workers when working in the heat is unavoidable.
- Suggest workers wear lightweight, light-color clothing.
- Schedule additional rest breaks for workers who wear protective clothing and check their temperature and heart rate.
- If a worker has symptoms of heat stroke:
 - Call 9-1-1
 - Move him/her to shade
 - Wipe skin with cool water
 - Loosen clothing
 - Fan with cardboard or other material

To read more see excerpt//www.lhsfna.org/index.cfm/lifelines/june-2014/beat-the-heat-in-summer-construction/

Supportive Services Offered



- Estimating Training
- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
- Bonding Assistance
- Marketing Plan Development
- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website
- Plan Reading



CEI is an educational organization providing the highest quality construction training in the industry. Over 100,000 owners, estimators, project managers, field supervisors, office support staff, foremen, laborers, and key management personnel have attended courses that are offered nationwide. The courses provide students with construction skills training and the critical information needed to be effective within their companies and organizations.

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