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Columbia Section Meeting - April 20th, 2005

Date: Wednesday - April 20th, 2005 at 11:30 am – 1:00 PM

Place: Shilo Inn, George Washington Way, Richland

Meal: Buffet (Chef's choice) \$15 per person.
Please pay cash or check to treasurer at the meeting.

Topic: **Columbia Center Blvd./BNSF Grade Separation**

Speaker: **Steve Plummer**

Steve Plummer from the City of Kennewick will be giving a presentation on the Columbia Center Blvd/BNSF Grade Separation project. The presentation will cover the project's history, how the project is progressing, and an overview of the schedule.

Lunch will start at 11:30, and the presentation will begin at Noon.

RSVP to: Aaron Meilleur, aaron.meilleur@hdrinc.com or (509) 546-2045 by April 19th, 2005

Upcoming Event

Walla Walla College Engineering Students Annual ASCE Banquet
Wednesday, May 4th at 6:15 p.m.
Kellogg Hall Cafeteria, Alaska Room
Walla Walla College Campus, College Place, WA

Dinner will include: Pasta Bar, Vegetable Dish, Salad, and Desert
Cost is \$15 for guests and \$10 for students

Speaker: Glen Blackwelder, PE, MS
Topic: "The Modern Roundabout: Moving Traffic In Smarter Circles."
RSVP to: Renee Mackin (509) 527-2765 by April 27th, 2005

This banquet is held each year and we are always happy for our students to have an opportunity to visit with guests from the engineering community.

Best Regards,

Louie Yaw, PE, SE

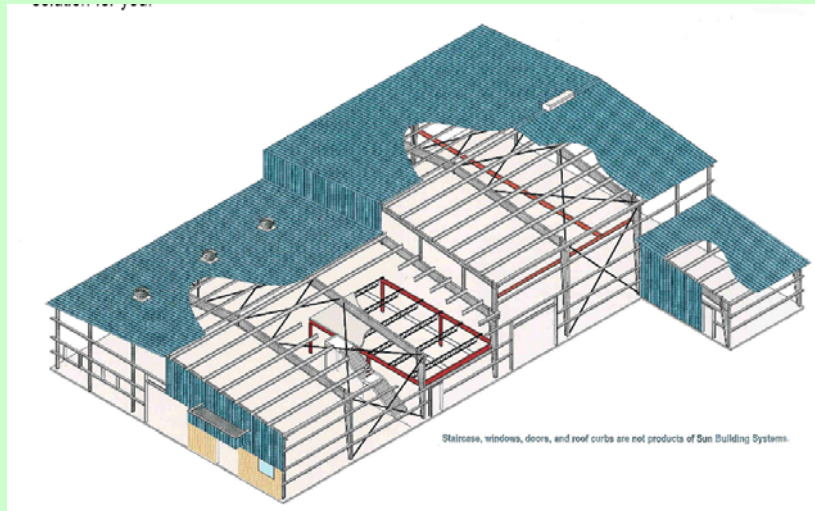
**ASCE Structural Technical Group
Organizes Field Trip
To
Sun Building Systems Plant
2002 Morgan Road
Sunnyside, WA**

When: Friday, April 29, 2005

What Time: 10:30 am to 12:00 noon

Fee: Free

Lunch: Sandwiches provided by Sun Building Systems after the tour



Since 1974 Sun Building Systems has been designing and fabricating pre-engineered metal buildings, open joists, steel decks, and other components.

They fabricate about 80,000 tons of steel every year.

We will visit their plant during operation.

Please be at the plant about 10:00 am. We will start the tour at 10:30 am.

RSVP: Indra Ghosh (indraghosh2000@msn.com) 509-372-9058 by April 25.
Please note max. is 20 – first come, first serve basis.

ASCE Seminars and Courses

Geographic Services is pleased to advise you of the following seminar(s) scheduled in your geographic area in the coming months:

May 13-15, 2005
HEC-RAS Computer Workshop
(Hydraulics and Water Resources)
Anchorage, AK

May 19-20, 2005
Earthquake Induced Ground Motions
(Structural)
Seattle, WA

May 26-27, 2005
Structural Condition Assessment
(Structural)
Portland, OR

June 23-24, 2005
Bridge Rehabilitation
(Infrastructure Rehabilitation & Safety)
Seattle, WA

July 14-15, 2005
Design, Construction, and Renovation of Masonry
Structures (Structural)
Seattle, WA

August 4-5, 2005
Wind Loads for Buildings & Other Structures
(Structural)
Portland, OR

August 18-19, 2005
Design of Detention Ponds
(Hydraulics and Water Resources/Environment)
Portland, OR

September 22-23, 2005
Fundamentals of Earthquake Engineering
(Geotechnical)
Seattle, WA

These in-depth, practice-oriented programs are produced by ASCE's Continuing Education Department and may be of interest to many ASCE members in your section and branch. Detailed descriptions of the seminars by title are available on ASCE's National website at www.asce.org/conted/seminars.

If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Jarvis, Continuing Education Registrar at kjarvis@asce.org, or Michael Cook at mcook@asce.org.

Autodesk Civil Engineering Courses

Last month the City of Pendleton was able to schedule a LandDesktop (LD) Introductory class at Blue Mountain Community College. The class was taught by Kevin Closson from PPI Group out of Portland. Thanks to Tim Simons, Pendleton City Engineer, City employees, as well as others from the engineering community were able to attend the valuable workshop. The City of Pendleton, along with others are looking to schedule a second workshop sometime this summer. If there is enough interest in our area (ten or more participants) PPI Group is willing to hold a class in the Tri-Cities or Pendleton. If you are interested in forming a class, please contact Julie Nelson at (509) 546-2044 or julie.nelson@hdrinc.com. You can view class descriptions at the following web site: <http://www.portlandprecision.com/calendar.html>. Kevin also mentioned that he can format a class to whatever content the group is interested in. If there is a feature of LD you have been wanting to learn more about, this would be a great opportunity.
