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## University of Wisconsin-Madison Captures Fourth Straight Concrete Canoe Championship



Like all engineering success stories, the journey for the University of Wisconsin-Madison demanded countless calculations and measurements made to meet the strict competition requirements, and aching muscles from hours of paddling practice as the Badgers captured their fourth straight Concrete Canoe title. Capturing their fourth straight Concrete Canoe title, the team's 21-foot-long, 162-pound, natural gray canoe defeated entries from 22 other top engineering schools from across the country.

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## More News...

» [The application deadline for The American Academy of Water Resources Engineers' Diplomate Specialty Certification program is Aug. 24.](#)

## CCI and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers To Hold Workshop on Assessing Infrastructure

ASCE's Committee on Critical Infrastructure and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are sponsoring a workshop on Condition Assessment of Critical Infrastructure July 13–14 in Washington, D.C. Aimed at owners, operators, and regulators of critical infrastructure and key resources, the workshop will focus on developing critical infrastructure resilience under multihazard conditions, while considering the effects of aging and maintenance deficiencies on vulnerability to natural and man-made events. Attendees will discuss strategies to mitigate the adverse effects resulting from condition degradation and their potential impact on the security and protection of critical infrastructure assets.

Attendance is free and will be limited to 60 participants. Professional Development Hours (PDHs) will be available.

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#### Upcoming Events

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- [23-26 13th International Conference on Cold Regions Engineering](#)
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now through Monday, Aug. 14, at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Unique E-signatures have been sent to voting members via broadcast e-mail. If you have not received your E-signature, please contact ASCE Member Services at (800) 548-ASCE (2723).

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Follow the instructions and cast your ballot. You may link to each nominee's biographical statement and/or candidate statement by clicking the "View Bio" links on the ballot page. Once you vote online you will not be able to access this site again, so please make sure you cast your vote correctly.

For members who wish to cast their votes via the paper method, ballots were included in the June issue of *ASCE News*. If both an electronic and paper ballot are cast, only the paper will be counted.

- » [To vote, click here](#)
- » [Voting instructions](#)
- » Election Web site support, e-mail [ASCE@directvote.net](mailto:ASCE@directvote.net)

## Speak Up Today! What Policy Issues Do You Care About?

ASCE is busy defining goals for our government relations work next year so we can shape positive legislative action for civil engineers. But the Society needs to know what issues matter to you. Time is running out for you to voice your opinions about ASCE's issue priorities for 2007. All ASCE members are invited to participate in ASCE's seventh annual Issues Survey. PLEASE NOTE: Members will need their ASCE member ID# to complete the survey. If you do not know your ID# please call 800-548-ASCE (2723) for assistance. The survey deadline has been extended to July 14.

- » Visit <http://www.asce.org/govrel/survey.cfm> to complete the online survey

## Make Your Membership More Valuable; Tell Us Your Personal Interests

ASCE's products, services and resources are designed to meet the needs of civil engineers at all levels. ASCE wants to know what the specific interests and professional needs of members are so that we can maximize the benefit of membership. Members should watch their in-

box over the next three months for portions of ASCE's Personal Interest Inventory. For every section completed, members will be entered to win various iPod products.

» [Fill out your Personal Interest Inventory](#)

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### **This Week in Washington**

## **Mineta Announces Resignation**

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta, an ASCE Honorary Fellow, has announced his resignation effective July 7, 2006.

» [Read the full edition of \*This Week in Washington\* online](#)

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### **Lifelong Learning**

## **New ASCE Webinar Addresses How To Accommodate Wildlife Passage Across Roads and Highways**

Wildlife-vehicle accidents are the greatest mortality factor for vertebrate animals in the United States. These accidents can result in human injuries and mortalities, and costly property damage which could be prevented. The new **Road Crossing Structure Improvements to Accommodate Wildlife Passage** Webinar will address road crossing mitigations that can improve wildlife movement and reduce wildlife-vehicle accidents. The Webinar will also discuss why transportation agencies are now required to complete a new environmental review process for highways, transit and multimodal projects. Pay a single site registration fee and an unlimited number of people can attend at that site. The Webinar will take place on July 6 from noon to 1 p.m. eastern time.

» [View additional information or register](#)

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### **Conference of the Week**

## **Registration Open for The Ninth International Conference on Applications of Advanced Technology in Transportation (AATT) 2006**

Transportation professionals from public and private sectors around the world will find **The Ninth International Conference on Applications of Advanced Technology in Transportation** an excellent learning forum to examine an array of innovative technologies to solve various transportation problems in the areas of infrastructure, operations and planning, and information systems. Attendees will discover innovative strategies to address such problems as congestion, safety, security, data collection and management, asset deterioration and management, planning and modeling, and effective implementation of advanced information technologies in the lifecycle of transportation systems. The conference will be held in Chicago, Aug. 13-16.

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#### Book of the Week

### *Preparing for Design-Build Projects: A Primer for Owners, Engineers and Contractors*



For nearly two decades, design-build (DB) contracting has become increasingly the method of choice in public and private construction projects. Many designers and builders are now drawn to DB projects and must alter their business practices to accommodate the changed relationships within DB contracts. *Preparing for Design-Build Projects: A Primer for Owners, Engineers and Contractors* is a professional reference that covers the basics of developing a design-build project. The authors focus on learning modules that break down the decision-making process and reassemble it as a straightforward method for DB projects from the owner's standpoint. This book acts as a timely guide on developing DB requests for qualifications and requests for proposals. It also assists the reader in interpreting these documents in order to prepare a responsive DB proposal or evaluate a series of proposals and make a source selection decision.

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### **Insure Your Family's Financial Future**

You and your spouse need term life insurance to protect your family in the event of a premature death. The challenge is to find an affordable plan that also includes the backing and stability of a highly rated insurance company. With the 10-Year Level Term Life Plan, ASCE members may now be able to lock in the financial security provided by term life insurance—at a price that's **GUARANTEED** to never go up and with a high benefit level that's **GUARANTEED** to never go down for 10 years.

» To find out more about this valuable insurance protection, please visit <http://www.asceinsurance.com/articl/term.asp> or call (800) 650-2723.

#### Institutes Info



### **EWRI 2006 Operations Management Conference**

**Register for the 2006 Operations Management Conference by July 10 and save \$50 on your registration fee!** Sponsored by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute, the conference will provide an opportunity for operations and management personnel of water resources projects to exchange ideas on current issues, applications of new technology and the day-to-day challenges of operating a water resources project. The workshop will take place in Sacramento, Calif., Aug. 14–16.

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