

2026 LOUISIANA CIVIL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE AND SHOW

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 - Morning Sessions			
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast (EXHIBIT HALL)		
	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
Moderators			
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Controlling Groundwater for Excavations in the Mississippi River Valley Mississippi River Delta	Accelerated Bridge Construction of Detroit's Network Tied Arch using SPMTs	Reshaping Louisiana's Civil Engineering Profession using Digital Twins and Artificial Intelligence
	G Richard Bird, P.E. <i>AECOM Technical Services, Inc</i>	Matt Longfield, P.E., S.E. <i>HDR</i>	Malay Ghose Hajra, Ph.D., P.E. <i>LSU New Orleans</i> & Russell J. "Joey" Coco, Jr., P.E., MBA <i>Forte & Tablada</i>
9:30 am - 10:30 am	The Benefits of Pile Load Tests and What to Do When They Fail?	Marsh Terracing: One Line of Defense to Benefit the Barataria Land Bridge	City of New Orleans Infrastructure Update
	Patrick Thurmond, P.E.; Chad Roe, P.E.; & James Williams, P.E. <i>Eustis Engineering</i>	Hiruni Fernando, EIT <i>Freese and Nichols</i>	Steve Nelson, P.E. Deputy CAO of Infrastructure <i>City of New Orleans</i>
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Morning Break (EXHIBIT HALL)		
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Flooding in coastal parishes- Can we dredge our way out of it?	Improving Constructability and Schedule Certainty Using Lime Soil Modification	Decoding the WIP: The Financial Blueprint Every Engineer Should Know
	Ranjit Jadhav, Ph.D. <i>Olsson, Inc</i>	Ellyn Veal, P.E. <i>Mintek Resources</i>	Kristi Matthews, P.E. <i>The Radix Group, LLC</i>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch		

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 - Afternoon Sessions			
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1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Darrell Elliot Lecture Building Constructable Concrete Structures: Contractors and Engineers Working Together	Areal Fill Case Study: From Predictions to Observations	Adding Value to your Civil Engineering Project with a VE Study
	Scott Anderson, MS, P.E., F.ACI President <i>American Concrete Institute</i>	George Segré, P.E. <i>Terracon</i>	Ryan Thomas, P.E., VMA <i>Pape-Dawson</i>
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Masonry and Vineer Tie Testing for Historical Preservation	TBD	From Triumph to Tragedy: The Tay Bridge Story Every Project Leader Should Know
	Anthony Lamanna, P.E., Ph.D., F.ACI, F.ASCE, TLP <i>Del E. Webb School of Construction, Arizona State University</i>	Jesse Noel, P.E. Regional Director <i>Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - West Bank</i>	Jim Benvie, PMP <i>TyauvinOn Solutions</i>
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Afternoon Break (EXHIBIT HALL)		
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Capabilities and Limitations of Ultrasonic Testing Techniques for In-Service Hydraulic Steel Structures	Data Tools for Environmental Projects	What to Do? Responsibility of Engineers for Public Safety
	Leslie Campbell, P.E. <i>US Army Corps of Engineers</i>	Bryan B. Smith, P.E. <i>Pivotal Environmental</i>	Keith Bergeron, EIT <i>Deutsch Kerrigan, LLP</i>
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	LCECS ICEBREAKER (EXHIBIT HALL)		

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8:30 am - 9:30 am	Counterweight Rope Replacement at Bridge	Are You Practicing Engineering With Obsolete Ideas About Flood Risk?	Do You HYST?
	Kevin Ciampi, P.E. <i>H & H</i>	Bob Jacobsen, P.E.	Frank McCaskell, P.E., PMP <i>Worley</i>
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Behind the Curtain: The Engineering and Environmental Compliance of Shoreline Protective Breakwaters under Coastal Texas Program – Case Study G28-1	Traffic Engineering in 2026: Focus on Safety, Bikes and Peds	From Vision to Reality: Engineering Progress at the Louisiana International Terminal
	Kiara Horton, P.E., Melanie Ros, & Nina Reins <i>Freese and Nichols</i>	Alison Michel, P.E., PTOE, PTP, RSP2i <i>Urban Systems, Inc.</i>	Chris Gilmore, P.E. <i>Port of New Orleans</i>
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Morning Break (EXHIBIT HALL)		
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Civil/Structural Engineering & Design In Industrial Facilities	Water Sector - National Trends	Design and Construction of the Crescent City Connection Decorative Lighting
	Occie Norton, P.E. <i>T. Baker Smith</i>	Randy Hayman, Esquire & Kaitlin Tymrak <i>Sewerage and Water Board</i>	Jonathan Gerhart, P.E. <i>Modjeski and Masters, Inc.</i> & Cole Frischhertz <i>Frischertz Electric Company, Inc.</i>
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1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Slope Reinforcement and Stabilization Using Percussion Driven Earth Anchors	Concrete Topic TBD	Influencer or Expert - Are We Both or Should We Be?
	Rick Ruffing <i>Gripple Inc</i>	Tyson Rupnow, Ph.D., P.E. <i>Applied Research Associates, Inc.</i>	Norma Jean Mattei, P.E., Ph.D. <i>University of New Orleans</i>
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Herbert J. Roussel Lecture Structural Anchorage Design	Advanced Testing in Soft Soils	Three Plans, One Path: Integrated Resilience Planning for the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
	Sharon Bradshaw <i>GIS Engineering</i>	Anna Bishop, EIT & Rebecca Middleton <i>US Army Corps of Engineers</i>	Chris Wesseln, AICP; Whitney Broussard, PhD; & Lewis Bernard, P.E. <i>Freese and Nichols</i>
3:00 pm - 3:20 pm	Afternoon Break (MAIN HALLWAY)		
3:20 pm - 4:20 pm	Tornadoes - A Look Back at the Recent Past	Using Low Altitude, High Resolution Data to Map and Identify Utilities in a Densely Populated City	Buzz Hair Lecture Louisiana Gulf Coast Marsh Restoration: 20 Years
	Calvin Thomas, P.E. <i>Halliwell Engineering Associates</i>	Chad Netto <i>ES2, Inc</i>	Russ Joffrion, P.E. <i>Moffatt & Nichol</i>

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