

“Travel Scholarship Sponsorship Opportunities”

We are asking for your support in developing a travel scholarship fund for the upcoming 2019 International Accelerated Bridge Construction Conference (IABC). As before, this travel scholarship program is intended to help State DOT employees attend the conference. There are five levels of potential support, which are listed and described further below along with the corresponding benefits. The sponsor levels are also indicated in the on-line pledge form, which is linked directly below.

If you wish to be a co-sponsor of this important conference and support the travel scholarship program, please visit the following web site and complete the simple on-line pledge form:

<https://abc-utc.fiu.edu/conference/travel-scholarship-sponsors/>

This IABC conference, sponsored by the University Transportation Center for Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC-UTC) at Florida International University (FIU), has become the premier conference in the Accelerated Bridge Construction industry, drawing previous support from FHWA, 30 State DOTs and approximately 700 attendees. With the international outreach and expanded venue, the 2019 conference is expected to draw on a much broader segment of the overall bridge industry. Your support of the travel scholarship program will help the many state DOTs send more of their staff to the conference and learn more about the latest ABC methods and innovative bridge design, construction and maintenance applications. Your support and advertisement at the conference will also help your firm be recognized by all who attend as a major participant in the overall bridge industry.

You can also learn more about the upcoming 2019 IABC Conference by visiting:

www.abc-utc.fiu.edu.

As before, we are requesting your financial co-sponsorship of this conference. Funds donated by you (tax deductible) will be used for travel scholarships, assisting state DOT engineers to attend the conference. Your contribution will be acknowledged in several ways. In the opening general session, where all attendees and keynote speakers will be present, all contributing consultants will be recognized and the top three levels will be called on stage and presented individually with a special plaque. For the 2019 IABC Conference, we have invited Elaine Chao the US Secretary of Transportation and FL Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart to be keynote speakers.

The travel scholarship contributors will also be recognized in several other ways during the conference. All registration packets and acknowledgements will list the names of the co-sponsoring consultants and their levels of contributions. Contributors at the various levels will also have an advertisement displayed during the entire conference.

The table below identifies the various levels of co-sponsorship for you to consider. Also listed are the number of corresponding complimentary registrations, and the corresponding types of special advertisement, recognition and benefits. For those sponsoring at Double Diamond level, an additional benefit is a complimentary booth, which would normally be at a separate cost of \$2,700. Detailed information on the format requirements for ads and logos will be sent at a later date.

Travel Scholarship Sponsorship Levels

Level	Amount	Complimentary Registrations	Poster Ad Display at Conference	Special Benefits and Recognition at Conference	Recognition on ABC-UTC and conference web site
Double Diamond	\$8,000	4	Full poster ad	Complimentary booth (best location available). Special recognition and Plaque at General session. Name and logo in conference program and proceedings. Full page ad in conference program and proceedings.	Name and Logo
Diamond	\$6,500	3	Half poster ad	Special recognition and Plaque at General session. . Name and logo in conference program and proceedings. Half page ad in conference program and proceedings.	Name and Logo
Platinum	\$5,000	2	Name w/ Company Logo	Special recognition and Plaque at General session. Name and logo in conference program and proceedings.	Name and Logo
Gold	\$3,500	1	Name w/ Company Logo	Recognition at General session. Name and logo in conference program and proceedings.	Name and Logo
Silver	\$1,500	0	Name Displayed	Recognition at General session. Name displayed in conference program and proceedings.	Name Displayed

It is expected that the 2019 IABC Conference will attract a much larger attendance than before because of the broader international promotion and the expanded conference venue. These will allow a wider range of topics to be presented, which will have far-reaching appeal. Also, intentionally allowing 2 years from the last conference in 2017 allows the development of new knowledge and case studies.

The audience at the 2019 IABC Conference will include Department of Transportation bridge employees, design professionals, fabricators, contractors, academia and representatives of federal and local public agencies, including international bridge professionals. This conference will be an ideal forum for sharing the latest advancements in bridge engineering with DOT bridge engineers and owners. In the industry, we are seeing many agencies organizing workshops and inviting consultants to brain storm and help develop ABC solutions for their many bridge projects. Your recognition in the ABC industry at the 2019 IABC Conference may assist you in these activities.

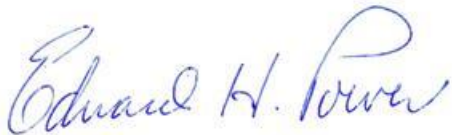
A major focus of the 2019 conference will be on pre-fabricated bridge elements, systems, and technologies that will allow accelerating construction of bridges using various materials and techniques. In addition, the expanded venue of this conference will also focus on all aspects of bridge design, construction, and maintenance, with special emphasis on automation, service life and Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC). Projects successfully completed in the US and overseas will be presented.

A report of how many DOT personnel were supported by the travel scholarship program will be presented at the general session portion of the conference, prior to presenting the plaques and acknowledging your contributions.

We are further requesting that you submit the completed form as a pledge by May 3, 2019. This early response is needed to determine the total amount of travel scholarship monies available. Your early response will also allow state DOTs ample time to plan for the conference. **Checks for the pledged amount should be sent no later than November 1, 2019.** Information on how to make out and send checks is on the above conference web site.

We hope that as fellow consultants you will be able to join us in developing this travel scholarship fund and assist state DOT employees in attending the 2019 International Accelerated Bridge Construction Conference. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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