



INVITATION TO NEW ORLEANS

Come Join Us at the ASCE 2017 Convention!

Bienvenue!

I'd like to personally invite each of you to my home, New Orleans — aka NOLA, and the host city for the **ASCE 2017 Convention**. Get ready because we've created an exciting convention for you!

From compelling short courses to amazing technical tours, this year's convention week is chock full of high-caliber technical sessions and career enhancing opportunities. All in the same new program format featured at our NYC and Portland conventions, designed for you and for your boss to send you.

You'll hear first-hand accounts from experts on natural disaster response and recovery, and learn how New Orleans used rebuilding as an opportunity to strengthen community life and social justice. Also, we will offer optional tours for both convention attendees and guests to explore "The Big Easy."

You'll have abundant opportunities to meet and engage with a cross section of leaders from the public-sector community, the consulting engineering sector, academia, and colleagues from around the world – not only through learning sessions but also through networking events, lunches, dinners, and more that will take place throughout the convention.

There's so much to do in New Orleans, but here are a few things you can't miss. Stop by Cafe du Monde to try some café au lait and beignets, take in some live Jazz at Preservation Hall, savor some Creole cuisine at Commander's Palace, and take a ride on one of NOLA's historic street cars.

It's an exciting time for civil engineers as we continue to grow and adapt, remaining always resilient, motivated, and responsive to changes in the profession. The world of civil engineering is an exciting area in which to work, and we will continue to meet and bring inspired people together in forums like this to ensure we remain relevant.

See you in NOLA,



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