



INVITATION FROM THE CHAIRS

On behalf of the Conference Steering Committee we would like to welcome all of you to the UESI Pipelines 2017 Conference in beautiful Phoenix, Arizona from August 6-9, 2017. Held annually, the Pipelines Conference has provided an avenue for information sharing regarding innovations in the design, construction, monitoring, and delivery of pipeline infrastructure projects. A variety of technological advancements will be showcased to demonstrate the conference theme of “Reliability and Resiliency through Sustainable Design and Construction”. Ensuring that our pipelines are reliable and resilient are imperative to societal advancement, especially in this era of shrinking capital funding facing municipalities and utilities.

We expect close to 1,000 attendees this year including many international guests as we have developed a strong technical program with over 160 peer-reviewed papers and panel discussions spread over 7 tracks, plus 6 focused pre-conference workshops. The presentations will cover aspects of pipelines, utilities, surveying and geomatics. This year, we will have the largest number of exhibitors ever, showcasing the best technological solutions. Additionally, the program has been rearranged to allow more time to visit the exhibition hall for identifying potential solutions.

On Monday, we will kick off an excellent group of presenters, including a keynote presentation. We will recognize the outstanding contributions of three dedicated industry professionals at the Tuesday Awards Luncheon by bestowing the ASCE Stephen D. Bechtel Pipelines Engineering Award, the UESI Pipeline Division Award of Excellence, and the ASCE Surveying & Mapping Award. On Tuesday evening, you can network with colleagues at the famous Musical Instrument Museum. Make sure that you purchase this additional ticket, as they are sure to sell out! On Wednesday afternoon, immediately following the conference closing session, we will be presenting ASCE’s “*Dream Big*” movie. Please make arrangements to stay and bring your family to watch this movie featuring the marvels of the Civil Engineering profession. Throughout the conference there will be continuing opportunities to reconnect with friends, learn from your associates, and enjoy the ambiance of one of America’s great destination cities.

Make your plans to join us in sunny Arizona for Pipelines 2017 to learn about pipeline “Reliability and Resiliency through Sustainable Design and Construction”.

See you in the desert!



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