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Preface

Preparation for the 2011 Structures Congress required significant time and effort from the members of the Local Planning Committee, the National Technical Program Committee, and the staff at SEI. Therefore, much of the success of the conference is a reflection of the level of effort by this group of volunteers.

The committee would like to acknowledge the critical support of the sponsors, exhibitors, presenters, and participants who contributed to the success of the conference through their participation.

The Structures Congress technical program consists of over 100 concurrent technical sessions on topics that are redefining structural engineering in the areas of bridge and transportation structures, buildings, strategies for today's global economy and advances in research. The CASE Spring Risk Management Convocation and the Forensic Specialty Track supplement the Congress. All of these help enforce networking, interacting and forming partnerships with our structural peers.

Sharing in the success of the 2011 Structures Congress are our cooperating organizations, CASE, SEAOC, SEASoN, ACI, Las Vegas Chapter, ACEC Nevada, Southern Nevada Post Society of American Military Engineers, ASCE San Francisco Section, ASCE Los Angeles Section, ATC and ASCE Southern Nevada Branch.

On behalf of our dedicated volunteers and SEI staff, we would like to thank you for spending your valuable time attending the 2011 Structures Congress. It is our hope that you and your colleagues will benefit greatly from the information provided and make professional connections that lasts for years. By increasing communication skills, helping the practicing engineer expand his or her knowledge, leadership, and influence, we believe that delegates will learn how to excel in this new and exciting environment.

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