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Happy New Year!

CalGeo is gearing up for a great year with a new website (coming soon), new marketing materials, and lots of events. We're especially excited about our annual conference in April-May, 2010.! This year we'll be "Teaming Up at Torrey Pines" at the Lodge at Torrey Pines in La Jolla. You'll find a link in this newsletter to download the complete brochure and to register online.

We hope that you enjoy this month's e.Geo and find it informative and useful. Thanks for reading!



Marsha Myers, *Executive Director*

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Outstanding Project Awards

Call for Entries Deadline Coming Up

There's still time to send your entry in for our Outstanding Project Awards. Winner(s) will receive a beautiful crystal trophy and will have the opportunity to present their project during the awards presentation luncheon at the Annual Conference in La Jolla, CA on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

Applications are being accepted through January 29, 2010. [You may also download the forms and rules here](#)

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Loss Prevention Seminars in January and February, 2010

CalGeo's 2010 Loss Prevention Seminars will be held in Santa Ana on January 23rd and in Fairfield on February 13th. These seminars are aimed predominately at field technicians. However, the information provided also proves very useful to entry-level geologists and engineers.

We have a great line-up of topics: "ICC Soils Special Inspector Examination: Now We KNOW What to Expect!", "Below-Slab Moisture Protection Engineering Theory and Design", "A Construction Litigator's Key Recommendations For Limiting Future Defect Liability", "Buried By Backfill", and, "Are You Smarter Than An OSHA Inspector?"

Registration is closed for the January 23rd seminar in Santa Ana, but there's still time to register for the northern California Loss Prevention seminar in Fairfield on February 13th. [You can download the registration packet and/or pay online here.](#)

We hope to see participants from your firm at these valuable seminars.

Call for Member News: Share Your Success!

Are you or your firm doing something worth noting? Did you win an award, get a promotion or finish a recognizable project? If you're making news, we want to hear about it. Send us your stories to cgea@comcast.net and we'll post them in this space in upcoming editions. Items should be 140 characters in length or less.

Member News

AMEC Earth & Environmental's Anaheim office has merged with their recently acquired firm Geomatrix in their Newport Beach office. With this merger, AMEC and AMEC Geomatrix now has a staff of nearly 100 professionals and support personnel in the Orange County area offering a full range of high quality geotechnical and environmental services. AMEC's Newport Beach office is located at 510 Superior Avenue, Suite 200, Newport Beach, CA 92663.

Taylor Group, Inc. has moved! Their new address is: 301 Mission, Suite 201, Oceanside, CA 92054. Their phone (760) 721-9990 and fax (760) 721-9991 numbers remain the same.

Gregg Drilling & Testing, Inc. would like to announce that registration is now open for *CPT'10, the 2nd International Symposium on Cone Penetration Testing*, to be held in Huntington Beach, California May 9-11, 2010. This should be an excellent conference focused on the CPT for the solution of geotechnical and geo-environmental issues. Particular emphasis will be placed on the exchange of practical experience and the application of research results through key note lectures and panel-lead discussion sessions. The technical and social program will provide an opportunity for meeting new contacts and an exchange of ideas and experience.

For more information on what registration includes, conference program, or conference hotel, please visit the conference website at <http://www.cpt10.com>

Legislative Update

Bills Affecting BPELS

CalGeo has been watching two legislative items that have been in committee the last couple of weeks that affect Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS). The first was SB 275, which would have elevated the "Title Act" level licenses (e.g. Traffic Engineer) to the "Practice Act" level (e.g. Civil Engineer). In other words, this would require a Civil Engineer to pass the Traffic Engineer exam to practice Traffic Engineering. Though this bill did not directly affect the Practice of Geotechnical Engineering, CalGeo joined ACEC in opposition to this bill based on principal. It was voted to die in committee on January 11, 2010.

AB 1431 is in committee at the time this article was written, and whether to allow it to go to the floor for debate is still pending. This bill will add the title Geologist to the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and require that a Professional Geologist be added to the board for fair representation. Though CalGeo strongly believes that we are best served by having a separate board for the geology profession, we support this bill to bring fairness and representation to registered geologists in California.

CalGeo's Annual Conference

"Teaming Up at Torrey Pines"

We're very excited to be presenting our Annual Conference this year in La Jolla. Join us for great speakers, fun activities, and championship golf at The Lodge at Torrey Pines April 28-May 1, 2010.

Our Keynote Speaker, Professor Jean-Louis Briaud, will be opening the conference on Thursday, April 29 with his presentation of "The Washington Monument Case History". On Friday morning our speakers will be James Foley, P.E. presenting "What's Happening With The BPELS/BGG Merger?", followed by Mr. Ron Johnson, P.E., P.G and his session on "Geotechnical Considerations, Opportunities, and Strategies For Infiltration Stormwater BMPs". That afternoon we look forward to hearing from a CalGeo favorite, Van Goodwin, on "Seismic Shifts in California Employment Law: The 2010 Update", then our day will close with "Updates From The Senate Labor & Industrial Relations Committee" discussed by Senator Mark Wyland.

On the last day of the conference, Saturday, May 1, Michael Miller, R.C.E., G.E. will be sharing information on "The Mount Soledad Landslide". Our last speaker is Dr. Esmael Adibi presenting his "Economic Outlook For California". We invite this very-popular speaker to come back to our conferences every few years and his predictions have always been spot-on!

We've worked hard to put together a stimulating conference with top-notch speakers and relevant subjects, and have lowered the price of the conference to help you get there! We are also offering one-day-only sessions so if you can only attend one day, you can choose from Friday or Saturday.

You'll enjoy a great line-up of fun events too: Thursday golf tournament and reception that night, a special Friday night luncheon with a Chef demo (you'll get to eat what is cooked), and a Saturday night closing banquet at the Evans Garage, a private museum featuring world-class collections of classic & antique cars and pieces. We'll be turning the garage into a Roaring 20's speakeasy for your fun and entertainment!

For a complete brochure with all the conference information, [click here](#)

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Safety First

CAL/OSHA Consultation Program

Consultative assistance is provided to employers through on-site visits, telephone support, publications, eTools and educational outreach. All services provided by CAL/OSHA Consultation are provided free of charge to California employers. For a complete guide of services and information, [click here](#).

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To Keep You Informed

The Board For Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors will be holding their board meeting on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 in Sacramento and the public is invited. If you are interested, you may download a copy of the agenda at http://www.pels.ca.gov/about_us/meetings/1-10_agenda.pdf

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