



**INVITATION TO SPEAKERS:  
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS  
Deadline:  
Friday, September 27, 2019**

The technical committees of DFI and ADSC will combine their industry expertise to organize DFI SuperPile '20. This three-day event will include presentations on the latest developments in augered cast-in-place/drilled displacement piles, drilled shafts, driven piles, ground improvement, helical piles and tiebacks, marine foundations, micropiles, testing and evaluation of foundation systems, and seismic and lateral loads.

Invited and selected presentations will highlight advancements, innovations, and challenges in design and construction of deep foundations. **Presentations that highlight design approaches for foundation optimization, innovative approaches to foundation construction, and case histories/topics relevant to the Mid-West region as listed below are encouraged.** Panel discussions on current topics will provide attendees opportunities to share new ideas and industry experience. Equipment, material and instrumentation suppliers, contractors, engineers, and other vendors will present their services in our Exhibit Hall.

**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

DFI is soliciting presentations for SuperPile '20 on the following topics:

- Augered Cast-in-Place and Drilled Displacement Piles
- Drilled Shafts
- Driven Piles
- Helical Piles and Tiebacks
- Marine Foundations
- Micropiles
- Seismic and Lateral Loads
- Testing and Evaluation

**Topics for presentations and case histories**, including (but not limited to):

- Innovations and advancements in deep foundation design and installation
- Designing and constructing safely and effectively in urban environments
- Foundations in karst and erodible sedimentary bedrock
- Corrosion of buried structures
- Instrumentation, load testing, monitoring
- Alternative procurement methods and early contractor involvement
- Designing for resiliency under extreme or unexpected loading conditions (inclement weather, flooding, scour, seismic, liquefaction, lateral spreading)
- Re-use of foundations and other sustainable design approaches
- Piles and secant walls for access to deep tunnels
- Foundation optimization through risk management (geotechnical, contractual, communication risks)
- Working platforms

***DEADLINE: Submit your abstract online by Friday, September 27, 2019, at [www.dfi.org/superpile20](http://www.dfi.org/superpile20).***

Potential speakers for SuperPile '20 should submit a brief abstract (up to 300 words) describing the content of their proposed presentations. Notification of acceptance or declination will be returned to all authors no later than **January 10, 2020**. Guidelines for presentation development will be provided to accepted speakers at that time. Authors will be required to commit to presenting their topic at the conference and to submitting specific speaker materials, including a PowerPoint presentation to be added to DFI's conference proceedings website, by **Friday, April 24, 2020**. Though full papers are not required for this conference, accepted authors are invited to develop their abstracts into technical papers for consideration by the editors of the *DFI Journal* for a future volume.

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