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Registration Now Open: 2016 NRC Conference

Please register now and make your travel plans for the **2016 NRC Conference & NRC-REMSA Exhibition - January 6-9, 2016 at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, California.**

The NRC will be holding its 38th Annual Conference on Wednesday, January 6 2016 through Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, California. **Please visit the 2016 NRC Conference webpage at www.nrcma.org/2016nrcconference to register and for detailed conference information.**

***This year we have a new online registration process.** All registrations, including conference registration, golf tournament registration, golf club rentals, spouse program registration, and sailing tournament registration can all be completed at once through the [online registration process](#). In addition, you can register fellow employees at your company within the same online registration process.*

New Member

Frontier Railroad Services, LLC



www.frontierrailroad.com

NRC Toolbox Talks

The NRC Safety Committee has revised and updated the NRC's Toolbox Talks. They are available for download at: <http://www.nrcma.org/safety>.

A version is available in PDF format as well as in Microsoft Word so that NRC member companies can make company or job specific changes.

Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Help Grow the NRC and Strengthen our Voice

Three options to help recruit new members:

1. Reply to this email with names and contact information of potential members and we'll send them a membership



Registration: Registration for the 2016 NRC Conference can be [completed here on the NRC website](#), or by completing and [mailing in this form](#) . Completed forms should be sent to our office at 500 New Jersey Ave NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20001. Checks may be made payable to: NRC. NRC accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express for credit card payments. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Bell by email at mbell@nrcma.org or by phone at 202-715-1264.

Hotel Information: The conference will be held at the [Hotel del Coronado](#), conveniently located on Coronado Island about a 10 minute drive from downtown San Diego. NRC has secured a discounted rate for attendees of the Annual Meeting of \$248 per night. **For hotel reservations, call Hotel del Coronado at 800-468-3533 or [go to our hotel event page at this link](#).**

Exhibition: Exhibit space for the 2016 NRC-REMSA Exhibition is on sale now. You may view the full [floor plan](#) and sign up for a booth online by [clicking here](#) and logging in with your company password. The Exhibition begins with a reception the evening of Wednesday, January 6 and concludes the morning of Friday, January 8. Please contact Urszula Soucie with REMSA at 202-715-2921 or soucie@remsa.org for all exhibition related questions.

information package.

2. Make a quick introductory call, email the potential member and CC mbell@nrcma.org.

3. Direct a potential new member to www.nrcma.org where they can learn more about the NRC and join online.

Visit the NRC Bid Notifications page on the NRC website at:

www.nrcma.org/bids

Publicize your Rail Industry Event on www.nrcma.org/industry_calendar

If you would like to submit an event for posting on the Industry Calendar, please email info@nrcma.org.

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***Please note that the exhibit hall this year will be held in a tent in the Hotel del Coronado parking lot. The 36,000 square foot tent will be constructed by Classic Party Rentals, the premier name in event tent rentals.

Event Sponsorships: The NRC offers its members the opportunity to sponsor a specific conference function. For certain functions, companies will be able to sponsor all or part of the event. Conference event sponsors will receive sponsor ribbons on conference badges, signage and oral recognition at the event, their logo imprinted on the 2016 NRC Conference Program front cover and space to distribute promotional literature or trinkets in the registration area. **2016 NRC Sponsorships will open in September.** Please contact Matt Bell by email at mbell@nrcma.org or by phone at 202-715-1264.

Golf Tournament: NRC's 2016 Golf Tournament will be held at the Sycuan Golf Course (3007 Dehesa Rd, El Cajon, CA 92019), located approximately 24 miles from the Hotel del Coronado. Host to the Junior World Golf Championships, US Public Links Qualifying, the San Diego Junior Amateur, the annual PGA Chapter Shootout, the US Junior Amateur and named Golf Digest's Best Places to Play, Sycuan Golf Course has distinguished itself as one of San Diego's premier golf courses.

Golf play will begin at 12:00 pm with a shotgun start. The Tournament format is a four-person scramble, allowing players with varying ability the opportunity to play and have a great time. A box lunch will be provided prior to the Tournament. The Golf Shop offers rental clubs at \$50/set. The Tournament registration fee includes carts, green fees, lunch and refreshments, driving range, putting green and prizes.

To register for the tournament, [please sign up as a part of the 2016 NRC Conference registration process](#), [fill out this form](#) or contact Matt Bell via email at mbell@nrcma.org.

Sailing Tournament: NRC Sailing Tournament will be on Friday, January 8th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Group transportation departs the hotel at 1pm, with expected return by 5pm.

The sparkling waters of the San Diego Harbor provide a perfect backdrop for the 1st ever (annual? only?) NRC sailing regatta! Each person will be fully interactive as an official "crew member" of their vessel, vying to push their team into the winner's circle. The teams will tackle an exciting two-mile course over a period of 2 hours.

The race officials will handicap the yachts, sound the time warnings, and officiate any penalty calls. As each team's yacht sails over the finish line, the horn will sound, times will be noted, and final scores will be tallied.

Sailing boats come with a captain. Captains will brief the crew on strategy, techniques and sailing instructions before the race. The Tournament registration fee also includes a box lunch, snacks and beverages on the boat.

To register for the tournament, [please sign up as a part of the 2016 NRC Conference registration process](#), [fill out this form](#), or contact Matt Bell via email at mbell@nrcma.org.

NRC Membership - Did we mention discounted conference registration and exhibit booths rates for NRC members? If your company is not already a member of the NRC, [you may join online by clicking this link](#).

For all 2016 NRC Conference information, please visit www.nrcma.org/2016nrcconference.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the 2016 NRC Conference. You can also contact NRC President Chuck Baker at 202.715.2920 / cbaker@nrcma.org.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you all in January!

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NRC New Member Profile

Frontier Railroad Services, LLC services include new track construction, tie changeout, rail changeout, ballasting, surfacing, road crossing renewal, track inspections, industrial track maintenance, and thermite welding. Frontier Railroad Services' four-bay shop allows us the ability to rehabilitate any type of track equipment. From high rail inspections to engine replacements, Frontier Railroad Services is available to meet your equipment repair needs. Frontier Railroad Services monitors and evaluates all aspects of a project including supervision, equipment, labor, materials, service, budget and timing to ensure that the best standards and qualities are being met.

For more information contact Greg Susko, 724-914-7637, gsusko@frontierrailroad.com.

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NRC Scholarship Program Now Open

The NRC scholarship program is now open.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- * be a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a current employee of an NRC member company; and
- * be enrolled at the time of application as a full-time college student at an accredited two-year college offering an associate's degree or an accredited four-year college or university offering a bachelor's degree, or as a recently graduated high school senior that is enrolled to start college this fall.

AMOUNT OF AWARDS

Three scholarships will be awarded as follows: the first place applicant will receive \$8,000, the second place applicant will receive \$4,000, and the third place applicant will receive \$2,000. Scholarship funds, awarded annually, will be sent directly to the student at the beginning of the next term of study. Students must be in attendance for a full year following receipt of the award.

THE APPLICATION

[Please click here to view and download the 2015 NRC Scholarship Application.](#)

Please compile the completed application with all required materials and send directly via electronic mail to: mbell@nrcma.org with "2015 NRC Scholarship" in the subject line.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE COMPILED IN ONE PDF AND EMAILED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31, 2015.

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RFP: Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, LLC - Markesan Subdivision Tie, Crossing and Turnout Project in Fairwater, WI and Markesan, WI

Issue Date: July 16, 2015

Location: Fairwater, WI and Markesan, WI

Description: The contractor shall supply all supervision, labor, equipment, and material (except that material specifically designated to be supplied by the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad) to perform tie replacement, road crossing replacement, turnout replacement and continuously welded rail (CWR) installation on the Markesan Subdivision of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad (henceforth RAILROAD) between Mile Post 165.34 in Fairwater to Mile Post 172.67 in Markesan, Wisconsin in accordance to the Project Documents. Work includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Replace 4,000 CONTRACTOR-supplied crossties that have been previously marked by the RAILROAD for replacement;
- Replace six (6) at-grade railroad crossings;
- Replace six (6) AREMA turnout packages;
- Install continuously welded rail for approximately 400 linear feet;
- Establish necessary erosion control measures and

perform any temporary road closures required to constructing the project;

- Any site restoration, if required.

Bid Due Date & Documents: Sealed bids must be returned to Mr. Marsh by 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 13th, 2015 at the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, 1890 E. Johnson St. Madison, Wisconsin 53704. Contractors shall fully complete and sign the enclosed PROJECT BID FORM, incomplete bid forms shall not be considered. Bids shall be sealed in an envelope clearly marked "Markesan Subdivision Tie, Crossing and Turnout Project - Sealed Bid". All questions concerning the bid documents should be directed to Mr. Brent Marsh at (414) 750-6433.

Pre-Bid: A pre-bid meeting shall be held by Mr. Brent Marsh on Wednesday, July 29th, 2015 at 8:00 A.M., Local Time. The meeting shall be held at the WSOR Horicon Terminal located at 313 Clinton St, Horicon, Wisconsin 53032 (see attached Location Map).

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RFP: Klausner Lumber Two Rail Infrastructure - Halifax, NC

Issue Date: July 13, 2015

Location: Halifax, NC

Description: The project includes approximately 8,673 track feet of industrial track, 3 switches, paving, clearing and grubbing, excavations, grading, importation of select fill material if not available on-site, storm drainage (pipes and structures) and associated sedimentation/erosion control measures and related appurtenances to serve Klausner Lumber Two in Enfield, Halifax County, North Carolina.

Bid Documents: Sealed bids for the project entitled "Klausner Lumber Two Rail Infrastructure" will be received by the Halifax County Board of Commissioners Thursday, August 13th, 2015 before 2:00 pm at Halifax County -

Office of the County Manager located at 10 North King Street, Halifax, North Carolina and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. All bids, including the bid deposit or bid bond, must be placed in a sealed envelope and must be marked clearly and boldly on the outside of the envelope: "Klausner Lumber Two Rail Infrastructure Bid". The contract documents may be examined at the following location: Halifax County - Office of the County Manager, Halifax, NC or go to www.dpibidroom.com to obtain contract documents and be added to the plan holder list to obtain addendums and other project updates.

Pre-Bid: A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28th, 2015 at 2:00pm at the Klausner Lumber Two site at 260 Piper Lane, Enfield, NC located at project construction office.

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The NRC will post bid notifications as we receive them. If you would like to submit an RFP or other sourcing notice for posting to the NRC Bids feed, email info@nrcma.org.

To see the latest bid entries submitted to the NRC for rail construction work, please visit: www.nrcma.org/bid_notifications.

RTD Recommends Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Proposal

Staff of Denver's Regional Transportation District (RTD) recommended that the RTD Board of Directors move forward with a proposal from Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Inc. to design and build the Southeast Rail Extension.

The Balfour Beatty Infrastructure team includes Parsons Brinckerhoff (design); Capitol Management (DBE/SBE/WIN); Transit Safety & Security Solutions (system safety); Systems Consulting, LLC (quality assurance) and Communication Infrastructure Group (public information).

The Southeast Rail Extension will build an additional 2.3 miles of light-rail line that will run along the west side of I-25 from the Lincoln Station and then cross over the Interstate and run along the east side of the highway to the south side of RidgeGate Parkway in Douglas County.

Source: RT&S

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NRC Member RailPros Wins Contract with the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

RailPros has been awarded a contract by the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority to provide preliminary engineering and final design services for a grade crossing improvement project in Pomona, Calif. The project is designed to enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety at four existing crossings in Pomona along Union Pacific Railroad's Alhambra and Los Angeles Subdivisions. The scope of services includes performing site studies and developing concept plans for proposed improvements.

Source: Progressive Railroading

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Massachusetts, New York DOTs Provide Funding for Freight-Rail Projects

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has awarded five grants totaling more than \$2 million for freight-rail projects as part of the 2015 Industrial Rail Access Program (IRAP).

The grants will be matched by more than \$1.7 million in private-sector funds for a total \$3.7 million investment in freight-rail improvements.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is soliciting applications for \$17 million in rail and port facility improvement grants through the state's

Passenger and Freight Rail Assistance Program.

The \$17 million will help fund projects aimed at track rehabilitation, railroad bridge repairs, improved emissions, expanded capacity and economic development opportunities.

Applications are due Aug. 27. Railroad operators, industrial development agencies, state and local government agencies, and other authorities are eligible to apply.

Source: Progressive Railroading

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Jacobs Wins \$1.2B Contract for California HSR

Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. received a \$1.2 billion contract to provide design services for construction package 2-3 (CP 2-3) of the California high-speed rail project.

CP 2-3 involves 65 miles of infrastructure improvements, including over 10 million yards of new high-speed rail embankment, 23 high-speed rail structures and 32 new grade separations.

Source: Progressive Railroading

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AECOM Appoints Mendes to Top Design Post

AECOM has appointed Diana C. Mendes, AICP, as director of transit/rail, Design and Consulting Services, Americas.

Mendes has held several leadership positions in client services, business development and operations within AECOM, including national director of transit planning and transit director for the U.S. West Region, as well as

director of strategic investments for North America transportation. Most recently, she was the Chesapeake District general manager, responsible for leading AECOM's business throughout Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Prior to joining AECOM, Mendes most recently served as vice president, national director of transit planning at URS, which combined with AECOM in 2014. Mendes began her career as a planner with Wallace Roberts & Todd. She received her bachelor of arts in Sociology at Mount Holyoke College and her master's in City Planning at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mendes has been active on several boards and committees for professional organizations such as the Institute of Transportation Engineers, APTA, the American Planning Association, the National Building Museum and the non-profit Rail~Volution. She was also on the advisory board for the American Planning Association publication Planning and Urban Design Standards, and was a contributing author.

Sources: Railway Age

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