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2016 NRC Conference Registration - Hotel del Coronado Wait List and Overflow Hotel Information Available

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.

New Member

Railhead Corporation



www.railheadcorp.com

Amec Foster Wheeler E&I



www.amecfw.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



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 at mbell@nrcma.org or 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. The NRC block is currently full, but **to be put on the waiting list, call Hotel del Coronado at 800-468-3533**. *While not guaranteed, it is likely that some hotel rooms will become available in mid-to-late December as the conference approaches, and at that time the hotel will contact individuals from the waiting list.*

Overflow Hotels:

As our previous recommended overflow option, the **Glorietta Bay** Inn, which is directly across the street from the Hotel del Coronado at 1630 Glorietta Boulevard, Coronado, CA 92118 is **now full**.

*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 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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Two additional overflow options are below:

Best Western Plus Suites Hotel Coronado Island - 1.3 miles away

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/US/CA/Coronado-hotels/BEST-WESTERN-PLUS-Suites-Hotel-Coronado-Island/Hotel-Overview.do?propertyCode=05481>

275 Orange Avenue

Coronado, California 92118

Phone: 619-437-1666

Price: \$166.50 (Queen Room), as of 11/18/15

Nights Available: 1/5/16-1/10/16

Loews Coronado Bay Resort - 4.7 miles from the Hotel del Coronado

www.loewshotels.com/en/Coronado-Bay-Resort

4000 Loews Coronado Bay Road, Coronado, CA 92118

Phone: 619-424-4000

Price: \$239 (1 King w/ Pool View); \$249 (1 King w/ Marina View), as as of 11/18/15

Nights Available: 1/5/16-1/10/16

Exhibition: Exhibit space for the 2016 NRC-REMSA

Exhibition is on sale now. The hall is more than 85% full, but spaces are still available. You may view the full [floor plan](#)

and sign up for a booth online by [clicking here](#). The

Exhibition begins with a reception the evening of

Wednesday, January 6 and concludes the morning of

Friday, January 8. For more information about reserving an

exhibit space, booth pricing, show hours, and more, please

visit www.remsa.org/nrc-remsa2016. Please contact

Urszula Soucie with REMSA at 202-715-2921 or

soucie@remsa.org for all exhibition related questions.

***Please note that the exhibit hall this year will be held in a

tent in the Hotel del Coronado parking lot. The 35,000

square foot tent will be constructed by Classic Party

Rentals, the premier name in event tent rentals. This is

apparently what happens when the size of a conference

grows every year - we're running out of ballrooms that can

fit us!

Golf Tournament: NRC's 2016 Golf Tournament will be held on Friday January 8 at the Sycuan Golf Course (3007

Dehesa Rd, El Cajon, CA 92019), located approximately 24 miles from the Hotel del Coronado.

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. Rental clubs are available. 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: The first ever NRC Sailing Tournament will also be held 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 will provide a perfect backdrop the sailing event. Each person will be 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.

Sailing boats come with a captain who 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 Profiles

Railhead Corporation was founded in 1964 out of Chicago, IL and today is the parent company of three subsidiaries which serve the industrial marketplace. Railhead provides product development and equipment design; specializing in customized solutions; concept to product production. Railhead offers a combination of expertise including global supplier knowledge, product sourcing, engineering, comprehensive design, and advanced manufacturing capabilities.

For more information contact Brian Livingston, 708-844-5501, Brian@railheadcorp.com.

Amec Foster Wheeler's Environment & Infrastructure is a leading environment and infrastructure, engineering, consulting and project management organization with about 150 offices and close to 5,300 employees worldwide. Their team of professionals provides a full range of services to clients in a wide range of sectors including government services, clean energy, industrial/commercial, water, transportation/infrastructure, mining and oil & gas.

For more information contact Randy Zeiger, 615-333-0630, randy.zeiger@amecfw.com.

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NRC 2015 Safety Award Applications Due November 30th

The NRC is inviting all member contractors to participate in the 2015 NRC/RT&S Contractor Safety Award Contest.

[2015 Safety Awards Application](#)

[2015 Safety Awards Criteria](#)

Underwritten by Commercial Insurance Associates, these awards seek to recognize those NRC Contractor Members with strong workplace safety programs. In addition to honoring our own members, we believe this safety contest helps demonstrate our commitment to safety and sends a positive message to the railroads and transit authorities with which we do business. It is also an excellent way to let government regulators know that we understand the importance of providing a safe work environment.

Companies that participate in the contest typically find that it is a useful way to make sure that their safety program is keeping up with industry best practices, and also find that winning an award in the contest can be a very effective marketing tool.

Note that applicants must be NRC member companies. No project entities/JVs are allowed to apply. Companies can include information and data from project entities/JVs in which they are the managing partner.

Awards are presented to applicants in four different categories, based on the number of employees. The categories will be evenly split based on average number of employees in the time period of January 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015.

We will publicly announce the winners at the upcoming NRC Conference and Exhibition (www.nrcma.org/2016nrconference) at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, CA, in addition to publicizing the winners on the NRC website and in the industry trade magazine Railway Track & Structures (RT&S).

The application must be received in our Washington, DC office no later than November 30, 2015. This year, digital submissions are encouraged as outlined in the application criteria, for your convenience.

Please don't hesitate to contact me (mbell@nrcma.org, 202-715-1264) or David Armstrong of Commercial Insurance Associates (darmstrong@com-ins.com, 615-515-6048) if you have any questions.

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NRC Members Alstom, voestalpine Nortrak, & Western-Cullen-Hayes Highlighted in RT&S's Article on Switch Machine Technology

NRC Member companies Alstom, voestalpine Nortrak, & Western-Cullen-Hayes were highlighted on their switch machine's latest technology in the November RT&S magazine.

[To read the full article please click here.](#)

Source: RT&S

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FTA Transit Asset Management Proposed Rule

The FTA has issued a proposed rule that would establish a National Transit Asset Management System to monitor and manage public transportation capital assets to achieve and maintain a state of good repair, improve safety, and increase reliability and performance. In addition, this notice includes proposed amendments to the National Transit Database regulations to conform to the proposed reporting requirements for transit asset management. Comments must be received by November 30, 2015.

[Click here to view the proposed rule.](#)

Source: FTA

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FRA Safety Advisory - Addressing Rail Head

Surface Conditions Identified During the Internal Rail Inspection Process

The FRA is issuing this Safety Advisory No. 2015-05 to remind track owners, their track maintenance personnel, and their rail flaw detection equipment operators of the importance of complying with their rail management programs and engineering procedures that address rail with rail head surface conditions while performing rail flaw inspections and track inspections generally.

This is particularly vital on track carrying passengers and hazardous materials due to the catastrophic consequences that may result from a derailment. This Safety Advisory also contains recommendations to track owners to ensure their rail flaw detection equipment operators are properly trained and exercise due diligence when a rail head surface condition interferes with a valid rail inspection.

To read the full notice as listed in the Federal Register please [click here](#).

Source: FRA

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Green Plains, Delek to Build Ethanol Train Terminal on UP Line

Green Plains Partners LP and Delek US Holdings Inc. will form a joint venture to build an ethanol unit train terminal on a Union Pacific Railroad line in Arkansas.

The \$12 million project to build the terminal in the city of Maumelle is expected to be completed in fourth-quarter 2016, according to a press release.

The new terminal will have the capacity to handle 110-car unit trains in less than 24 hours. It initially will include storage for 4.2 million gallons of ethanol. Green Plains and Delek will jointly operate the terminal.

Source: Progressive Railroading

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Wabtec Signs a \$27M Signaling, PTC Contract for Denver RTD North Metro Rail Line

Wabtec Corp has signed a \$27m contract with Regional Rail Partners (RRP) to provide Phase I signaling and

communications systems, including positive train control (PTC) equipment, for the new North Metro Rail Line in Denver.

Wabtec's Xorail division is providing wayside signaling and communications systems, along with integration and project management services.

RRP is a joint venture consisting of Balfour Beatty and Graham. In December 2013, the Regional Transportation District of Denver selected RRP as contractor for the North Metro Rail Line.

To date, Wabtec has booked nearly \$400 million worth of transit PTC projects.

The North Metro Rail Line is an 18.5-mile electric commuter-rail line that will run from Denver Union Station through Commerce City, Thornton and Northglenn, Colo., to Highway 7 in North Adams County. The line is part of a 12-year, multibillion-dollar public transportation expansion plan known as FasTracks.

Wabtec's newest contract follows two others the company was awarded in connection with the project. In 2011, Wabtec obtained a \$63 million contract with Denver Transit Partners to provide PTC equipment and services, a dispatch office system, wayside signaling and communications systems, and related integration and project management services for three other commuter rail lines.

Source: Progressive Railroading

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New Jersey Gov. Christie to Nominate Hammer as Transportation Commissioner

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie appointed Richard Hammer acting commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). Currently assistant commissioner, Hammer is responsible for the department's capital program management section, where he oversees 1,100 employees throughout six divisions.

During his tenure as assistant commissioner, Hammer has led major infrastructure initiatives to improve New Jersey's transportation network.

Source: Progressive Railroading

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Transit Ballot Initiatives Passed in November Elections

Various transportation transit ballot initiatives were passed on November 3rd. Listed are the ballot initiatives passed with the possibility of increased rail infrastructure investment.

- Seattle, WA - Nine year, \$900 million property levy to replace The 2006 "Bridging the Gap" complete streets measure that expires in 2015.
 - [Click here for full details.](#)
- Davis County, UT - Voted to raise the sales tax by 0.25 percent with 40 percent of new revenue going towards funding Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) bus and train service, and the rest would go towards road improvements. Identical sales tax increases were voted on in Tooele & Weber counties in Utah as well.
 - [Click here for full details.](#)
- Maine - Maine residents voted on an \$85 million dollar bond package. \$68 million would go toward road improvements, while \$17 million would go to transit and infrastructure projects.
 - [Click here for full details.](#)

Source: Center for Transportation Excellence

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