

Geohazards Impacting Transportation in the Appalachia Region

12th Technical Forum | July 31 to August 2, 2012 | Beckley, WV

Call for Abstracts

The 2012 Annual Technical Forum of the Appalachian States Coalition for Geohazards Impacting Transportation is hosted by the West Virginia Department of Transportation and sponsored by the Nick J. Rahall, II Appalachian Transportation Institute (RTI), the Marshall University Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences (CEGAS). The conference will be held at the Tamarack (www.tamarackwv.com) in Beckley, WV on July 31 to August 2. This year's event will include a pre-conference field trip on July 31, and will include the New River Gorge Bridge which has a span of 1700 feet and 370-foot rise. The New River Gorge Bridge carries US 19 over the New River at a height of 876 feet, making it the highest vehicular bridge in the Americas, and the fifth highest in the world, and the Bluestone Dam.

This year's technical sessions will focus on major topics impacting transportation. This year topics include:

- **Innovations in Research**
- **Landslides**
- **Role of Water in Geological Hazards**
- **Karst Issues**
- **Emergency Response**
- **Foundations in Difficult Ground**
- **Risk Assessment**
- **Rockfall and Rockslopes**
- **Seismic Issues**
- **Hydrogeology**
- **Investigation Methods in Hazard Prone Areas**

Related topics are welcome. Prospective presenters are asked to submit abstracts for presentations on or before **May 18, 2012**. Abstracts should be in Microsoft Word format, Times New Roman, 12-pitch, double-spaced and left justified, should be 300 words or less, and should include the presentation title, along with the presenters name, title, organization or company, business address, phone number and email address. Abstracts should be emailed to: Tony Szwilski Szwilski@marshall.edu, (304) 696-5457.

Selected presenters will be notified by **June 1, 2012**, and PowerPoint presentations in MS Office 2007 will be due on or before **July 13, 2012**. For information or questions concerning conference presentations, please contact Tony Szwilski Szwilski@marshall.edu, (304) 696-5457 or Teresa Buckland (304) 696-3568, buckland@marshall.edu or visit the conference website at <http://www.marshall.edu/cegas/geohazards/>. Details pertaining to speaker guidelines and other presentation information will be provided to authors and/or presenters at the time of abstract acceptance.