



## 2008 Deep South Student Conference Technical Paper Competition



1. The Technical Paper Competition is one of the mandatory requirements for all ASCE conferences and is intended to encourage members of ASCE Student Chapters to prepare and present a meaningful presentation on a technical subject related to Civil Engineering. The competition will be judged on the basis of the inherent quality of the material presented and the effectiveness of the presentation.
2. This competition is open to all undergraduate students in good standing with their respective ASCE Student Chapter. Each chapter may enter a maximum of two students into the paper competition. Each student must be the sole author of the paper and the same student must make the oral presentation of the entry. Faculty, staff, or graduate students may not contribute to the content of the presentation of the paper.
3. The paper must be typed single-spaced in 12-point font on a maximum of 10 pages (single-sided). Only text directly related to the item being presented and any accompanying illustrations, tables, figures, etc. will count towards the 10 page limit. Title pages, table of contents, lists of tables and figures, and references will not be included in the 10 page limit. No appendices other than references should be added to the paper:
  - a. All papers should have one appendix containing references following *ASCE Author's Guide to Journals, Books and Reference Publications*. Parenthetical references following ASCE format shall be used to document the sources of material that are not the author's own. Papers omitting a references appendix, using plagiarized material, or inappropriately documented sources shall be disqualified without appeal.
4. Each entrant must formally present his or her paper at the conference. Presentations must be between 10 and 15 minutes long. A penalty of 5 points per minute or fraction thereof will be assessed to any presentation that violates either time restriction.
5. Presentations must be accompanied by visual aids. The host chapter will provide an overhead projector, and slide projector. However, neither a slide carousel nor a computer will be provided. The presenter must provide any additional equipment. The host chapter should be notified in writing by March 26, 2008, of any additional equipment to be used or brought by a participating school. The specifications of the slide projector and computer projector (e.g. model number, resolution, etc.) will be provided at a later date.

6. A 5 minute question and answer period will follow the presentation of the paper. Questions may be posed by the competition judges or by faculty and students attending the presentation. The question and answer section will be moderated.
7. Three bound single-sided copies of the paper must be submitted to the host chapter postmarked no later than March 26, 2008.

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8. A 250 word abstract, including the author's name, school, and title of paper should be submitted on a separate sheet and accompany the bound copies of the paper. Only one copy of the abstract is required.

9. Scoring will be on a basis of 100 points and is as follows:

- a. Technical Content 40 Points
  - i. Significance of Topic (10 points)
  - ii. Choice of Supporting Material (10 points)
  - iii. Appropriate Scope of Paper (10 points)
  - iv. Thoroughness of Exposition and Development of Conclusion (10 points)
- b. Written Presentation 30 Points
  - i. Logical Arrangement (15 points)
  - ii. Communications Skill/Attention to Format (15 points)
- c. Oral Presentation 30 Points
  - i. Effectiveness and Delivery (10 points)
  - ii. Use of Appropriate Visual Aids (10 points)
  - iii. Handling of Questions and Comments (10 points)

10. The following is the breakdown of the awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$60  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$40