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SFPE AND SEI TO HOST *DESIGNING STRUCTURES FOR FIRE CONFERENCE*

Bethesda, Md., — The Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) will jointly host a conference — *Designing Structures for Fire*, Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, 2003. In the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, building performance under fire conditions has received significant attention from the research and engineering communities. This two-day event will serve as a forum for exchange on recent advancements in fire resistance design among researchers, practicing fire protection engineers, structural engineers, architects and regulators.

The conference kicks off with a session analyzing the failure of the World Trade Center structure. In addition, representatives from 12 countries will present 29 papers. Other sessions include: Fire Analysis; Alternatives to U.S. Codes; Fire Resistance Evaluation of Structural Members: Concrete, Wood, and Gypsum; Analytical Approach to Design Methods for Structural Response to Fire; and Real Building Design Case Studies.

The *Designing Structures for Fire Conference* will be held in Baltimore, MD, at the Radisson Lord Baltimore Hotel. The conference is being held in conjunction with the SFPE Annual Meeting and Professional Development Week. Additional information for both programs can be found at www.sfpe.org or by contacting SFPE at 301-718-2910.

Organized in 1950, the Society of Fire Protection Engineers is the professional society for engineers involved in the multifaceted field of fire protection engineering. The purposes of the Society are to advance the science and practice of fire protection engineering, to maintain a high ethical standing among its members, and to foster fire protection engineering education. Its worldwide members include engineers in private practice, in industry, in local, regional and national government, as well as technical members of the insurance industry. Chapters of the Society are located in Canada, France, Italy, Sweden, Japan, Hong Kong, New Zealand and the United States. To learn more about SFPE, please visit our website at www.sfpe.org.

The Structural Engineering Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers is one of seven full-service institutes created to serve the needs of members and allied professionals working within specialized fields of engineering. Founded in 1852, ASCE represents 130,000 civil engineers worldwide and is America's oldest national engineering society. The Society celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2002.