



We are pleased to announce Louisiana will serve as host for the 53rd Annual Southeastern Transportation Geotechnical Engineering Conference (STGEC) in Baton Rouge in the fall of 2024. The conference will be held at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center Hotel November 18 through November 21, 2024.

We plan to offer a diverse and interesting schedule of technical presentations relevant to the Southeastern US geotechnical community. We will have technical presentations from the State Departments of Transportation on topics such as case studies, instrumentation and monitoring data collection and/or reporting, technical procedures, ground improvement technologies, or related construction practices. Two attendance scholarships are available for each state, provided the scholarship recipients present a technical presentation.

Current planned conference events include the Monday evening ice-breaker reception, lunches, and evening receptions on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday afternoon will be left open for you to explore the Downtown Baton Rouge restaurants and attractions and take a stroll along the paved walkway situated atop the Mississippi River levee. Details for all events and the tentative agenda will be posted on the website at <http://www.stgec.org/>

The Conference greatly appreciates the past and continued support of our exhibitors, and we hope many of you will be able to attend this year's conference. Presented herein and on our website are the Exhibitor booth details including booth locations (layout is currently subject to change).

The registration fee for the conference will be \$400.00, if received by October 18, 2024. Registration can be completed online by following the link on the STGEC website. The registration fee will include all technical sessions and social events. A STGEC room rate of \$107.00 (single or double) per night plus tax has been secured for conference attendees. Conference attendees may stay at the same rate on the Sunday before the conference begins. To reserve your hotel room online with the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center Hotel, please use the link on our website to the group page or phone the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center at 1-800-955-6962 and mention STGEC to receive the group rate. Booking hotel rooms under the group rate helps the conference meet our room usage quota and keeps conference expenses to a minimum. The cutoff date for room reservations at the group rate is Monday, November 4, 2024. Overnight valet parking for hotel guests is \$33.00 plus tax per night. Our website contains a map of self-parking options near the hotel that are not associated with the hotel.

We hope to see you all in Baton Rouge next year. Please use the links below to learn more about Downtown Baton Rouge.

<https://www.visitbatonrouge.com/>

Chris Nickel
2024 STGEC Chairman