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S3: Slopes, Support and Stabilization

August 11-13, 2026 | Charlotte, North Carolina

Call For Abstracts

Submission Deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026

Submit 300-word abstracts at https://dfi-events.org/s3-26 or scan the QR code.

DFI, Conference Chair Jeff Harmston and Program Co-Chairs Vaughn Godet, P.E., A. David Miller, P.E., Christopher Ramsey, P.E., Jeff Segar, P.E., S.E., and Miriam Smith, Ph.D., P.E., invite you to submit an abstract for a 2.5-day technical seminar on the effective application of deep foundations, ground improvement and soil mixing for stabilization/support of slopes, structures and excavations.

The event aims to offer presentations and panel discussions that highlight the latest design and construction techniques using deep foundations and/or ground improvement for challenging ground conditions, slope/slide and excavation support projects.

Presentation Themes

DFI is soliciting presentations for S3 2026 on:

- Anchored Earth Retention
- Drilled Shafts
- Ground Improvement
- Grouting
- Landslides and Slope Stabilization
- Information Management Systems
- Risk and Contracts
- Seismic and Lateral Loads
- Slurry Walls
- Soil Mixing
- Subsurface Characterization
- Sustainability
- Testing and Evaluation
- Tunneling and Underground

Topics and case studies, including (but not limited to):

- Safely and effectively designing and constructing support or stabilization in urban areas, including addressing utilities and projects in, adjacent to and under historic structures
- Support and stabilization projects for sea level impacts, coastal erosion, levees, etc.
- Supporting access shafts and excavations for tunnels
- Support and stabilization for transportation projects (road, rail, air or water)
- Support and stabilization of dams for flood control, water supply, power generation, tailings, etc.
- Utilizing testing, monitoring and observational method for slopes, support and stabilization projects
- Developments or unique solutions for slope/rockfall stabilization and nailing
- Emergency or disaster response projects involving support and stabilization
- Advances in standards, codes, design, construction and quality control/assurance
- Project delivery of support and stabilization projects, including challenges (schedule, logistics, etc.), collaborative delivery methods (construction manager-at-risk, progressive design build, etc.), and risk management
- Projects involving challenging soil and/or groundwater conditions (e.g., mountains, Piedmont, coastal plain, seismic, etc.)
- Challenges of stabilizing and supporting projects covering a large area (e.g., data centers, distribution centers, etc.)
- Utilizing measurement while drilling (MWD) to optimize support/stabilization design and construction

For inquiries, contact:

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Important Dates:

Abstract submission deadline: **Monday, March 2, 2026**

Abstract notifications of acceptance: **Late - March 2026**

PowerPoint presentations due for selected presentations: **Friday, July 31, 2026**