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ACPA Announces Pipe School 2024

Irving, Texas – September 18, 2023 – [The American Concrete Pipe Association](https://www.concretepipe.org) (ACPA) is excited to announce its Pipe School 2024 held January 29th – February 1st in Frisco, TX, just outside of Dallas. Held at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center, the Pipe School will continue the Concrete Pipe Week 2023 theme of *Engineered Strength. Proven Resilience. Undeniable Sustainability*. As the industry’s premier annual event, Pipe School brings together ACPA members, DOTs/transportation agencies, consulting engineers, contractors, subject matter experts, and various industry personnel to discuss, learn, and engage with one another while advancing the industry.

“As our industry’s marquee training and networking event, we are excited to bring together industry personnel from across the country,” says Steve Hoelsing, ACPA Chairman of the Board from ACPA member company, County Materials. “Not only does the school continue to see growth in size, but it also continues to grow in quality and scope. This is setting up to be our most complete and robust Pipe School yet.”

Pipe School 2024 will offer attendees more than 70 courses over four days on topics such as resilience, sustainability, installation, inspection, repair, design, production, quality, and engineering. Additionally, there will be panel discussions, presentations on pressing transportation issues, and DOT leaders sharing case studies from across the country. A tour of Rinker Materials Grand Prairie plant is also available on Wednesday morning. During the school, attendees can network with the speakers, industry leaders, and other stakeholders to ensure they have vital information for their decision-making process. More than 15 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) are available to each attendee.

“Building off the growth and momentum of last year’s tremendous Pipe School, the 2024 event will be even more dynamic with new presentations, activities, and a special keynote speaker to be announced,” says Aimee Connerton, ACPA Education Committee Chair. “Every year we improve our offerings to ensure our attending members gain a deeper understanding of the product and the industry, but also to respond to broader audience needs. We welcome all industry personnel, including contractors, engineers, consultants, DOTs, and other transportation agencies, as we are confident they will gain knowledge and insights they cannot find anywhere else.”

This year, the ACPA will also host its first RCPix Photo Contest. The contest is open to anyone in the industry and allows participants to submit photos of concrete pipe or precast box culverts. Submitted photos are to include concrete pipe or box culverts at any point in the product life cycle and winners will be selected from a variety of different categories. Photos must be submitted by December 15th, 2023, and winners will be announced at the 2024 Pipe School. Visit pipeschool.org/photo to learn more.

Streaming Opportunities

The first day of the 2024 event will be available for streaming, an option previously only available to transportation agency professionals. Starting with the Opening Ceremonies, online participants will be able to hear the keynote speaker, along with a presentation from LinkedIn influencer, Don McNutt (known for his #McMinute), and an industry panel. Streaming on subsequent days will be made available in the Transportation Forum and only to transportation agency professionals (i.e. DOTs, municipalities, public works, etc.). The streaming option is free of charge.

The Transportation Forum will cover topics such as bridge replacements, deep fill boxes, fish passages, design and installation, and various industry panels all with transportation official presenters from around the country. The streaming option allows transportation professionals to engage virtually and have the exclusive option of attending Pipe School sessions online.

In conjunction with the Pipe School, the ACPA will host the 2024 Pipe Show, a three-day trade show that connects producers with vendors and partners. The show is open to all Pipe School attendees and takes place concurrently with Pipe School 2024 within the Embassy Suites from January 29th – January 31st. This year's Pipe Show will conclude with a casino night for attendees.

For more information on Pipe School 2024, including how to register, visit pipeschool.org.

About the American Concrete Pipe Association

The American Concrete Pipe Association (ACPA) is the spokesperson for the concrete pipe industry in all matters affecting the industry's welfare. ACPA members contribute to the improvement of our environment by producing quality concrete pipe, engineered to provide a lasting and economical solution to drainage and pollution problems. For more information, visit www.concretepipe.org.

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