

8th Annual ACIP Pile Seminar

DFI's Augered Cast-in-Place Pile Committee, this year chaired by Chris Shewmaker of **Richard Goettle Inc.**, chose Cincinnati, Ohio as the destination for the 8th Annual specialty seminar on augered cast-in-place and drilled displacement piles. The event was attended by 75+ contractors, engineers, material suppliers, service providers and students with 8 companies exhibiting their products.

Morning presentations included one on the history of ACIP Piles in the Cincinnati area by Frederick Slack PE of Richard Goettle Inc., another on the design of ACIP Piles by Dr. Dan Brown of Auburn University, installation by Mike Moran of **Cajun Constructors** and quality control presented by Rudy Frizzi PE of **Langan Engineering**. Also, the DFI ACIP Pile Inspector's Video was shown with an introduction given by moderator Chris Shewmaker.

Following lunch the attendees heard from Garland Likins PE of **Pile Dynamics Inc.** on the Miami Fort Power Station in Cincinnati and the use of high strain testing for the project, an innovative use of ACIP Piles for a Kroger Superstore explained by George Webb PE of H.C. Nutting Company, load testing in the Ohio River Valley by Ted Vogelpohl of Thelen Associates Inc., followed by an update of the FHWA Augered Pile GEC #8 from Silas Nichols of FHWA. The afternoon concluded with a panel discussion involving all presenters and attendees in an energetic discussion on the day's presentations and other questions on ACIP and Drilled Displacement Piles.

Lastly attendees enjoyed a casual meet & greet reception among exhibiting companies' displays which included Contractors Materials Company, **Foundation Technologies Inc.**, **Geokon Inc.**, Jean Lutz SA, **Loadtest Inc.**, **PENGO**, Pile Dynamics Inc., and Richard Goettle Inc.

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"A pint of sweat, saves a gallon of blood."

- George S. Patton, General (1885-1945)