



# Memorandum

U.S. Department  
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Subject: Prestressed Concrete Committee for  
Economic Fabrication (PCEF)  
Minutes of August 28, 2007 Meeting  
Dover, Delaware

Date: November 23, 2007

From: High Performance Structural Materials Engineer  
Structures Technical Service Team  
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Reply to  
Attn. of: RC-BALT

To: PCEF Members  
Mid-Atlantic States

Attached for your information is a copy of the attendance list and minutes from the subject meeting, held on August 28, 2007 at the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), Dover, Delaware. Also attached are copies of the full PCEF membership address list and subcommittee membership lists for your review. Anyone wishing to add or delete names from any of the lists is asked to notify our office as soon as possible.

We wish to sincerely thank Mr. Barry Benton of the DelDOT for his outstanding efforts, not only in hosting the meeting on site, but also in coordinating the web-conference hook-up for off-site attendees. Those who participated off-site have relayed very positive feedback on this first-time arrangement for our meetings, and we wanted to let Mr. Benton, and those who assisted him, know how much we appreciate their taking time out to set up this virtual meeting room technology. They set the bar very high for other State DOT volunteers to follow in arranging future web-conferencing for our meetings.

Appreciation is also extended to Mr. Keith Gray of the FHWA DelMar Division Office, for his outstanding job of taking notes at the meeting and for completing the minutes in a very timely manner. Minutes, lists and all other attachments referenced in the minutes will be posted on the FHWA Resource Center's High Performance Materials website at: [www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/structures/hpm\\_pcef.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/structures/hpm_pcef.cfm). The link is located in the Structures Team section of the Resource Center website, under "Solutions," where there is a section on High Performance Materials. PCEF is listed under that section. The materials are also posted on the Central Atlantic Bridges Associates website.

We have posted on the FHWA Resource Center File Transfer Protocol site copies of the presentations made at the meeting, registration information about the upcoming CABA bridge design seminar, and project information about PCEF bulb-Tee beams used on the Route 70 bridge in New Jersey.

The final posting is information on the use of high performance concrete (HPC) for highway drainage products. After consultation with appropriate individuals within the highway agency, we would appreciate an email response from each State DOT represented on the PCEF mailing list as to whether or not the State specifies HPC for the drainage products noted. If so, please provide a copy of applicable specifications with the response.

The attachments may be accessed by typing the following address in your web browser: <ftp://fhwaftp.fhwa.dot.gov/ERC/>. The User Name will appear as: 'FHWA-ERC.' The password will be: 'fhwa-erc.' The files will be stored in the folder labeled: 'LouT-PCEF' for about 1 month. The files will also be posted on the Central Atlantic Bridge Associates website.

Those members without an Internet address who have an "\*\*\*" next to their name will receive either a fax or hard copy mailing of the materials. All recipients of these materials are requested to make the information available within your offices to other non-Internet members on the PCEF list. Problems with receiving copies by fax or mail may be addressed to Ms. Noni Brown of our office (410-962-7965) or [noni.brown@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:noni.brown@fhwa.dot.gov).

As we discussed at the meeting, the next PCEF meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 4, 2008, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm**, at the conclusion of the International Bridge Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. That conference will be held June 2-4, 2008 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Primary lodging will be at the Westin Hotel, which is across the street from the convention Center and connected to it by a pedestrian bridge.

The room rate will be \$159 per night plus tax, with a limited number of reduced government rate rooms at \$100 per night. Information about the Center may be found at: [www.pittsburghhcc.com/html/index.htm](http://www.pittsburghhcc.com/html/index.htm) and information about the conference may be found at: [www.eswp.com/bridge](http://www.eswp.com/bridge).

Once again, we thank the membership and their management for the support of this Committee's activities. Please feel free to submit agenda items for the next meeting by **May 1, 2008**. Subcommittee chairmen are requested to convene their groups prior to the next meeting, in order to resolve the action items noted in the attached minutes.

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Attachments

