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8th Annual 'Geohazards in Transportation in the Appalachian Region'

Technical Forum to Take Place in Charleston, W.Va.

Co-Sponsored by Nick J. Rahall, II Appalachian Transportation Institute

(RTI), Marshall University Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and

Applied Sciences (CEGAS)

Regional and national transportation professionals may be interested in attending the 8th Annual Technical Forum, 'Geohazards in Transportation in the Appalachian Region,' Aug. 5-7, 2008 at the Charleston Marriott Town Center in Charleston, W.Va.

The technical forum, which is an activity of the Appalachian States Coalition for Geological Hazards in Transportation, is sponsored by the Nick J. Rahall, II Appalachian Transportation Institute (RTI) and the Marshall University Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences (CEGAS).

Approximately nine sessions are scheduled to be presented during the two-day forum. Some of this year's topics are: Hydrologic & Hydrogeologic Investigations; Seismic Hazard, Risk Assessment & Transportation; Infrastructure Management; Extreme Geotechnical Construction;

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Site Characterization for Transportation Infrastructure; River Processes & Influence on Geohazards; Remote Sensing; Subsurface Investigation Innovations; and Modeling and Simulation In addition, Limited space is available for organizations that are interested in exhibiting displays at the forum.

The Technical Forum is organized by The Appalachian States Coalition of Geological Hazards in Transportation, which is a group of experts that represent the Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina Departments of Transportation; the states Geological Survey; the United States Geological Survey; the United States Army Corps of Engineers; CSXT; and Norfolk Southern Corporation. Representatives from principal federal, state and private transportation entities comprise the Appalachian States Coalition. This grassroots organization's objectives include sharing of resources and information, exchange of methodologies and experiences, and collaboration on geologic projects and research activities.

The forum costs \$100 for professionals who register before July 11, \$125 for professionals who register after July 11 or on site, and \$350 for exhibitors. Fulltime students may attend for free. For more information, contact Dr. Tony Szwilski at 304-696-5457 or Szwilski@marshall.edu or Barbara Roberts at 304-696-7098 or robertsb@marshall.edu. The agenda may be downloaded from RTI's website at www.njrati.org. Registration forms may be downloaded and faxed or emailed to Barbara Roberts at 304-696-6099 or robertsb@marshall.edu.

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