CFSEI Expo Scheduled for May 19-20 in Memphis

The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI) will host its 2014 CFSEI Annual Expo and Meeting on May 19-20, 2014 at the historic Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee. The Expo is designed for architects, builders/contractors, building officials and engineers, with an educational program geared toward both skilled cold-formed steel (CFS) framing professionals as well as newcomers. The Expo will provide opportunities for education and networking as well as an exposition featuring state-of-the-art innovations, technologies and principles in cold-formed steel framing. The two-day conference is the only one of its kind dedicated to the cold-formed steel framing industry.

Several topics that impact the cold-formed steel industry will be covered:
- ASCE 7-10 wind loads
- Blast design
- Mechanical bridging and bracing
- Metal buildings
- Cold-formed steel studs
- Updates to the AISI Brick Veneer Cold-Formed Steel Framing Design Guide
- Preview of AISI S310-13, North American Standard for the Design of Profiled Steel Diaphragm Panels, which will be published later this year; and a look forward to the Diaphragm Design Manual that is due out in early 2015
- and many more.

CFSEI is adding a new Cold-Formed Steel Design Forum to this year’s Expo, providing an opportunity for attendees to engage in discussion with a panel of experts who are in the trenches of cold-formed steel design.

The winners of the 2014 CFSEI Design and Distinguished Service Awards will be announced at the Expo. Nominations are currently being accepted through March 15, 2014 in four categories: design excellence, construction innovation, residential design and construction (new category), and distinguished service. For more information on the Expo program or awards, please visit www.cfsei.org.

The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute comprises hundreds of structural engineers and other design professionals who are finding a better way to produce safe and efficient designs for commercial and residential structures with cold-formed steel. CFSEI members work together to develop and evolve industry standards and design methods, produce and issue
technical bulletins, and provide seminars and online training to improve the knowledge and skills base of engineers and design professionals. For more information, visit www.cfsei.org.