



2017 Technical Writing Contest

Contest and Eligibility

ASCE San Francisco YMF, San Jose YMF, and Atlas Geotechnical are pleased to announce the 2017 Civil Engineering Technical Writing Contest. All young civil engineers in the Bay Area are encouraged to participate. The contest is deliberately simple, informal, and surprisingly fun. All entrants are invited to attend the (hosted) awards banquet at a convenient Bay Area location.

The contest is open to everyone who is eligible for the Younger Member Forum (YMF) membership in the San Francisco YMF and San Jose YMF. Members of ASCE Student chapters are also eligible.

Prompt

This year's prompt, in a departure from previous contests, is a timely nod to a well-known civil engineering problem in downtown San Francisco:

Write a procedure for straightening the Millennium Tower.

Procedures are concise and unambiguous. ASTM writes excellent procedures, as do many transportation departments. Consider emulating other useful procedures by including a diagram or two.

Please constrain your entry to a two-sided 8.5"x11" piece of paper using 12-point font, single line spacing and 1" margins. The suggested length is 500 words.

Judging

Judging will emphasize the basic 3 C's: Clarity, Conciseness, and Completeness. How you address the prompt is irrelevant (for this contest, not in real work...). Be mindful that this is a recreational activity for contestants and judges alike.

Schedule

- January 23, 2017: Topic announced
- February 24, 2017: Entries are due. Submit to Brenna Sammon via email (brenna@atlasgeotechnical.com).
- April 7, 2017: Awards ceremony at a fun location, TBD. All are encouraged to attend.

Awards

- \$700 cash for best overall entry
- Three awards of \$100 each for runners-up

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