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**AISI TO CO-SPONSOR 22ND INTERNATIONAL SPECIALTY CONFERENCE
ON COLD-FORMED STEEL STRUCTURES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), in cooperation with the Wei-Wen Yu Center for Cold-Formed Steel Structures at the Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Missouri, is a co-sponsor of the 22nd International Specialty Conference on Cold-Formed Steel Structures 2014. This year's conference will be held on November 5-6, 2014 at the Hilton at the Ballpark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. A total of 1.6 continuing education or 16 professional development hour (PDH) units will be available for participants.

The biennial event brings together leading scientists, researchers, educators and engineers in the field of research and design of cold-formed steel structures to discuss recent research findings and design considerations. Twelve technical sessions will be presented during the two-day event, including presentations on:

- Member behavior
- Compression members
- Technology transfer
- Flexural members
- Composite construction
- Roof and wall systems
- Rack structures
- Behavior of systems and frames
- Connections

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- Shear Walls
- Light-steel framing
- Test methods

Also at the conference, AISI Manager of Construction Standards Development Helen Chen, Ph.D., P.E., LEED AP, will present two papers covering the AISI *Cold-Formed Steel Design Manual, 2013 Edition*; and the newly developed AISI S310-13, *North American Standard for the Design of Profiled Steel Diaphragm Panels*. A Technical Bulletin from the Wei-Wen Yu Center for Cold-Formed Steel Structures includes abstracts of all of the papers to be presented at the conference and can be accessed at <http://ccfsonline.org>. The recipients of the Wei-Wen Yu Student Scholars Program and the Wei-Wen Yu Outstanding Student Paper Award will also be recognized on November 5th. These students are selected based on papers that they submit for the conference and present during the conference proceedings. A volume of conference proceedings will be available to participants at the conclusion.

“AISI has been a proud co-sponsor of the International Specialty Conference on Cold-Formed Steel Structures since it began in 1971,” Jay Larson, P.E., F.ASCE, managing director of AISI’s Construction Technical Program, said. “It is the premier event for industry, researchers and academia to share ideas and discussion on the latest innovations in cold-formed steel design.”

Additional sponsors of the 22nd International Specialty Conference on Cold-Formed Steel Structures include the Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI), Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA), Rack Manufacturers Institute (RMI), Ridg-U-Rak, Inc., Steel Deck Institute (SDI) and Steel Framing Industry Association (SFIA).

For more information on the conference, to review abstracts of conference papers, or to register online, please visit <http://ccfsonline.org>.

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AISI's codes and standards work is conducted under the Construction Market Council of the Steel Market Development Institute (SMDI), a business unit of AISI, which oversees the industry's investment in advancing the competitive use of steel by meeting the demands of the marketplace. For more information on SMDI's Construction Market program, visit www.smdisteel.org.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 21 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and approximately 125 associate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent more than three-quarters of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's website at www.steel.org.

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