



CALL FOR PAPERS

AREMA 2008 Annual Conference Salt Lake City, UT – September 21-24, 2008

The American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA) invites all interested parties to submit Papers on subjects of interest to the railway engineering community to be considered for publication and/or presentation at the AREMA 2008 Annual Conference from September 21-24, 2008 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Although some papers may be selected for General Plenary Session presentation, all papers will be organized into subject tracks. Papers will be selected based on their originality, timeliness, and suitability within the subject track in which they will be presented. AREMA 2008 Annual Conference will include the following subject tracks (organized around the AREMA Functional Groups and interests): **Communications & Signals, Engineering Services, Maintenance, Passenger & Transit, Structures, and Track**. There will also be a separate sub-track within the C&S Functional Group Session on Tuesday for topics related to **Information Technology** and **Positive Train Control**. We welcome submissions in these topic areas.

Papers should provide information on recent, significant and substantive achievements and results, and should be sufficiently focused on a particular subject or a narrowly defined group of related subjects. ***Papers that are predominantly commercial in nature, or obvious sales presentations, will be declined.***

Papers may be accepted for publication and not presentation at the discretion of the Program Chair. All Papers accepted for presentation will be published (See guidelines and release information on Submittal Form).

Instructions for Submitting a Paper

Complete the online Submittal Form and submit an Abstract of your Paper (no more than 250 words) and a Biographical Sketch via the Presenters section of the AREMA website by **December 14, 2007**. The Abstract should be a concise synopsis of the Paper and should be able to serve effectively as a screening mechanism for reviewers.

Final copies of accepted Papers are due at AREMA **no later than June 13, 2008** and **must** be submitted electronically, via the AREMA website in the following format:

- o Electronic copy, double spaced, font no smaller than 10 pt. Preferred fonts are Times New Roman or Arial.
- o Format must be MS Word 2000 or later, or Adobe PDF. **No other formats will be accepted.**
- o Slides or graphics incorporated into the Paper must be in .JPG, .PDF or .TIF format.
- o All authors and co-authors must be identified.
- o No changes will be permitted in title or copy after the June 15 submission deadline.

For Electronic Submission of Abstracts, Papers and PowerPoint Presentations, go to www.arena.org, click on "Meetings and Seminars" (on the left menu). Click on "Presenters" (on the left menu) and follow the instructions.

Please Note: PowerPoint presentations and speeches are NOT acceptable as submitted Papers. If you wish to use PowerPoint slides to enhance the presentation of your Paper, you may do so. However, a full text-based Paper will be required for Publication. Selected PowerPoint presentations may be published in the Proceedings. Presenters are required to register for the AREMA Annual Conference. A reduced "Presenter Rate" is available. The AREMA *Information for Authors & Presenters Guide* (2008 Edition) will be available on the "Presenters" page at www.arena.org.

Once an abstract is accepted for publication and presentation, the final paper and PowerPoint presentation will be reviewed by the appropriate Conference Program Committee. If the final paper and/or PowerPoint presentation is not deemed appropriate for presentation by this committee, AREMA reserves the right to remove the presentation and/or paper from the Conference Program and any AREMA publications. All decisions are made by AREMA and are considered final. Authors will be notified of any such decisions no later than August 15, 2008.

Important Dates

Dec. 14, 2007	Abstracts, Bios and Call for Papers due	Jun. 13, 2008	Papers due for review
Mar. 28, 2008	Authors notified	Jul. 18, 2008	PowerPoint Slides due for review
Apr. 11, 2008	Authors confirm their participation	Aug. 15, 2008	Program finalized
Jun. 13, 2008	A/V Equipment requests	Sep. 21-24, 2008	AREMA 2008, Salt Lake City, UT