

Wisconsin Section Southwest Branch (<http://branches.asce.org/southwest>)



**Wednesday, February 17, 2010**

**Project Tour and Presentation:  
Wisconsin Institute of Discovery**

Findorff and Mortenson have combined forces in the construction of a 300,000 square foot facility called the Wisconsin Institute of Discovery, which will be completed in December of 2010. This facility will house two interdisciplinary biomedical research institutes: The public Wisconsin Institute of Discovery as well as the private nonprofit Morgridge Institute for Research. The building was designed to achieve LEED Silver certification by incorporating a geothermal system, daylight harvesting, and a gray water irrigation system. The building will contain a public "Town Center" and forum on the ground floor, research labs, seminar rooms, teaching labs and offices located on the second through fourth floors. Please join us for a tour of this state of the art, one of a kind facility.

Owner: Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation  
Architect: Ballinger and Uihlein Wilson Architects  
Construction Manager: Findorff/Mortenson Joint Venture

**Time:** 4:00-4:30 pm Registration  
4:30-5:30 pm Presentation/Tour  
5:30-6:30 pm Social

This will be a joint meeting with the Construction Specifications Institute Madison Chapter and the Milwaukee American Institute of Constructors.



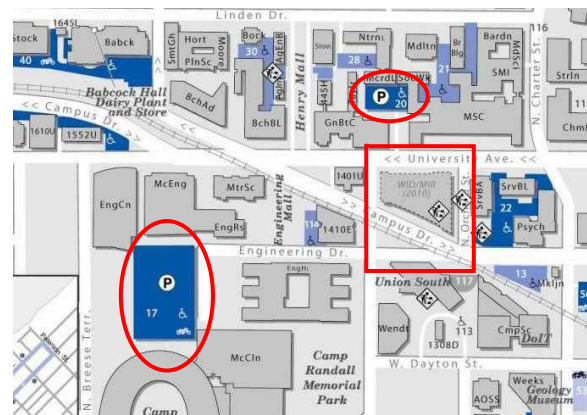
**Tour Location:**

Findorff | Mortenson Offices  
(Old UW Clinic)  
1552 University Ave – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53726

**Social Location:**

Coliseum Bar  
232 East Olin Ave  
Madison, WI 53713  
Cash bar only

**Hard hats, hard soles shoes, and safety glasses are required for this tour.** No onsite Parking Available for the tour. Parking may be available in Lot 17 or 20.



Larger Map available at:  
[http://www2.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/images/Campus\\_Maps/CampusParkingMap2008.jpg](http://www2.fpm.wisc.edu/trans/images/Campus_Maps/CampusParkingMap2008.jpg)

**RSVP:**

Please RSVP by 2:00 PM, Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to Amanda Stone at [astone@baird.com](mailto:astone@baird.com) (preferred) or (608) 273-0592.

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Mark your calendars for the February  
SW Branch ASCE Meeting:  
**4:00 pm Wednesday, Feb. 17**  
**Sign up NOW - RSVP date is Feb. 12!**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

February is a special month for the engineering profession! National Engineers Week is February 15 – 20, 2010, and this year's theme is "Engineers Make a World of Difference". To the engineering profession, this theme may be very customary or taken for granted to some extent, because simply, it is what we do each day of our careers. However, it should not be taken for granted and the general public and younger generations should continually be educated and informed of what our profession provides to our community, state, nation, and world.

To celebrate National Engineers Week and showcase the contributions in which Civil Engineers are already making in your communities, allocate some extra time to endorse our admirable profession during the month of February. Following are some exceptional ways to bring greater recognition to our proud profession and the members who have been contributing their time and efforts: offer a brief presentation about engineering to the students at your local middle school or high school; discuss real world project experience at a local technical school, college, or university; volunteer time at a community organization's event; or promote National Engineers Week at your firm or organization by providing a special acknowledgement to the Engineers and members of your staff. Be proud of your career as a Civil Engineer and reach out to your peers, family, and others regarding its importance to the health, welfare, and safety of our society.

Thank you to all of the attendees at the January Branch Meeting held at the Gray's Tied House in Verona on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance enjoyed a wonderful, visual presentation from Mr. Rusty Chesmore, P.E. of Mead & Hunt regarding the Lake Delton Breach Project. This Project demonstrated another example of the commitment of civil engineers (in the race against time) in providing solutions for the health and safety of residents and businesses in the area. Thanks again, Mr. Chesmore, for volunteering your time and efforts for the presentation!

Please mark your calendars for this month's unique Branch meeting to be held on **Wednesday, February 17, 2010**. Three professional organizations will join together in this monumental event! February's Branch meeting will be a joint meeting with both the American Institute of Constructors (AIC) – Wisconsin Chapter and the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) – Madison Chapter. The informative meeting will be a great opportunity to meet and network with some of the members of these other groups. Please see additional details for the meeting on the front page of this Newsletter. Hope to see you there! Giddee Up!

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**2009-2010 ASCE Meeting Schedule**

Mar 2010	Spring Technical Conference
Apr 21 2010	Dinner Meeting

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

On Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (8:15-3:30) members of the Southwest Branch of ASCE will participate in a Habitat for Humanity of Dane County workday. This is a great opportunity for community service and meet other ASCE members outside of the normal monthly meetings. Like previous years, this event is open 8 Southwest Branch ASCE members. Contact Theresa Possley Nelson (theresa.nelson@appliedeco.com) for more information.

**MEMBER BENEFITS**

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- Leadership
- Team-building and management
- Improving people skills
- Personal finance
- And many other "non technical" areas that are critical to your success as a civil engineer

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