

## CLOSURE

This Geotechnical and Bridge Seismic Design Workshop represents the first of its kind, addressing the seismic hazard evaluation and mitigation of transportation structures in the vicinity of the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ). It draws the interest of over 60 engineers from the seven Midwest State Departments of Transportation and a number of leading consulting firms in the Central United States, and attracted faculty and students from several universities as well. Overall, the results are quite satisfactory and surpass my original expectations.

Although UMR leads the effort to organize this event, the turn out of this workshop is far beyond what UMR alone can achieve. The role of each Steering Committee member of the workshop is instrumental in bringing together the geotechnical and bridge engineers from various state agencies. As a Co-Chair of the workshop, I wish to express my sincere thanks to Mr. Peter Clogston from the FHWA regional office in Jefferson City, Mr. Thomas Fennessey and Mr. Timothy Chojnacki from MoDOT for their initiative and enthusiasm as well as their effort made in realizing this workshop.

The workshop is part of the technical transfer effort of the current UMR Earthquake Hazard Mitigation Research Program. The research team is currently summarizing the findings and recommendations in a final project report that will be due in Spring 2005. The participants of this workshop can request a copy of the final report through the FHWA report distribution center or UMR after permission has been granted by FHWA. Although every effort has been made to check the accuracy of the statements in all presentations, it is the responsibility of users to properly apply the presented results into their practice. Comments on the organization of this workshop or suggestions to future workshops should be addressed and emailed to Dr. Genda Chen, P.E. via [gchen@umr.edu](mailto:gchen@umr.edu).

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