In February 2012, the Federal Highway Administration published the Manual for Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Orthotropic Steel Deck Bridges. The authorship team represents several world leading experts for Orthotropic Decks. The new Manual presents an extensive summary of the current understanding and practical guidelines for application of orthotropic decks in bridge construction. It includes new and updated topics including finite element analysis, fatigue assessment, fabrication, wearing surfaces, inspection, amongst others. The new manual is based on over 40 years of research and experience since the last publication. In this workshop, the authors will present each chapter of the manual including the design examples contained in the final chapter. A question and answer session will provide ample opportunity for discussion with the experts.

Dr. Robert Connor, Associate Professor, School of Civil Eng., Purdue University - Dr. Connor has nearly twenty years of experience in the research and testing of bridges and related structures. He is currently an Associate Professor in the School of Civil Engineering at Purdue University. Prior to joining the faculty at Purdue, he was a Senior Research Engineer and the manager of the Infrastructure Monitoring Program at the ATLSS Engineering Research Center at Lehigh University. Over his career, he has conducted field evaluations of bridges throughout the United States and internationally. He has researched fabrication flaws, fatigue cracking, and failures and developed repair strategies for structures for a variety of agencies including state DOT, rapid transit authorities, construction companies, and structural consultants. He has developed and is currently developing fatigue design specifications for highway bridge structures and bridge expansion joints for NCHRP and state agencies. In addition, he has developed short courses focused on fatigue and fracture design for steel bridge structures geared toward practicing engineers and was the Chairman of the First International Conference on Fatigue and Fracture in the Infrastructure, held in August of 2006.

Prior to entering the academic profession, he worked as a design engineer responsible for the conceptual, preliminary, and final design of numerous bridge design and rehabilitation projects throughout the eastern United States.

Vellore S. Gopalaratnam, P.E. — Dr. Gopalaratnam, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Missouri-Columbia and Fellow of the American Concrete Institute is a registered Professional Engineer in Missouri. He has also been active in other professional organizations including the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Academy of Mechanics, Society of Experimental Mechanics and the Materials Research Society. He has previously served as the chair of the ACI Fracture Mechanics Committee and Secretary of the ACI Fiber Reinforced Concrete Committee. His research interest includes experimental mechanics and stress analysis of bridges and other structures and fracture and failure of materials. Dr. Gopalaratnam has completed both laboratory and field research on the fatigue performance of wearing surface systems for steel orthotropic bridges, including the Poplar Street Bridge, MO, Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, NY, and San Mateo-Hayward Bridge, CA. He is the primary author of Chapter 9 on Wearing Surface for the FHWA Manual for Design, Construction, and Maintenance of Orthotropic Steel Deck Bridges.
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Kevin is a Former Board Member for the American Galvanizing Association, and was the Vice President and General Manager for AAA Galvanizing until they were acquired by AZZ Galvanizing Services in April of 2008. He is a Board Member for (CCAI) Chemical Coaters Association International, and Vice Chair of the NACE Committee on Hot Dip Galvanizing TEG 428X. He has been a speaker for the International Bridge Conference for the last four consecutive years, a speaker at SSPC the last two years, a speaker at NACE 2013, a speaker for the 2012 NACE Western Area Conference, and a speaker at the 2013 Southeast Bridge Preservation Partnership TSP.2. Kevin has been a member of NACE since 2008, and a member of SSPC since 2009.

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Dennis Mertz, Ph.D, Lehigh University, University of Delaware, - Dr. Mertz has received numerous awards and honors, including the Richard S. Fountain Bridge Task Force Award from AISI in 2005, the Richard R. Torrens Award from ASCE in 2003, and the Structural Engineering Institute Certificate of Appreciation from ASCE. He has written specifications and manuals for the Departments of Transportation in many states.

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To compliment his training and career as a Welding Consulting Engineer, Mr. McQuaid is a member of the American Welding Society, Past Chairman and currently is a member of the AWS D1 Structural Welding Code - Steel, Chairman of the AWS D1.5 Bridge Welding Code and Past Chairman of the AWS Technical Activities Committee. He is Past Chairman and currently a member of the National Research Council Transportation Research Board AFH70 Committee on Fabrication and Inspection of Metal Structures.

Mr. McQuaid is currently a member and Vice President of the AWS Board of Directors.

Dr. Thomas Murphy joined Modjeski and Masters, Inc. in 2000, and is a Senior Associate with the firm. Dr. Murphy’s professional experience has included the analysis, design, and detailing of a variety of bridges including cable-stayed, suspension, arch, truss, and girder bridges with special emphasis on seismic analysis and design. Dr. Murphy has been involved in all stages of the bridge design process; from the development of design specifications, to the completion of conceptual studies for specific crossings, preliminary and final design, and construction stage issues. Recent assignments include the Engineer of Record for the design of twin through arches carrying I-74 across the Mississippi River.

Duncan Paterson, Ph.D., P.E. — Dr. Paterson has over twelve years experience working as both a Bridge Engineer and Structural Research Engineer. Dr. Paterson is currently an active member of AREMA Committee 15 – Steel Structures and serves as a subcommittee vice chair and on the Task Force for adoption of high speed rail loads in AREMA. Paterson is active in the technical community having published multiple peer reviewed papers and presentations.

The program is subject to change, but we have laid out the meeting based on the assumption that all participants will be able to present their ideas.