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STEEL INSTITUTE CO-HOSTS “STEEL DAY” EVENT

Large Scale Bridge Models Displayed

WASHINGTON – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), in collaboration with the House and Senate Steel Caucuses and the National Steel Bridge Alliance (NSBA), hosted an event today in honor of SteelDay 2013. The event featured remarks from Reps. Pete Visclosky (D-IN), Virginia Foxx (R-NC), and Roger Ferch, president of the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), Thomas J. Gibson, president and CEO of AISI and Pat Natale, executive director of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Winners of the 2013 ASCE/ AISC National Student Bridge Competition from the University of California – Berkeley, as well as competition contestants from the University of Akron, University of Delaware and University of Maryland, showcased their large-scale, modular steel bridge designs during the event.

“I’m pleased to bring together Members of the House and Senate Steel Caucuses, industry leaders and these bright young minds to promote SteelDay,” said Gibson. “These students are the next generation of engineers. At a time when the ASCE is giving our nation’s aging infrastructure a barely passing grade, it is important that we promote strong engineering education and invest in America’s deficient bridges to ensure the health of our domestic infrastructure.”

Gibson also noted that with the current highway funding bill expiring in September 2014 and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projecting the Highway Trust Fund will be insolvent in approximately one year, it is “imperative that Congress enact robustly funded, long-term transportation legislation that will support domestic manufacturing, create jobs, enhance global competitiveness and put Americans back to work.”

For a full listing of SteelDay 2013 events on October 4, please visit the American Institute of Steel Construction’s website: <http://www.aisc.org/steeldayevents/>.

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 24 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 127 associate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI’s member companies represent over 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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