Rapid Excavation & Tunneling Conference headed for San Diego
4-day event to focus on unique underground systems

Registration is now open for the Rapid Excavation & Tunneling Conference (RETC) sponsored by the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME), June 4-7, 2017 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA. For the past 20 years, RETC has proven to be the leading conference for tunneling innovation, technological information exchange, and the latest developments and advances in the unique field of underground construction. Every two years, industry leaders and practitioners from around the world gather at RETC, the leading authoritative program for the tunneling profession.

Tunnels are getting larger and deeper, and are excavated in increasingly-challenging conditions. The expectation is to successfully complete projects while meeting the heavy construction challenges of sustaining quality, scheduling, performance and safety. This comprehensive conference will help industry professionals keep up with the ever-changing and growing tunneling industry.

A short course on tunnel rehabilitation will focus on the protection and restoration of underground structures. Technical programs include:

- Pressure Face TBM
- Large Span Tunnel Cavern
- Risk Management
- Stations, Cross Passages
- Trenchless Tunneling
- Difficult Ground

Approximately 1,300 registrants from around the world will have access to 34,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space with more than 180 booths featuring the latest in industry technological advancements. In addition to the programming, RETC and UCA of SME Young Members are offering scholarships for attendance. The scholarships provide selected students with an opportunity to attend RETC where they can experience firsthand the challenges, opportunities, and rewards of a career in the fields of tunneling and underground construction.

Early bird pricing ends May 7. For more information and to register for the conference, visit www.retc.org/.

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