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**CFSEI TO HOST WEBINAR ON CONSTRUCTION-GRADE THUMBTACKS  
ON AUGUST 23, 2018**

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 24, 2018—The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI) will host a webinar on “Construction-Grade Thumbtacks: Anchorage of Cold-Formed Steel Framing to Precast, Post-Tensioned and Hollow-Core Concrete Structures” on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. EDT. The webinar is designed for architects, engineers, building officials and contractors. Participants are eligible for 1.5 PDHs.

When designing cold-formed steel framing components for a precast or post-tensioned building, designers often find themselves subject to extremely shallow maximum anchorage embedment requirements. The webinar will explain why those embedment limits are so shallow, and how a cold-formed steel framing designer can work with (or, on occasion, around) such requirements while still producing a cost-efficient and structurally sound design.

The webinar will be presented by Derek Putz, P.E., a project engineer at Matsen Ford Design Associates, Inc. in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, both with emphasis on structural and geotechnical engineering. He is also involved with the Meyers-Fairchild Scholarship Fund at the university.

Prior to his current position, Derek Putz worked for J3 Engineering in Mequon, Wisconsin, gaining significant experience in cold-formed steel design by participating in projects ranging in scope from interior architectural framing to exterior load-bearing wall and floor framing that

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crossed the nation from New York to San Francisco. Additionally, he developed company training manuals regarding cold-formed steel design. He is currently authoring a CFSEI Technical Note on cold-formed steel framing attachments to post-tensioned, prestressed, and hollow-core concrete components.

More information on the webinar and registration is available at

<https://www.cfsei.org/webinar-august-23-2018>.

The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute comprises hundreds of structural engineers and other design professionals who are finding a better way to produce safe and efficient designs for commercial and residential structures with cold-formed steel. CFSEI members work together to develop and evolve industry standards and design methods, produce and issue technical bulletins, and provide seminars and online training to improve the knowledge and skills base of engineers and design professionals. For more information, visit [www.cfsei.org](http://www.cfsei.org).

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