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CFSEI TO HOST WEBINAR ON BLAST DESIGN OF COLD-FORMED STEEL COMPONENTS, WALLS AND ROOF SYSTEMS ON AUGUST 24, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 17, 2017 – The Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute (CFSEI) will host a webinar on "Blast Design of Cold-Formed Steel Components, Walls and Roof Systems" on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. ET. The webinar is designed for architects, engineers, building officials and contractors. Participants are eligible for 1.5 PDHs.

The webinar will cover several topics relevant to the blast design and analysis of cold-formed steel wall and roof components, connections and systems, including:

- Blast design criteria for typical projects (GSA, VA, DoD),
- General background on blast loading and application to structures,
- Analysis of cold-formed steel members for blast,
- Concentrated loads and loads near supports, and
- Connection design considerations.

The webinar will be conducted by Cliff Jones, P.E., S.E., Structures Lead at Protection Engineering Consultants (PEC). Mr. Jones has more than 10 years of experience in the design of structures for extreme loading. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in Texas and a licensed Structural Engineer in Illinois. He leads and supports a range of projects related to the design and retrofit of structures for blast, shock, impact, fire, seismic and extreme weather events such as tornados, tsunamis, storm surges and hurricanes. He also has extensive experience in structures-related research and the design of novel structural materials, components and energy-absorbing systems.

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More information on the webinar and registration details is available at <u>www.cfsei.org</u>.

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 <u>www.cfsei.org</u>.

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