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### **SEAOI at 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Engineers Week Expo -- Dream Big**

The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI) is proud to participate in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Engineers Week on Saturday, February 25, 2017, from 10:30 am - 3:30 pm at Illinois Institute of Technology's Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Campus, located at 201 East Loop Road, in Wheaton, IL.

You are invited to join us and explore the current state of technology and advances being made throughout the engineering industry with members of the Chicagoland engineering community through interactive displays and presentations that are fun and educational, designed to enhance children's interest in math, science, and engineering (STEM).

SEAOI will have many interactive exhibits available for budding young engineers and their parents. Bob Johnson and Carol Drucker (along with several others) will once again host the standing room only SEAOI exhibit space. Mr. Johnson's structural engineering models and 'toys' provide an enriching hands-on practical application of structural engineering principles. Ms. Drucker's display on bridges provides students and adults insight into the design of bridges -- expect a discussion on the failure/reasons for the tragic 2007 Minneapolis bridge failure. Visitors will also be able to design and test their very own bridge using a computer program.

For even more insight into the world of structural engineering, plan on attending the LAST BRICK STANDING presentation by structural engineer Brian Dekker. Mr. Dekker will give you tips by explaining the basics of structural engineering and then you'll have a chance to build your own Lego tower and compete with 15 other teams to see how well the towers would survive an earthquake.

The Expo is open to the public and free of charge. For more information about the Expo, please visit the [IIT website](#).

**The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois** (SEAOI) was founded in 1965 by practicing structural engineers to advance and advocate excellence in structural engineering and to aid in safeguarding the lives and property of the public. SEAOI contributes to the expansion of the art and science of structural engineering by offering education, outreach and networking opportunities to members and the public living and working in Illinois.

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