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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Confirmation Letter for ICPTT Conference

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that the *International Conference on Pipelines and Trenchless Technology (ICPTT)* hosted by the China-U.S. Joint Center for Trenchless Research and Development (CTRD) and the China Society for Trenchless Technology (CSTT), will be cosponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)—Pipeline Division and the Center for Underground Infrastructure Research and Education (CUIRE) at The University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). This important conference will be held from October 18 through 21, 2009, in Shanghai, China. The conference is expected to draw interest from all facets of pipeline industry, including water, sewer, oil and gas applications. The attendees and presenters are expected to come from municipalities, public agencies, design engineers and consultants, academia, contractors, utility and pipeline owners and operators, and pipe manufacturers. Participants are expected to come from across China, the United States, Europe, Japan, and other countries.

The Conference theme is “Advances and Experiences with Pipelines and Trenchless Technology Projects, for Water, Sewer, Gas and Oil Applications.” The conference will provide an excellent opportunity for the attendees to explore the world of Pipelines and Trenchless Technology Projects. The conference will highlight the evolution pipeline technologies with emphasis on trenchless products, processes, and projects, covering planning, design, construction, permitting, and quality considerations.

As Chair of the ASCE Pipeline Division and Director of the Center for Underground Infrastructure Research and Education (CUIRE), I hope that the local governments can provide strong support for this unique and timely conference.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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