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Dear Colleagues,

The 12th International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM) International Congress on Rock Mechanics will be held in Beijing on **October 18-21, 2011**. The theme for 2011 ISRM Congress is "Harmonizing Rock Mechanics and the Environment" to emphasize the critical role of rock mechanics and rock engineering in sustainable development and preservation of the environment.

As the US National Group for ISRM, ARMA invites our colleagues to submit proposed papers to the 2011 ISRM Congress through our web site, www.armorocks.org. The abstract submission deadline is **October 22, 2010**. Abstracts are limited to 1 page, including figures and up to 500 words. ARMA will notify authors of acceptance by **November 30, 2010**. Authors of accepted papers will be required to submit their papers for review by **January 15, 2011**. Final camera-ready manuscripts, not exceeding 6 pages, and signed copyright forms must be submitted to ARMA by **March 1, 2011**. Accepted papers will be published in the Symposium CD for the 2011 ISRM Symposium Congress.

The ISRM 2011 Congress in Beijing offers a unique opportunity for US delegates to meet and exchange information with our dynamic, international rock mechanics community. We look forward to receiving your paper proposals to represent the United States of America at the ISRM's 50th International Congress.

Sincerely yours,

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2011 ISRM Beijing Symposium National Group Representatives on behalf of ARMA