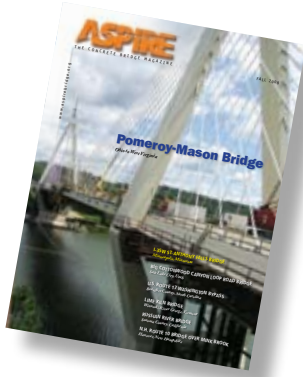
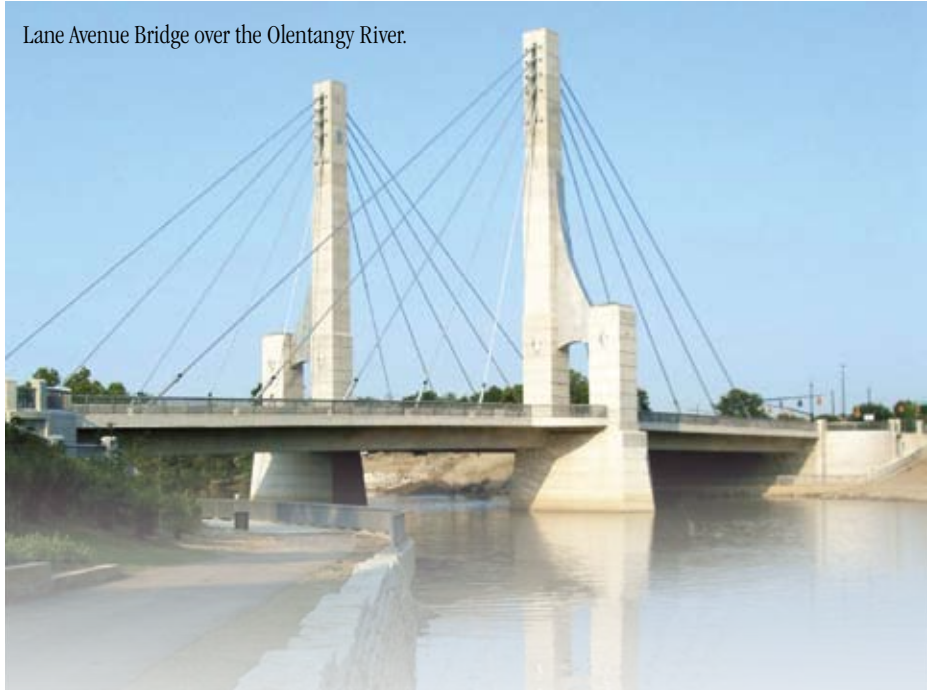


# READER RESPONSE



Lane Avenue Bridge over the Olentangy River.



*I enjoyed the article on the St. Anthony Falls Bridge in ASPIRE™ (Fall 2008). I admire the effort and achievement in completing this mega project in less than 1/5th the time of a normal construction schedule and I agree it was a monumental accomplishment of all involved.*

*Sumiden Wire Products Corporation supplied all the prestressing steel strand used in this project and performed flawlessly under extremely difficult circumstances. We were given the contract in January 2008 and originally told we needed to supply the prestressing steel strand over a 12-month period beginning February 2008. Shortly thereafter, we were asked to condense the schedule and supply the entire contract by June 2008.*

*This accelerated schedule would be difficult in a normal steel market but 2008 was far from normal. Nevertheless, despite steel shortages and sky rocketing steel prices Sumiden Wire Products Corporation met the challenge.*

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Stockton, Calif.

*I just received my fall issue of ASPIRE magazine and wanted to thank you for considering Franklin County and me to contribute an article.*

*Keep up the excellent work of your magazine and let us know if we can ever be of assistance in the future.*

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Columbus, Ohio

I-35W St. Anthony Falls Bridge.  
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