PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS



Robert J. Firman III | Senior Associate



EDUCATION

- Bucknell University
 - Bachelor of Science,
 Civil Engineering, 2010
 - Bachelor of Management for Engineers, 2010
- Purdue University
 - Master of Science,
 Civil Engineering, 2011

PRACTICE AREAS

- Failure/Damage Investigations
- Concrete Structures
- Nondestructive Evaluation
- Instrumentation/Monitoring/ Load Testing
- Bridges

REGISTRATIONS

- AWS Cert. Welding Inspector
- FAA Lic. Remote Pilot
- NHI 130056 Safety Insp./In-Service Bridges
- NHI Course 130078 Fracture Critical Insp./Steel Bridges
- PE in AL, CO, DC, FL, IA, LA, MD, MT, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, and VA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Concrete Institute
- American Inst. of Steel Constr.
- American Society of Civ. Eng.

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EXPERIENCE

Since joining WJE in 2012, Robert Firman has gained experience working on a broad range of projects, including condition assessments; instrumentation; materials testing; and structural analysis of structural steel buildings, light-gauge metal structures, and prestressed and post-tensioned concrete buildings and bridges. He holds a certification as an ASNT NDT Level Magnetic Particle Testing technician. Prior to joining WJE, Mr. Firman gained work experience in structural dynamics, engineering, construction, steel fabrication, and erection.

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

Failure/Damage Investigations

- Precast Parking Garage Fairfax, VA: Investigation of spandrel cracking
- Wood Subfloor Assessment Washington,
 D.C.: Investigation and materials testing of wood subfloor exposed to moisture during construction
- Glass Breakage Washington, D.C.: Investigation of glass breakage during construction of curtain wall
- Springfield Town Center Springfield, VA: Investigation of partial collapse of elevated concrete slab during construction
- Underground Parking Garage Washington,
 D.C.: Investigation of concrete structure
 collapse during construction
- File Storage Warehouse Landover, MD: Structural analysis and investigation of warehouse progressive collapse

Concrete Structures

- Airport Roadway Tunnels Buffalo, NY:
 Condition assessment and materials testing of tunnels located beneath airport runway
- Multistory Building Denver, CO: Condition assessment, analysis, and repair design of precast concrete column connections
- Silver Spring Transit Center MD: Field investigation and structural analysis related to the performance of post-tensioned concrete structure

Nondestructive Evaluation

- Metrorail Station Platforms Washington,
 D.C.: Ground penetrating radar and specialized inspections
- Elevated Structures Washington, D.C.: Visual inspection, magnetic particle testing, and ultrasonic testing of fracture critical steel transverse box girders

Instrumentation/Monitoring/Load Testing

- Garage Monitoring Tysons, VA: Installation and monitoring of environmental sensors at precast parking garage
- Balcony Railing Load Testing Alexandria, VA: Assessment and load testing of balcony railings at apartment building
- Overhead Lift Anchor Testing Washington,
 D.C.: Load testing of overhead anchors used for moving equipment within hospital
- Fall Protection Anchor Testing Raleigh, NC:
 Load testing of roof fall protection anchors
- USS Maine Memorial Arlington, VA: Installation of temperature and humidity monitoring equipment at Arlington National Cemetery
- Miller-Coors Brewery Elkton, VA: Installation of tiltmeters on fermenting tanks in response to steel column failures
- Embassy Building Washington, D.C.: Crack monitoring at concrete beams and columns

Bridges

- Multiple Timber Bridges MS: Condition assessment of multiple timber pile bridges
- Nottoway Reservoir Bridge Nottoway County, VA: Condition assessment, instrumentation, materials testing, and service life modeling of concrete substructure and steel superstructure
- Route 15/Interstate 66 Overpass Haymarket,
 VA: Fire damage assessment of steel and concrete bridge components
- Commodore Barry Bridge Bridgeport, NJ:
 Concrete materials testing of bridge piers to determine the potential for alkali-silica reaction

