



Dear Deep South ITE Member,

As many of you have likely heard, ITE has undertaken a “ONE ITE” initiative that will impact the membership structure of Deep South ITE. ITE set up a website where you can learn more about the background and purpose of this initiative at <https://www.ite.org/about-ite/governance-documents/oneite>. The main impact to Deep South ITE is the elimination of the “affiliate” designation.

The Deep South ITE Board of Directors has been working closely with International and with the Southern District of ITE for the past two years to make sure the best interest of our members and affiliates is represented as we move into this new structure. We would like to strongly encourage you to **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR** so that you can make an informed choice moving forward. The big picture:

- If you are currently a full International ITE member, nothing is going to change for you.
- If you are not an International ITE member but have been curious about the benefits of that membership, this is a good time to try it out. ITE is offering the following phased dues for our current affiliates.
 - 2019 – pay normal Deep South ITE affiliate dues (\$25) and receive free International ITE membership
 - 2020 – pay 50% of the normal International ITE membership dues
 - 2021 – pay full International ITE dues
- If you are a Deep South ITE affiliate and do not wish to become an International ITE member, you will still have the ability to participate in ALL Deep South ITE activities. You will not be charged Deep South ITE dues, but there will be a higher cost for you to attend Deep South ITE meetings to offset the lack of dues (an additional \$25).

Discounted membership dues are available for public employees, students and younger members (under 30). Membership dues information can be found on the ITE website at: <https://www.ite.org/membership/become-a-member/dues/> .

If moving forward you decide not to become an International member, you will have the option of becoming a “Friend of ITE”, similar to what is offered by organizations like the TRB. This will allow ITE to include your contact information in their database and share information about ITE events, publications or otherwise that may be useful to you. While as a Friend of ITE you won’t be a member with full benefits, International will know that you participate. This is an improvement because up until this change, the International organization has not known who the affiliates are and are therefore unable to contact you or provide you with information.

Regardless of your ITE International membership or Friend of ITE status, **WE WILL STILL ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ALL DEEP SOUTH ITE ACTIVITIES**. Your participation is what sets Deep South apart from the other sections and makes our events and the relationships we build envied by others.

Deep South ITE remains committed to earning our role as the professional society of choice for transportation professionals in Louisiana and Mississippi. We welcome feedback from all of you on areas where we can improve on this mission.

Sincerely,

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