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Dear Professor Lai,

As the chair of the AISC Task Committee 8 (Design for fire) and a member of the AISC Task Committee 5 (Composite design), I am pleased to invite you to attend the AISC Task Committee meetings, which will take place from November 13 – 16, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

During the meeting, you are invited to present your research progress on composite construction, including the design of high strength CFT columns, creep and shrinkage behavior of CFT members, and the seismic behavior and compactness criteria for CFT members.

You will need to cover all required expenses for this trip from your research funding. The required expenses include accommodation fees, meals, travel fees (include flight tickets), etc.

I am looking forward to meeting with you in Chicago this November.

Sincerely yours,



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