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8th Annual Student Paper Competition

CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

DFI 35th Annual Conference on Deep Foundations

October 13-15, 2010 ~ Renaissance Hollywood Hotel ~ Hollywood, CA, USA

The Deep Foundations Institute Educational Trust announces the 2010 Student Paper Competition. Students studying in the fields of engineering, construction and geological sciences are encouraged to submit a paper for consideration. The author(s) of the winning paper will be invited to attend the DFI 2010 Conference in Hollywood, California to present the paper. Conference registration, two nights of lodging and a \$750 stipend for travel expenses will be provided to the winner. Both the winner and first runner-up will receive a library of up to 20 DFI Publications and a gratis two-year Individual Membership in DFI. In brief, DFI is a not-for-profit association of contractors, engineers, manufacturers, suppliers, owners and academia which promotes understanding and advancement of the deep foundations & excavations construction industry through conferences, publications, and community. The Educational Trust is an independent, non-profit, charitable foundation established by DFI in 2005 to promote awareness of the career opportunities available in the deep foundations construction industry and to provide financial assistance for the education of high school and college students pursuing one of these careers.

Papers are solicited on topics relating to Deep Foundations design and construction as follows:

- Historical evolution of deep foundations
- Discussions of state of the art foundation technologies and their applications
- Foundation design and construction research
- Quality control, quality assurance and non-destructive testing
- Case studies describing sustainable design and construction techniques or long-term construction and design challenges met by the deep foundation industry are specifically encouraged for this year's competition.

Paper Competition Deadlines:

1. **February 12, 2010:** Submit an abstract of approximately 250 words in length describing the subject matter of their paper. *All students with abstracts submitted will be included in the paper competition, unless the subject matter is deemed inappropriate.*
2. **June 4, 2010:** Submit draft paper of no more than 10 pages in length. *Papers will be judged based on submitted drafts. Comments will be offered to winning and runner-up papers for preparation of final version to be published in the conference proceedings and possibly in the DFI Journal, both of which are read by practitioners in the deep foundations engineering and contracting community.*
3. **July 30, 2010:** Papers in their final form are due by the winner and runner-up.

Other important information:

- Abstracts and papers are to be submitted via email as MS Word Documents to dfihq@dfi.org.
- Student must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate or graduate program in the field of engineering/construction/geological sciences.
- Paper must be based on student's own work, and in her/his own writing.
- Multiple students may co-author a single paper submission for the competition but will share the prize should their paper be deemed the winner or runner-up.
- Samples of past winning papers are available for review upon request.

Correspondence regarding the competition should be addressed to DFI Educational Trust Headquarters, address and contact info shown in header.