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DFI 2008 Distinguished Service Award

August 18, 2008, Hawthorne, NJ: The Deep Foundations Institute is pleased to announce M. Byrl Williams, as the recipient of the DFI 2008 Distinguished Service Award. This prestigious honor is awarded to individuals who have made lifetime contributions in the deep foundations design and construction industries.



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Williams, Chief Engineer and Consultant at Foundation Constructors Inc., Oakley, Calif., will be given the award at the October 16th Awards Banquet of DFI's 33rd Annual & 11th International Conference on Deep Foundations in New York, NY. His selection for the 27-year old award was based on his accomplishments in the foundation construction industry and his many years of support of the Institute.

Byrl served as the president of DFI in 1996, after terms as vice president, secretary and chair of the 1985 San Francisco Members' Meeting and Conference

Organizing Committee. He has also served on many other DFI committees, including the Equipment Applications and Code Committees. He has supported the international activities of DFI over the years, delivering papers abroad, and also helped organize seminars with Caltrans. Williams is currently working on the DFI Educational Trust efforts.

Williams, who has a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Gonzaga University and an M.S. in Construction Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, also served in the U.S. Navy as a civil engineer, where his official title was assistant resident officer in charge of construction. Over the years, he has worked for Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc., and other construction firms before he co-founded American Piledriving, Inc. in 1989. He was the vice president, then president and sole owner of the company when he sold it in 2006 to Foundation Constructors, Inc.

In addition to his years of service to DFI, Williams found time to contribute to many other relevant professional organizations including the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Associated General Contractors of America. Williams was the AGC District Director for California, and is also past-president of the Pile Driving Contractor Association of San Francisco. The Northern California Piledrivers' Union has been another Williams' interest, and he served as chair of the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee for that organization.

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