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## For Immediate Release

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Young Professors Paper Competition CALL FOR PAPERS

#### DFI 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Deep Foundations

October 4-6, 2006 ~ Omni Shoreham Hotel ~ Washington, DC, USA

The Deep Foundations Institute announces the 2006 Young Professors Paper Competition open to full time entry-level faculty members of an accredited college or university, engaged in teaching and/or research in any of the professional fields including engineering, construction, or geological sciences. The primary author of the winning paper will be invited to attend the DFI Annual Conference on Deep Foundations to present her/his 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.

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

- Historical evolution of deep foundations
- Relationship between design, construction and equipment utilization
- Quality control, quality assurance and non-destructive testing
- Case studies involving foundation systems common to the region and within similar ground conditions

Professors interested in entering the competition should submit an abstract approximately 250 words in length describing the subject matter of their paper. **The due date for abstracts is January 6, 2006.** All professors with abstracts submitted will be included in the paper competition, unless the subject matter is deemed inappropriate. **Drafts will be due: April 7<sup>th</sup>.** Papers will be judged based on their submitted drafts. Comments will be offered to the winning and runner-up paper authors for preparation of final version to be published in the proceedings. The papers in their final form must be returned to DFI by August 4, 2006.

- Paper not to exceed 15 pages.
- Abstracts and papers are to be submitted electronically (Adobe PDF or MS Word) to dfihq@dfi.org.
- Professor must be a full-time entry-level faculty member teaching or involved in research at an accredited college or university.
- Professional field must be engineering/construction/geological sciences.
- Paper must be based on professor's own work, and may include contributions from his/her research students as secondary authors.

Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to DFI Headquarters, address shown at the left.