

PRESS RELEASE

**DEEP FOUNDATIONS INSTITUTE
OUTSTANDING PROJECT AWARD**

The Deep Foundations Institute presented the 1998 Outstanding Project Award at DFI's Annual Member's Meeting in Seattle, Washington to Isherwood Associates and Deep Foundations Contractors Inc. The award was given for design engineering and construction, respectively, for the design and construction of the St. Claire River Rail Tunnel between Sarnia, Ontario and Port Huron, Michigan.

"In 1994 the world's largest underwater tunnel was constructed to link Canada and the U.S.A. This new tunnel was large enough to accommodate double-decker railway cars. The construction of an unplanned Retrieval Shaft was required to allow removal and servicing of the Cutterhead of the Tunnel Boring Machine before it passed under the St. Clair River."

This award is presented annually by the Deep Foundations Institute for projects that are deemed outstanding for their design and construction. They are judged on the following criteria: Ingenuity, Difficulty of Construction, Construction/Engineering Teamwork, and Innovative use of Equipment. A copy of the paper entitled "St. Clair River Rail Tunnel, Sarnia Evolution of the Design and Construction Methods for the TBM Cutterhead Retrieval", is available from DFI as it is included in the 1997 Proceedings of DFI's 22nd Annual Member's Conference, *Ingenuity '97*, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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