The Outstanding Project Award (OPA) was established in 1997 to recognize the superior work of DFI members. Each year, a project is chosen from several geotechnical projects submitted for consideration by DFI members.

**ELIGIBILITY**
- Any deep foundation or deep excavation project that has been completed within three years of the deadline and nominated by a DFI member.

**NOMINATION PACKAGE**
- One-page project summary including completion date and project team (owner, engineer, GC, foundation contractor).
- Up to 10 high-resolution digital photos.
- Completed nomination form.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**
Consideration is given to ingenuity of design and construction techniques, how the design met the owner's needs and solved geotechnical conditions.

**SELECTION PROCESS**
In the first round, the committee reviews projects and determines finalists based on a point system. In the second round, the committee rates finalists and establishes the winner.

*Please note, judges can select more than one winner per year.*

**COMMITTEE**
The OPA Committee is an anonymous judging committee appointed by the DFI President and approved by the Board of Trustees.

**AWARD INFORMATION**
- The OPA is presented at the Awards Banquet at the DFI Annual Conference on Deep Foundations.
- The company nominating the project will be the recipient of the award unless they determine differently and notify DFI of the company to be recognized.
- Additional copies of the award are available at cost at the winner's request for other companies involved in the project.
- A 10-minute project presentation at the DFI Annual Conference is required.
- The OPA project is the cover story for the Sept/Oct issue of Deep Foundations magazine. Support for the article is required from the recipient project applicant, including article and photos.
- Special Recognition Awards for projects nominated that year are awarded at the discretion of the committee and may be featured in Deep Foundations magazine.

**DEADLINE APRIL 15**