



The Deep Foundations Institute is a not-for-profit association of contractors, engineers, manufacturers, suppliers, owners and academia.

DFI's membership promotes understanding and advancement of the deep foundations & excavations construction industry through conferences, publications, and community.

The technical committees, Augered Cast-In-Place Pile, Drilled Shaft, Driven Pile, Helical Foundations & Tiebacks, Marine Foundation, Micropiles, Seismic and Lateral Loads, Slurry Wall, Soil Mixing, Testing and Evaluation, and Tiebacks & Soil Nailing provide industry leadership for these foundation systems, through the publication of Guides, Specifications and References and by providing educational programs.

The membership is international.

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## For Immediate Release

### DFI 31st Annual Conference on Deep Foundations October 4-6, 2006 Washington, DC, USA

The Deep Foundations Institute will hold its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Deep Foundations and Members' Meeting at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, USA on October 4-6, 2006. In addition, two pre-conference events will be offered on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Soil Mixing Specialty Seminar and Micropiles – Developments in Design and Construction Short Course.

The conference will include 4 sessions of technical presentations on a broad range of topics solicited through an open call for papers relating to Deep Foundations on the following subjects:

- History of foundation construction in Washington, DC and other urban environments
- Recent case histories on the subject of deep foundations and earth retention
- Changes in applicable codes and standards affecting the industry
- Evaluation of existing foundations for adaptive reuse
- Advances in QA/QC tools and real time monitoring
- Practiced oriented research and innovations

DFI will also present the 2006 Outstanding Project Award and Distinguished Service Award during the Annual Awards Banquet on the evening of October 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition the winner of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Paper Competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Young Professors Paper Competition will present their winning papers during the conference technical sessions. An exhibition hall of over 50 industry organizations will be open to registered attendees throughout the three-day event and a companions' program including local tours is being arranged.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the specialty seminar on soil mixing will provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of soil mixing and the uses for this technology in the construction industry while the short course on micropiles will address the latest developments in the state-of-the-practice on micropile design, procurement, QA/QC, and construction.

The purpose of the Annual Conference is to promote the understanding of deep foundations design and construction by providing a forum for the industry regardless of commercial or professional affiliation. A committee local to the region is organizing an original program of presentations with local flavor and comprehensive technology.

Further information may be obtained at [www.deepfoundations06.org](http://www.deepfoundations06.org) or by contacting DFI headquarters.