



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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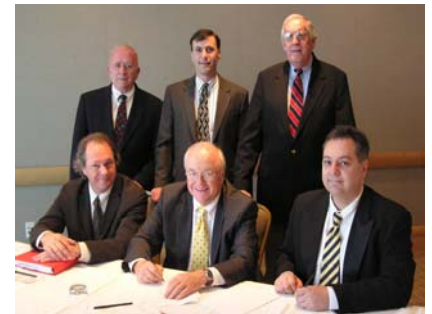
### DFI Educational Trust

Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) is pleased to announce the creation of the DFI Educational Trust. The Trust is an independent charitable foundation of the Deep Foundations Institute. The goals of the Trust include providing scholarships for students seeking degrees in civil engineering and construction engineering curricula related to the deep foundation industry. The Trust will support programs that instill interest in the heavy construction and civil engineering sciences in high school and college level students that will lead to careers in the deep foundation industry.

Current academic related programs begun by the Deep Foundations Institute are to be immediately managed and supported by the DFI Trust in order to foster the goals of their educational focus. They are the Annual Paper Competitions for Students and Young Professors, the Foundation Engineering Poster Program, and the Paul Debruyn Scholarship Fund.

The DFI Trust will operate as a separate entity of DFI and will be governed by their Board of Trustees, who were affirmed in January at the annual DFI planning meeting. DFI announced the following individuals to the DFI Educational Trust Board of Trustees: Larry Rayburn, Byrl Williams, David Coleman, Bill Loftus and Dick Short. In addition, The DFI President, Tracy Brettmann, and Treasurer, Jim Morrison, are named Trustees of the DFI Educational Trust by virtue of their positions on the DFI Board.

The DFI Educational Trust met on January 28, 2006 to set the agenda for the year and elected the following individuals to serve one year terms as officers of the Trust: Dick Short- Chairman, David Coleman- Vice Chairman, Larry Rayburn- Secretary, and Jim Morrison- Treasurer.



Back: Bill Loftus, Tracy Brettmann, Larry Rayburn  
Front: David Coleman, Dick Short, Jim Morrison

The DFI Educational Trust will rely solely on charitable donations and fundraising events and is categorized as a 501 (c) (3) by the Internal Revenue Code. The Trust Board has established a funding raising goal of \$500,000 by 2010. Three upcoming fundraising events include two golf outings scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh, PA and October 23<sup>rd</sup> in Pleasanton, CA. and a gala black tie dinner in New York City, date and location to be announced. If you are interested in making a charitable donation to the DFI Educational Trust, wish to obtain more information, or would like to sponsor or participate in one of the upcoming events; please contact DFI Headquarters at 973-423-4030 or dfihq@dfi.org.