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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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Deep Foundations Institute Announces New Executive Director

August 30, 2006, Hawthorne, NJ: The Deep Foundations Institute is proud to announce a new Executive Director. Effective July 1, 2006, Theresa Rappaport of Warwick, New York assumed the role of Executive Director, serving the growing membership of a technical association made up of contractors, engineers, material and equipment suppliers and manufacturers, and other professionals and academia in the Deep Foundations Industry.



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Theresa has a strong background in management, in particular non-profit management, as she has served as the Assistant Director of DFI for the past 8 years. Before joining DFI she worked for the National Timber Piling Council where she began honing in on the skills needed to mentor and drive a membership association. Through her contributions and dedication during her supporting role as Assistant Director, DFI has seen its membership base more than triple over the last eight years and has also expanded their number of technical committees in order to offer more educational seminars, courses and conferences, as well as to compile new and update old reference publications. These initiatives are all fulfilling the DFI mission of being dedicated to the dissemination of information to create a better informed and more communicative foundations industry.

Rappaport's drive and energy extends beyond the office, as she is a dedicated wife and mother to three teenage sons and is active in her local parent/teacher associations. Theresa is also a member of the American Society of Association Executives and their chapters in New York and New Jersey.

George R. Compton, III had served in the role as DFI Executive Director for over 10 years and as Operations Manager for the 5 years prior, making his mark on the organization undeniable. DFI wishes Geordie well and thanks him for his dedication and support throughout the years that will undeniably contribute to the future goals of the organization and those of his successor. "I am proud to serve the members in this new role", notes Rappaport, "and I am grateful for the confidence the DFI Board of Trustees and the DFI members have in me to carry out the DFI mission. I look forward to continuing the growth of this organization as my good friend and mentor, Geordie Compton and those before him began."

DFI is excited for Theresa's transition into this new role and DFI President Tracy Brettmann notes, "I am very pleased to have Theresa as our new Executive Director. She has proven to be both very capable and professional. The administration of DFI is in great hands with Theresa in charge."

The Deep Foundations Institute, incorporated in 1976, is a not-for-profit professional association of firms and individuals in the deep foundation and related industries. DFI boasts over 1,800 world-wide members and is headquartered in Hawthorne, NJ. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information on DFI please visit www.dfi.org, or call 973-423-4030.

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