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DFI Hires Technical Activities Manager



January 4, 2010, Hawthorne, NJ: DFI's Board of Trustees announces the appointment of Mary Ellen Bruce, P.E., as Technical Activities Manager, after a year-long search. She begins work for DFI this month, and her duties include supporting DFI's technical committees by advising and assisting with their publications, seminars, short courses and other activities. Bruce will also help market DFI to the industry and provide advice and assistance on IT development for the Institute.

Her other duties include helping to develop the new journal, representing DFI at industry events and writing articles for *Deep Foundations* magazine and other publications. Bruce will attend DFI's Winter Planning

Meeting in February to begin her immersion in the full scope of DFI industry involvement.

Bruce's background is impressive, beginning with her more than 19 years of experience in geotechnical and environmental engineering consulting. She holds a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland and a M.S. degree in Geotechnical Engineering from Cornell University. She worked as a geotechnical engineer for Woodward-Clyde Consultants in Baton Rouge, La., and Paul C. Rizzo Associates and Gannett Fleming, Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pa., before founding Geotechnica, s.a., Inc. in 1998. Geotechnica is a certified woman-owned consultancy offering technical and project management services in the geotechnical engineering field.

Bruce has been involved in environmental regulatory projects and site assessments, and dam and roadway projects, and has authored and co-authored technical papers on micropiles, deep mixing, and ground anchors. She helped prepare a federally funded state-of-practice report and National Highway Institute teaching course on micropiles, and is currently a principal investigator for the FHWA for the development of a design manual on deep mixing for embankment and foundation support. She is a Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania and New York, and a member of ASCE, Engineers Without Borders, Chi Epsilon, ADSC and DFI. She is the executive director of the International Society for Micropiles (ISM), established in 2006, a vehicle for networking micropile specialists globally, disseminating technical micropile information and organizing international micropile workshops. Bruce will work from Pittsburgh, Pa., where she lives with her son, Maxwell. Mary Ellen can be reached directly at mebruce@dfi.org or by phone at 724-942-4220.

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