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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.

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4th Annual DFI Student Paper Competition CALL FOR STUDENT PAPERS

DFI 31st Annual Conference on Deep Foundations

October 4-6, 2006 ~ Omni Shoreham Hotel ~ Washington, DC, USA

The Deep Foundations Institute announces the 2006 Student Paper Competition open to graduate and undergraduate students of engineering, construction, or geological sciences. The individual contest winner will be invited to attend the DFI Annual Conference on Deep Foundations to present her/his paper. Conference registration, two nights of lodging and a \$750 stipend for travel expenses will be provided to the winner. Both the winner and first runner-up will receive a library of up to 20 DFI Publications and a gratis two year Individual Membership in DFI.

Papers are solicited on topics relating to Deep Foundations design and construction as follows:

- Historical evolution of deep foundations
- Relationship between design, construction and equipment utilization
- Quality control, quality assurance and non-destructive testing
- Case studies involving foundation systems common to the region and within similar ground conditions

Students interested in entering the paper competition should submit an abstract or summary approximately 250 words in length describing the subject matter of their paper. **The due date for student abstracts is January 6, 2006.** All students with abstracts submitted will be included in the paper competition, unless the subject matter is deemed inappropriate.

Drafts will be due: April 7th. Papers will be judged based on their submitted drafts. Comments will be offered to winning and runner-up papers for preparation of final version to be published in the proceedings. The papers in their final form must be returned to DFI by August 4, 2006.

- Paper not to exceed 15 pages.
- Abstracts and papers are to be submitted electronically (Adobe PDF or MS Word) to dfihq@dfi.org.
- Student must be enrolled in an accredited college or university in an undergraduate or graduate program.
- Focus of study must be engineering/construction/geological sciences.
- Paper must be based on student's own work, and in her/his own writing.

Correspondence regarding papers should be addressed to DFI Headquarters, address shown at the left.