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DFI 2011 Hal Hunt Lecturer

August 25, 2011, Hawthorne, NJ: The annual Hal Hunt lecture is a highlight of the DFI Annual Conference to recognize notable communicators in the industry. The award honors Hunt, a first founder of DFI and the Institute’s first Executive Director. This fall the speaker is Craig Olmsted, vice president of project development for the Cape Wind Project. He addresses the geotechnical aspects of the nation’s first offshore wind project, and offers an overview of the offshore wind project including the geotechnical work to date, and the selection process for the foundation type. Olmsted also outlines the design challenges and future plans for the sometimes controversial project. He has participated in the Cape Wind project from its conception, and has been involved in all facets of the decision making and development to date. These include the search for the best site, preliminary design, capital budgeting, scheduling, permitting strategy, coordination of multiple experts, contracting strategy and execution.

Olmsted has 35 years of experience in all aspects of the power industry, including work for Energy Management Inc., as a construction contractor with the Parsons Corporation during the development of the Dighton, Pepperell and Dartmouth power projects. He joined the EMI team in 1997 as the project manager for the Rumford power project and other consulting assignments. He has dedicated his full-time effort for the last ten years to Cape Wind.

Earlier in his career he was a senior corporate representative to a joint venture team developing $2 billion in privately funded infrastructure in the Middle East. Areas covered include supply and demand analysis, political risk assessment, tariff setting, lease and concession and shareholder agreements. Other project experiences include the successful completion of multiple turnkey projects in the power industry. His role comprised overall profit and loss responsibility for production design, global procurement of all equipment, construction and commissioning.

Olmsted is a registered Professional Engineer with advanced degrees in Management and Structural Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from Boston University.

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