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National Civil Engineering Society Inducts New Class of Certified Geo-Professionals

Reston, Va.—The American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Academy of Geo-Professionals has announced the induction of the newest class of recipients of the Diplomate in Geotechnical Engineering (D.GE) certification. The group of 41 engineers has completed a lengthy certification process that includes graduate coursework, professional experience and an oral defense of the application. The certifications were presented at a ceremony at the GeoFlorida conference in West Palm Beach, Fla. on February 21, 2010.

ASCE President, Blaine D. Leonard, P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE said, "I congratulate this class on their accomplishment. Just as we are reassured by certificates on the wall at a doctor's office, this credential provides our clients with confirmation of our background, focus and competence in this specialized field." He added, "I am proud to have attained my D.GE and will encourage my qualified colleagues to seek the certification."

The Academy of Geo-Professionals was founded in October 2008 by the members of ASCE's Geo-Institute with the goal of providing advanced certification to geotechnical engineers. The first certifications were awarded in March 2009, and the number of engineers who have earned the D.GE is now more than 150.

In congratulating the inductees, Arlan Ripp, P.E., D.GE, F. ASCE, president of the Academy of Geo-Professionals said "Certification enhances the value of our careers by demonstrating a commitment to the elevated standards and improved practice. It also reassures the public of the competence of geo-professionals."

The February 2010 inductees:

Kandiah Arulmoli, P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *Earth Mechanics, Inc.*
Eric Bahner, P.E., D.GE, *Edward E. Gillen Co.*
John Baker, P.E., D.GE, *Geotechnology, Inc.*
Marco Boscardin, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *Boscardin Consulting Engineers*
Gerard Buechel, P.E., D.GE, *Shannon & Wilson, Inc.*
Allen Cadden, P.E., D.GE, *Schnabel Engineering*
K. Ronald Chapman, P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *Schnabel Foundation Company*
Kin Chung, P.E., D.GE, *Geotech, Inc.*
Thomas Cooling, P.E., D.GE, *URS Corporation*
David Cotton, P.E., D.GE, *Kleinfelder*
Donald Dotson P.E., D.GE, *AMEC Earth Environmental*
Ronald J. Ebelhar, P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *H.C. Nutting, a Terracon Company*
Tuncer Edil, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *University of Wisconsin*
Richard Finno, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, *Northwestern University*
Jesus Gomez, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, *Schnabel Engineering*
Deborah Goodings, P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *University of Maryland*
Enamul Hoque, P.E., D.GE, *Hoque and Associates*
Izzat Idriss, Ph.D., P.E., NAE, D.GE., Dist.M.ASCE, *University of California*

Siamek Jafroudi, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *Petra Geotechnical, Inc.*
Lawrence Jedeke, P.E., D.GE, *Soil and Materials Engineers*
Henry Landau, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *Geosphere Engineering LLC*
David Lourie, P.E., D.GE, *Lourie Consultants*
Scott Mackiewicz, P.E., D.GE, *Kleinfelder*
Lawrence Madrid, P.E., D.GE, *Madrid Engineering Group, Inc.*
Edmund W. Medley P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.*
Nabil Mikhail, P.E., D.GE, *Tetra Tech*
Mihail Popescu, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, *Parsons Brinkerhoff*
Daniel E. Pradel, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *Praad Geotechnical*
Anand Puppala, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, *University of Texas at Arlington*
John Roma, P.E., P.G., D.GE, *Raito, Inc.*
Roberto Sanchez, P.E., P.G., D.GE, *Star Engineering, Inc.*
C. K. Satyapriya, P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *CTL Engineering, Inc.*
James Schmidt, P.E., D.GE, *Kleinfelder*
Timothy Siegel, P.E., D.GE, *Berkel & Company Contract*
Kenneth Stokoe, II, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, *University of Texas at Austin*
John Sutton, P.E., D.GE, *The Sutton Group*
Bryan Sweeney, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, *Haley and Aldrich*
Edward Ulrich, P.E., D.GE, *Ulrich Engineers, Inc.*
Kord Wissmann, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, *Geopier Foundation Co.*
Thomas Witherspoon, Ph.D., P.E., D.GE, *Soil Doctor*
Thomas Zimmie, P.E., D.GE, F.ASCE, *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute*

For more information about the D.GE certification or the Academy of Geo-Professionals, please visit www.geoprofessionals.org.

Founded in 1852, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) represents more than 144,000 civil engineers worldwide and is America's oldest national engineering society. For more information, visit www.asce.org.

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