

Hubbell Engineer Gary L. Seider Receives Deep Foundations Institute President's Award

COLUMBIA, S.C., November 14, 2016 – Gary L. Seider, P.E., was recognized by the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) at the 2016 DFI Annual Conference in New York on October 14th. DFI President John Wolosick presented Seider with the President's Award for his outstanding efforts in leadership as Chairman of DFI's Helical Pile and Tieback Committee, and for his leadership with the Committee's seismic research project led by Dr. Amy Cerato, Ph.D., P.E. at the University of Oklahoma.

Seider is Engineering Manager of civil and utility helical products at Hubbell Power Systems, Inc., (HPS) in Centralia, Missouri. For nearly two years, Seider worked with Dr. Cerato, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Oklahoma, to develop design practice for the use of helical piles in seismic area. He helped spearhead a fundraiser that initiated the full-scale testing phase of Dr. Cerato's research project. The study was the first of its kind, evaluating the performance of helical piles during seismic events. The results showed helical piles performed better than expected, especially when paired in groups. Dr. Cerato stated, "Gary (Seider), tipped the momentum to get the seismic test going. He facilitated the connection of all key players that led to the launch of this study, the results of which will expand the application of helical piles to seismic site classes D, E and F." [Dr. Cerato's website](#) provides videos of the seismic shake test for people to view.



Seider holds five U.S. patents and is the author of several technical papers and magazine articles. His professional goal is striving to make helical piles, anchors and pushed steel piers industry standards. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the states of Florida and Missouri. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla (1987). He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) and he is the Chair of the Helical Piles and Tiebacks Committee. He has worked for Hubbell Power Systems for 29 years, focusing the majority of his Hubbell career in civil construction.

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