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LOCAL ENGINEER WINS NATIONAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR HIS EFFORTS TO REDUCE LIFE AND PROPERTY LOSS FROM EARTHQUAKES

Loring Wyllie Receives Preeminent Engineering Award From American Society of Civil Engineers

San Francisco, CA, March 13, 2007 – Loring Wyllie, a senior principal of Degenkolb Engineers, one of the nation's leading engineering firms in the design and seismic strengthening of structures, will receive the 2007 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Outstanding Projects and Leaders (OPAL) Lifetime Achievement Award for his design of seismic strengthening measures. Wyllie's designs have protected the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, the Pacific Gas and Electric headquarters, and UC Berkeley's University Hall.

“Throughout his career, Loring Wyllie has been dedicated to protecting public safety by improving structures' ability to withstand the forces of an earthquake,” said ASCE President William R. Marcuson III. “His dedication to seismic design and evaluation exemplifies the characteristics this award recognizes.”

With more than forty years in the field of engineering and design, Wyllie has extensive experience in seismic evaluations, analysis and design of strengthening measures for improved seismic performance. In an effort to improve seismic safety worldwide and to understand building responses to earthquakes better, Wyllie has traveled the world on earthquake reconnaissance missions. This includes the 1972 Managua, Nicaragua, 1988 Armenia, and the 1995 Kobe Japan earthquakes.

The award will be presented April 25, 2007 in Washington, DC and recognizes Wyllie's lifetime achievements and contributions that have greatly enhanced the health, safety, and economy of our nation and our world.

About the OPAL Awards and ASCE:

ASCE instituted the OPAL Awards in 2000 to recognize the lifetime achievements of civil engineers whose contributions have greatly enhanced the health, safety, and economy of our nation and the world. In only its eighth year, the OPAL Lifetime Achievement Awards have become the preeminent awards program for civil engineers, and the principal mechanism for bringing worldwide attention to the contributions and accomplishments of the civil engineering community. ASCE was founded in 1852 and represents more than 140,000 civil engineers worldwide.

About Degenkolb Engineers

Established in 1940, Degenkolb Engineers is one of the nation's leading structural engineering firms in the design and seismic strengthening of buildings. Degenkolb offers comprehensive design, rehabilitation, and consulting services to architects, building owners, hospitals, educational institutions, corporations, and government agencies. The firm has offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, and San Diego, California, and in Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington.

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