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Curtis to Lead Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute in 2007 ***New President takes Office***

November 2, 2006 - Reston, Va.— The Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute (COPRI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) announces Stephen A. Curtis, P.E. as the 2007 Board of Governors President. Curtis, a Senior Supervising Engineer with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglass' Norfolk, Va office, has served two previous terms on the board before assuming the role of President.

As one ASCE's seven Institutes, COPRI focuses on specific civil engineering specialties by centering on the technical, educational, scientific and professional issues unique to coastal, ocean, ports, waterways, wetlands and riverine environments. Curtis will lead the Institute's seven member board of governors.

Prior to working at Parsons Brinckerhoff, Curtis was self-employed in the Chesapeake, Va. region. His 31 year career includes work with CH2M HILL and Lockwood Greene-CH2M HILL, TranSystems Corporation, Virginia Port Authority and the U.S. Navy to name a few.

In addition to his professional career he is active in several professional associations including ASCE, COPRI, the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) and is a past-chair and current active member of the ASCE/COPRI Ports and Harbors technical committee. Curtis was the Conference Organizing Chair of the highly successful ASCE Ports 2004 conference and serves as a technical consultant for the Ports™ 2007 Conference. In 2005 he served as team leader for the ASCE/COPRI Hurricane Katrina Port, Harbor and Marine Facilities Assessment Team. Curtis also served as the Independent Owner's Representative for the Port of Port Arthur Command Center Design-build project and Hurricane Rita Facilities Repair projects.

Curtis is a certified professional engineer in Virginia, Maine and Texas. He received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine.

The Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute was created in 2000 as an Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the country's oldest national engineering society. COPRI works to advance and disseminate scientific and engineering knowledge to our diverse members engaged in sustainable development and protection of coasts, oceans, ports, waterways, and wetlands. We will also foster communication and cooperation among our domestic and international members in government, industry, and education.

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