Silver Spring, MD – Joseph M. Cibor, P.E. has been elected president of the Engineers’ Leadership Foundation. The Foundation was established to foster the development of engineering leaders. Mr. Cibor is president of Fugro Consultants LP, a 400-person geotechnical engineering firm headquartered in Houston, Texas. It is a member of the Fugro group of companies.

Established in 1989, the Foundation has recently been invigorated by grants from a number of firms and individuals, as well as ASFE/The Best People on Earth, a trade association comprising geoprofessional, environmental, and civil engineering firms, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. Mr. Cibor said that the Foundation is “focused on encouraging individuals to become leaders of the engineering profession, and helping professional engineers become leaders of society.”

The Foundation currently is completing work on an archival project. “We have been conducting videotaped interviews to collect information from senior engineers,” Mr. Cibor said. “Their recollections are extremely valuable, not only to create an historical perspective, but also to give us insight on what leadership entails. Leadership, after all, is a function of human relations. What it took to be a leader 50 years ago, or even 500 years ago, is what it takes today.”

Mr. Cibor said that the archival information will be available via the Foundation’s website, now under construction. “We expect to have the website in place by March 2005,” he said.

Others elected to the Engineers’ Leadership Foundation Board of Directors include:
• James Johnston, P.E. (PMK Group, Inc.), president-elect,
• John P. Bachner (ASFE/The Best People on Earth), secretary,
• Gerald J. Salontai, P.E. (Kleinfelder, Inc.), treasurer,
• David E. Thompson, P.E. (Haley & Aldrich, Inc.), and
• Robert W. Thompson, P.E. (CTL Thompson, Inc.).

Purdue University awarded Mr. Cibor a Bachelor of Science degree in 1976 and a Master of Science degree in 1978. Immediately after leaving Purdue, he entered private practice and has since been involved with a broad range of projects throughout the United States, the Middle East, and in South and Central America. With expertise in soil-structure interaction, design of foundations in arid environments, and forensics, Mr. Cibor is often called upon to provide expert testimony.

Registered as a professional engineer in five states, Mr. Cibor is active in more than a dozen professional organizations, and is President-Elect of ASFE/The Best People on Earth. He is also active in the educational arena, serving as an appointed lecturer in soil mechanics and foundation engineering at Rice University, and as Chair of the Advisory Council of the University of Texas School of Civil Engineering. In 2001, Purdue University presented him with the Civil Engineering Alumni Achievement Award.

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