



December 6, 2007

Mr. Thomas W. McNeilan  
Vice President  
Fugro Atlanta/Fugro West, Inc.  
c/o Craney Island Design Partners, LLC  
800 World Trade Center  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Dear Mr. McNeilan:

I wanted to take this opportunity on behalf of the faculty and students in our Geotechnical Engineering Program to offer sincere thanks for the \$2500 scholarship that Fugro Atlantic/Fugro West Inc. has chosen to provide in support of one or more of our students who will study geotechnical engineering. Your offer to also consider providing an internship opportunity to the student(s) selected for the scholarship is also a very generous gesture. I have worked closely with faculty in the Geotechnical Program to insure that they will work to make good use of the funding in the spring as part of their recruitment of new graduate students into their program.

Funds of this type are helpful in the recruitment of new graduate students as they can be used to "sweeten the pot" when pursuing some of the best and brightest graduate students who are likewise being recruited by several top graduate programs at the same time. We have to work to make our financial offers competitive with major programs around the U.S. The ability to offer additional funding beyond the regular full-time graduate assistantship helps insure that we can effectively compete.

Again, we thank Fugro Atlantic/Fugro West Inc. for their faith in our program as evidenced by this significant contribution. We will work hard to show that your faith in us was justified! Thanks again!

Sincerely,

W.R. Knocke, Ph.D., P.E.  
W.C. English Professor and Head