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PB FOUNDATION ENDOWS LOUIS G. SILANO LECTURE FUND AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, NY — The PB Foundation has established the Louis G. Silano Lecture Fund in conjunction with Columbia University's Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science. The fund will enable the school to hold an annual lecture series within the Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics.

The Lecture Fund is in honor of Louis G. Silano, a senior vice president and technical director for structures at PB who passed away in July 2007. Silano graduated from Columbia University in 1951 with a degree in civil engineering and received a master's degree in civil engineering from Columbia in 1955.

"We are extremely pleased to work with Columbia University to set up a lecture series that honors the memory of Lou Silano," commented Richard Schrader, chair of the trustees of the PB Foundation. "With 55 years of service, Lou Silano was PB's longest serving employee at the time of his passing and one the firm's most important technical leaders."

Silano worked on many of PB's notable bridges and tunnels in the United States, including the Newport/Pell Bridge in Rhode Island; the Baldwin Bridge in Old Saybrook-Old Lyme, Connecticut; the Fremont Bridge in Portland, Oregon; the Second Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel in Virginia; and the 63rd Street Queens Connector and renovation of the Atlantic Avenue Station in New York City. From 1986 to 1990 Silano was PB's engineering manager on the Central Artery/Tunnel project in Boston, where he developed conceptual designs for the Ted Williams Tunnel and the Fort Point Channel tunnel under Boston Harbor. He conceived and edited a major reference work, *Bridge Inspection and Rehabilitation: A Practical Guide*, published in 1993.

Silano received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Design from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) in 2005. Among his other honors was a Distinguished Career Achievement Award from the



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Columbia University School of Engineering's Class of 1951 and the 1994 Roebling Award for lifetime achievement in bridge engineering from the metropolitan section of the ASCE.

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