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**THE SKIDMORE, OWINGS & MERRILL (SOM) FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
WINNER OF 1999 STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP**

CHICAGO, IL -- The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Foundation announces the award of the 1999 Structural Engineering Traveling Fellowship to Mark Waggoner of the University of Texas at Austin. Mark's study, which won the \$7,500 award, emphasized economy and innovation in structural engineering design. The jury commented, "Mark had the most philosophically sound approach toward the competition's emphasis on aesthetics, efficiency, economy and innovation in structural design. The essay had a good balance between old and new projects and buildings and bridges. The proposed itinerary was well-planned and will expose the Fellow to a wide variety of structures and designers." The jury included Henry N. Cobb, Partner, Pei Cobb Freed & Partners; James Lockwood, Principal, J. Muller International; Nadine Post, Staff Senior Writer, *Engineering News-Record*; Leslie Robertson, Leslie E. Robertson Associates, RLLP; and William Baker, Engineering Partner, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (Chair).

**SOM Foundation**

Since 1980, the SOM Foundation has awarded \$725,000 to 72 students. In 1998, the Foundation was the recipient of an American Institute of Architects' Institute Honor Award. The programs of the SOM Foundation are funded through an endowment established by the Partners of the architectural firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP. Established in 1936, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP is the first two-time recipient of the prestigious AIA Architecture Firm Award. Some of the firm's design projects include the Sears Tower (Chicago), the John Hancock Center (Chicago), Lever House (New York), the Bank of America World Headquarters (San Francisco), and the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Extension (Hong Kong). The Foundation's activities are wholly separate from those of the firm.