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STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING FELLOW NAMED

CHICAGO, IL – The Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) Foundation has awarded the 2007 Structural Engineering Travel Fellowship to **Kiley M. Rode**, a graduating senior at **Stevens Institute of Technology**. This \$10,000 annual fellowship offers Ms. Rode the rare opportunity to complete a self-determined travel itinerary to gain a critical appreciation of the aesthetics of buildings, bridges and other structures by experiencing them first hand.

Ms. Rode was recognized for the extraordinary initiative she has shown in creating opportunities for herself within a traditional structural engineering program. She lobbied for more classes addressing aesthetics in engineering and then helped develop a curriculum. She has worked as a teaching assistant for courses such as *Mechanics of Solids* and *The Art of Structural Engineering*. Ms. Rode currently is completing her thesis on the structural renovation of Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum in New York City. At her initiative, the Museum, for the first time, has provided the original architectural drawings for educational purposes.

As an SOM Fellow, Ms. Rode will travel in France, England, Italy and Spain.

The winners were selected by a jury consisting of Tom Powers, Chief Bridge Engineer, Chicago Bureau of Bridges and Transit; Susan Conger-Austin, Professor of Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology; and William Baker, Structural Engineering Partner, SOM.

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The SOM Foundation

The mission of the SOM Foundation Traveling Fellowship Program is to assist young architects, designers, and engineers in expanding their professional education through the observations of culture, history, building and design that can only be achieved through travel. Prior Fellows have traveled to Vietnam, China, India, Japan, the Philippines, Russia, Scandinavia, North Africa and the Mediterranean as well as throughout Europe and the United States.