

## Appendix 3

### Potential Diplomate Survey

Sent – 430  
Responded – 93  
Response rate – 22%

Do you expect to meet the minimum requirements someday? (PE license, Masters degree, 8 years' post PE experience)

2 - No  
1 - Not Sure  
89 - Yes

Do you think that D.GE Certification is a viable program for achieving a better quality within practice of geotechnical engineering?

6 - No  
41 - Not Sure  
45 - Yes

Should owners and organizations be encouraged to require that select individuals be certified to work on their projects (e.g., require that the project manager or design Engineer of Record be a D.GE)?

20 - No  
29 - Not sure  
42 - Yes

Should your firm support the concept of the D.GE Certification program?

2 - No  
24 - Not sure  
66 - Yes

Should your firm require D.GE certification for professional advancement in the firm (e.g., one of the requirements for promotion to Senior Professional would be D.GE Certification)?

31 - No  
27 - Not sure  
33 - Yes

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### SURVEY TO OWNERS

Sent – 787  
Responded - 58  
Response rate – 7%

Have you heard of D.GE certification?

Yes 26

No 32

Does the idea of having Board-Certification of Geotechnical Engineers provide benefit when you are selecting subconsultants?

Yes 40

No 18

Do you think that D.GE Certification is a viable program for achieving a better quality of practice within geotechnical engineering?

Yes 43

No 15

Would you as an owner someday encourage the use of Board-certified geotechnical engineers to work on projects (e.g., require that the project manager or design Engineer of Record should be a D.GE)?

Yes 39

No 19

Would your firm be willing to support the concept of the D.GE Certification program?

Yes 29

No 29

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### SURVEY TO GI MEMBERS

Sent – 2484

Responded – 380

Response rate – 15%

Are you currently a D.GE?

34 yes

346 no

Have you considered become certified as a D.GE?

239 yes

141 no

Does your firm cover the annual cost of being certified as a D.GE? Would they cover the cost if you were to become certified?

207 yes

173 no

We would be interested to know why you haven't become a Diplomate

19 cost

35 don't want to take exam

49 no value

124 other

9 paperwork

21 process is too onerous

104 too busy to go through process

3 too much time

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Do you think that D.GE Certification is a viable program for achieving a better quality within the practice of geotechnical engineering?

245 yes

135 no

Should owners and organizations be encouraged to require that select individuals be certified to work on projects (e.g., require that the project manager or design Engineer of Record should be a D.GE)?

156 yes

224 no

Should your firm support the concept of the D.GE Certification program?

241 yes

139 no

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### AGP Survey to Diplomates

Sent - 336  
Responded – 99  
Response rate – 29%

Where did you first hear about D.GE certification?

Induction Ceremony - 2  
Friend/Colleague - 40  
ASCE/GeoCongress Exhibit - 10  
Editorial/"Look Who's a D.GE Article in GeoStrata - 14  
Other Trade Journal Advertisement - 6  
Other, please specify - 12

Overall, how satisfied are you with having obtained your Diplomate, Geotechnical Engineering (D.GE) credential?

Extremely satisfied - 38  
Satisfied - 98  
Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied - 17  
Dissatisfied - 1

What was your primary reason or influence for wanting to become a Diplomate of AGP?

To gain further personal recognition by peers and employer - 16  
To set myself apart from my peers in the profession whom are not D.GEs - 17  
To help establish my credentials as a knowledgeable geotechnical engineer when pursuing work - 34  
To gain a competitive advantage when proposing on projects - 7  
My organization encouraged me to pursue the D.GE - 5  
To advance my career in geotechnical engineering - 4  
Other, please specify -12

What benefits of the D.GE are most important to you personally? (You may select more than one reason)

D.GE distinguishes my capabilities from others in my organization - 25

D.GE recognizes me as a leader in the field of geotechnical engineering - 54

D.GE represents advanced and extensive expertise in geotechnical engineering - 53

D.GE represents commitment to strong ethics, education, and continuing professional development - 45

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D.GE serves as an example for future engineers to follow - 24

D.GE “Raises the Bar” in civil engineering - 36

Other, please specify - 5

Please tell us how we are doing in terms of customer service – our service to you, our Diplomates. How satisfied are you with the customer service that the AGP provides to you? (In general, when dealing with the AGP staff)

Extremely satisfied - 31

Satisfied - 97

Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied - 16

Dissatisfied - 2

Would you be willing to serve on an ad hoc committee to review and provide feedback on the AGP website content?

Yes - 31

No - 67