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International Student Offshore Design Competition Names Finalists

(Houston, TX---) Now in its fourth year, the International Student Offshore Design Competition (ISODC) has named its finalists for the 2005 awards competition. Five design teams from Texas A&M University, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the University of Michigan have advanced to the judging phase of the competition with the winning team to be announced in September.

"One of the key missions of the competition is to promote student interest in the offshore industry, its technology, and the practice of various engineering disciplines for offshore applications," says Ray Fales, Chairman of this year's ISODC competition. "Additionally, we want to recognize the educators who bring the application of their particular engineering discipline to offshore endeavors and create awareness of the schools where the future talent for the offshore industry may be found."

Nine contenders applied to this year's award competition. The finalist teams submitted a variety of designs from liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities to floating, production storage and offloading (FPSO) units. The design entries are: Texas A&M Team 1 with its entry "South China Sea Floating Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Design"; Texas A&M Team 2 with its entry "Design of West Africa Floating, Production, Storage, and Offloading Liquefied Natural Gas Unit"; Texas A&M Team 3 with its entry "Design of a Floating Liquefied Natural Gas Production Vessel for Timor Sea"; Federal University of Rio de Janeiro with its entry "Subsea Production System for Gas Field Offshore Brazil"; and the University Of Michigan with its entry "Ultra Deep-Water Production Spar Production Platform Design."

The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME), the Ocean, Offshore and Arctic Division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (OOAE), the Coastal, Ocean, Ports and River Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (COPRI) and the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) are the four professional societies sponsoring the competition. Finalists were selected from a group of twenty-five multidisciplinary engineering industry experts and now a Blue Ribbon Panel of Judges representing the four sponsoring societies will select the winning design entry.

Full details on the award competition and the entries are available at:
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Editor's Note: Background information on the four sponsoring societies.

- The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) is an internationally recognized nonprofit, technical, professional society of individual members serving the maritime and offshore industries and their suppliers. SNAME is dedicated to advancing the art, science and practice of naval architecture, shipbuilding and marine engineering, encouraging the exchange and recording of information, sponsoring applied research, offering career guidance and supporting education, and enhancing the professional status and integrity of its membership.

- The Ocean, Offshore and Arctic Engineering (OOAE) Division of ASME promotes technological progress and international cooperation in ocean, offshore and arctic engineering, and in recovering resources, such that safety, environmental and economic successes are achieved.

- The Coastal, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute (COPRI) of the ASCE is designed to complement ASCE's traditional civil engineering base and searve as the multi-disciplinary and international leader in improving the knowledge, teaching, development, and practice of civil engineering and other disciplines working in waterway environments.

- The Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and technology (IMarEST) is an international professional membership body and learned society for all marine professionals. IMarEST (formerly known as the Institute of Marine Engineers) is the first professional Institute to adopt an all-embracing approach and recognize the need to bring together marine engineers, scientists and technologists. IMarEST is working to promote the development of marine engineering, science and technology, providing opportunities for the exchange of ideas and practices and upholding the status and knowledge of marine professionals.