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## Thornton Tomasetti's Peggy Van Eepoel Advances to Fellow in the Structural Engineering Institute of the ASCE

(New York, N.Y. – April 13, 2017) – Thornton Tomasetti, the international engineering firm, announces that Peggy Van Eepoel, P.E., an associate principal in the firm's Weidlinger Protective Design practice, has been named an SEI Fellow by the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers. She was honored during a ceremony at the SEI Annual Meeting at the Structures Congress in Denver, Colorado, on April 8, 2017.

Established in 2012, the SEI Fellow designation recognizes a select group of distinguished SEI members as leaders and mentors in the structural engineering profession. There are just 200 fellows among the organization's more than 30,000 members. Van Eepoel is the fourth executive at Thornton Tomasetti to achieve this distinction, joining Vice Chairman Aine Brazil, Managing Principal Joseph Burns and Senior Principal Robert Smilowitz.



### Key Points

- Van Eepoel established and currently oversees the Weidlinger Protective Design practice in Thornton Tomasetti's Washington, D.C. office. During her more than 15-year career, she has been involved in the design and structural hardening of over 100 structures, including embassies, courthouses, military housing and administrative buildings, government headquarters, laboratories, hospitals, clinics and museums.
- In 2016, Van Eepoel was named one of Engineering News-Record's "Top 20 Under 40" for the mid-Atlantic region, and was recognized with a Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation Built by Women District of Columbia Award for her leadership on the National Science Foundation Headquarters project in Alexandria, Virginia.
- Van Eepoel is active in numerous professional organizations. She is a past chairperson of the Structural Engineers Association of Metropolitan Washington, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, vice chair of the Structural Engineering Institute Blast, Shock and

Impact Committee, a founding member of the U.S Resiliency Council, and chair of the ASCE Structural Design for Physical Security Task Committee.

- She is a licensed professional engineer in New York and holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Polytechnic University in Brooklyn, New York, and a master's degree in structural engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

### Executive Quotes

Peggy Van Eepoel, P.E. SEI Fellow, associate principal, Washington, D.C., Thornton Tomasetti

*"I am honored to be named an SEI Fellow by the ASCE. Receiving such a prestigious distinction motivates me to continue to work harder and to mentor other structural engineers to embrace all of our profession's challenges and opportunities."*

### Supporting Materials

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Peggy Van Eepoel

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American Society of Civil Engineers SEI Fellow

<http://www.asce.org/structural-engineering/sei-fellows/>

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