

# AIOREMA

A SCULPTURAL MARQUEE FOR PORTLAND CENTER STAGE CREATED BY JAMES M HARRISON

> -OWNER'S MANUAL-SEPTEMBER 2006

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#### Background and Introduction

In June of 2006 I was asked to design a sculptural marquee for Portland Center Stage's new theater at the Armory. The opening date was set for the end of September, which meant three short months from start to finish. The brief was simple- produce something bold and iconic that would mark the front entrance of the building- a beacon of sorts.

During my initial research I came across a beautiful word in a dictionary of theater terms.

*Aiorema* was the name for a device used in Ancient Greek theater to transport the gods. This may have meant it was some sort of mobile crane.

The sculpture is made out of a light diffusing acrylic- stacked for a total of 415 layers of 1/2" thick material. The piece measures 17' 3.5" in height.

Aiorema is shaped like a cloud at the base, and shaped like a star against the sky. The layers gradually transition from the one shape to the other shape.

The sculpture is 'post-tensioned' on three stainless steel threaded rods, which connect it to the footing.



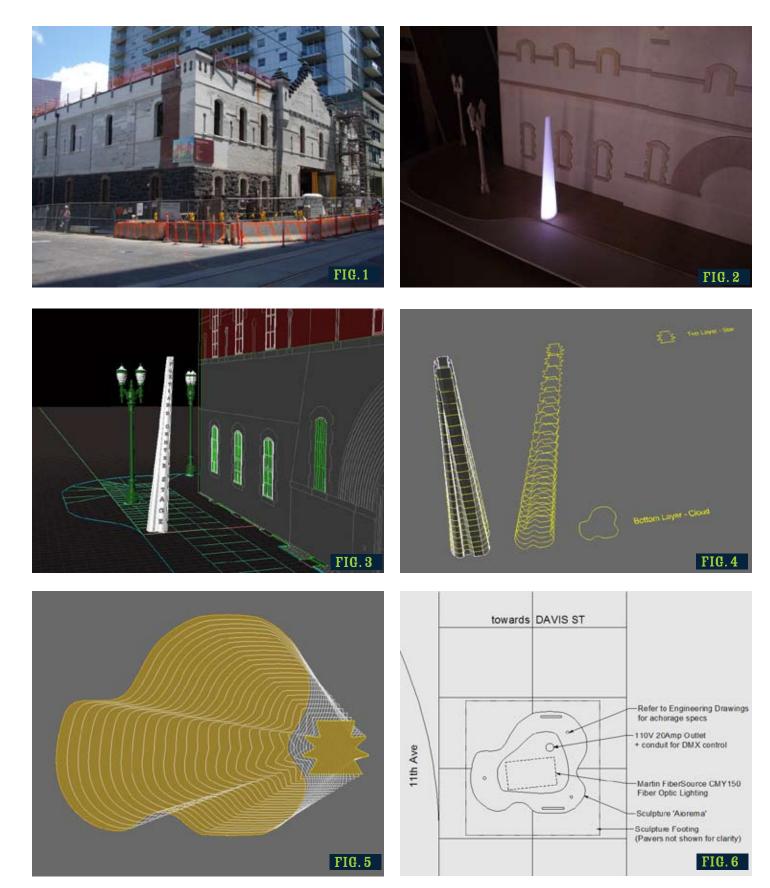


Figure 1- Photo of Armory Building site. Fig 2- Model showing 'light beacon' idea. Fig 3- first computer rendering of concept. Fig 4- drawing showing how sculpture is built from stacked sections of material. Fig 5- Plan view depicting change from 'cloud' at base to 'star' at top. Fig 6- Sculpture in relation to sidewalk.



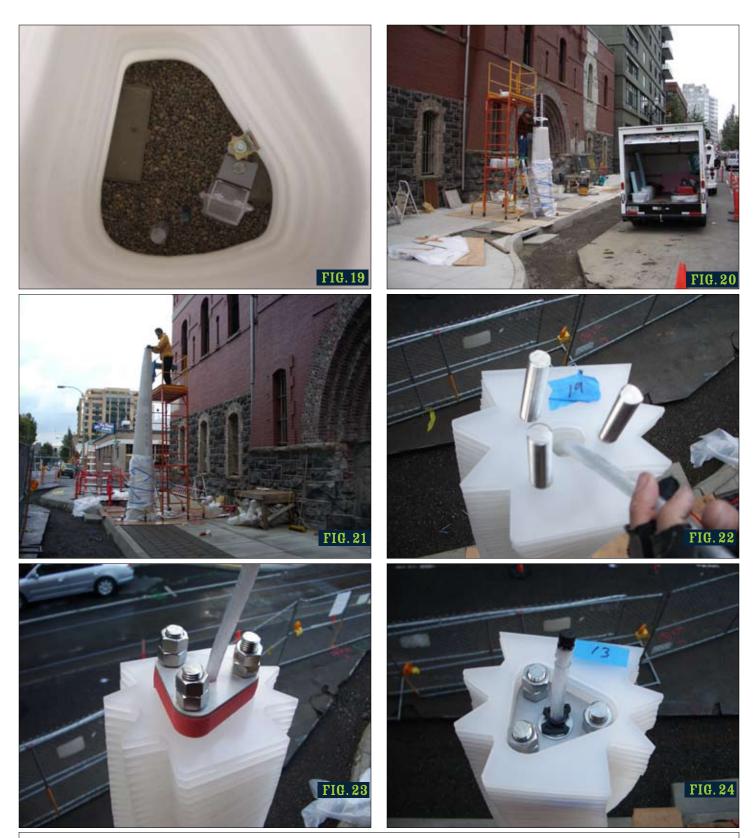
## Fabrication and Installation

Figure 7- Water Jet cutter in the process of cutting out layers. A total of 27 sheets of 1/2" thick 4' x 8' acrylic 'Satin Ice' were used- all the scrap was recycled. Fig 8- pieces arriving back at the shop. Fig 9- Access door layers shown Fig 10- Access door shown in place Fig 11- Detail view of locking bolt for door. Fig 12- Inside face of door, showing location of screws- total of 4 with 1 at each corner.



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Figure 13- 'Readerboards' spelling PORTLAND CENTER STAGE- Waterjet cut ABS plastic glued to Acrylic backing with acrylic solvent cement. Fig 14- layer 18 showing red neoprene 'gasket' designed to take expansion and contraction of sculpture, stainless steel 'washer' also shown. Fig 15- 'Vent Holes' shown dotted at layer 21. Fig 16- First layer of sculpture being lowered into position Fig 17- overhead view showing layers, stainless steel threaded rod, and readerboards under assembly. Fig 18- 1st third of sculpture completed, showing assembly method.



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Figure 19- view looking down into sculpture 'cavity'- prior to installation of fiber optic rope lighting and light fixture Fig 20- construction just past the half way point. Fig 21- sculpture nearing completion. Fig 22-layer 19, showing termination of threqaded rods and rope lighting. Fig 23- layer 19 with neoprene gas-ket, stainless steel washer, double nuts, and single strand of rope lighting passing thru. Fig 24- layer 13 showing 'pocket' for structure and termination of rope lighting with black mirror end cap. The final 12 layers mark the uppper terminus of the sculpture and enclose all internal structure.

## Lighting- Martin Fibersource CMY150

General Product description from the manufacturer's website: (For further information contact www.martin.com)

"The FiberSource CMY150 is an automated 150-watt color-changing luminaire for illuminating fiber optic cables in permanent installations. It features seamless CMY color mixing and full-range continuous dimming.

The new Martin FiberSource CMY 150 is a professional fiber illuminator for permanent outdoor and indoor installations. Full CMY color mixing and unprecedented brightness combine to create new design possibilities for fiber applications. Intended for permanent installations, the FiberSource CMY 150 is designed around a robust IP44 rated housing. It is based on a very efficient 150 W lamp giving 6000 hours of lamp life.

The FiberSource CMY 150 features an extremely broad color spectrum achievable from a full CMY color mixing system. Additionally, a full range dimmer gives the user an added effect dimension.

The large fiber port accepts up to 800 pieces of 1mm fiber optic cable. The fixture features DMX control and a very comprehensive stand-alone operation including real-time clock activation."



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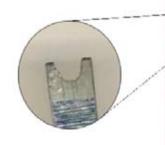
FOR WARRANTY AND MAINTENANCE ISSUES, CONTACT CASCADE LIGHTING:

Cascade Lighting Representatives Mike Moyer vo: 503-445-6208 400 NE 11th Avenue Portland OR 97232 fx: 503-274-5407 503-242-2522x6208 cell: 503-969-3449 mmoyer@cascadelight.com

## How to Access Lighting- via removeable door





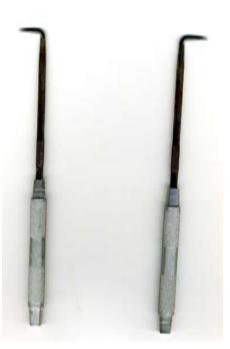


The access door is held in position with 4 machine screws - #10 spanner 'snake eyes' style security head.

To remove door: -first remove each screw using #10 spanner screwdriver -use 2 dental picks (one on each side) to pull out door at bottom

Reinstall the door in reverse fashion- simple!





### Primary Material- Cyro Acrylite Satin Ice

"ACRYLITE® Satin Ice acrylic sheet has a frosted appearance throughout the entire sheet straight to the edge that offers excellent light diffusion for indoor or outdoor lit displays, panels and store fixtures. Its surface hides fingerprints and scratches for enhanced service life." From the manufacturer's website. For further information visit www.cyro.com



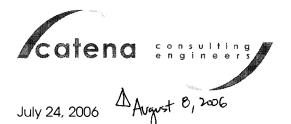
Precedent: At the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta,Georgia, thirteen 28 ft high custom pylons made from ACRYLITE Satin Ice sheet run the length of the building, illuminating the front walkway. I spoke with the facilities supervisor before specifying this material for Aiorema. He informed me they have had no issues with the material in the ten years it has been in place.



IPS Weld-On #16 Acrylic Solvent Cement was used to bond each layer together. For technical data go to www.ipscorp.com

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#### LOCAL SUPPLIER:



James Harrison 3155 NE 73rd Avenue Portland, OR 97213

#### RE: Aiorema - Portland Center Stage: Portland, OR Project Number: 2006081.00

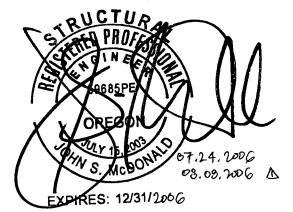
James:

The attached calculations, pages 1-4, verify the adequacy of the footing for the Aiorema sculpture located in Portland, OR in meeting the requirements of the 2004 Oregon Structural Specialty Code. The scope of work is shown on the attached detail sheet dated (July 24, 2006 (S1)).

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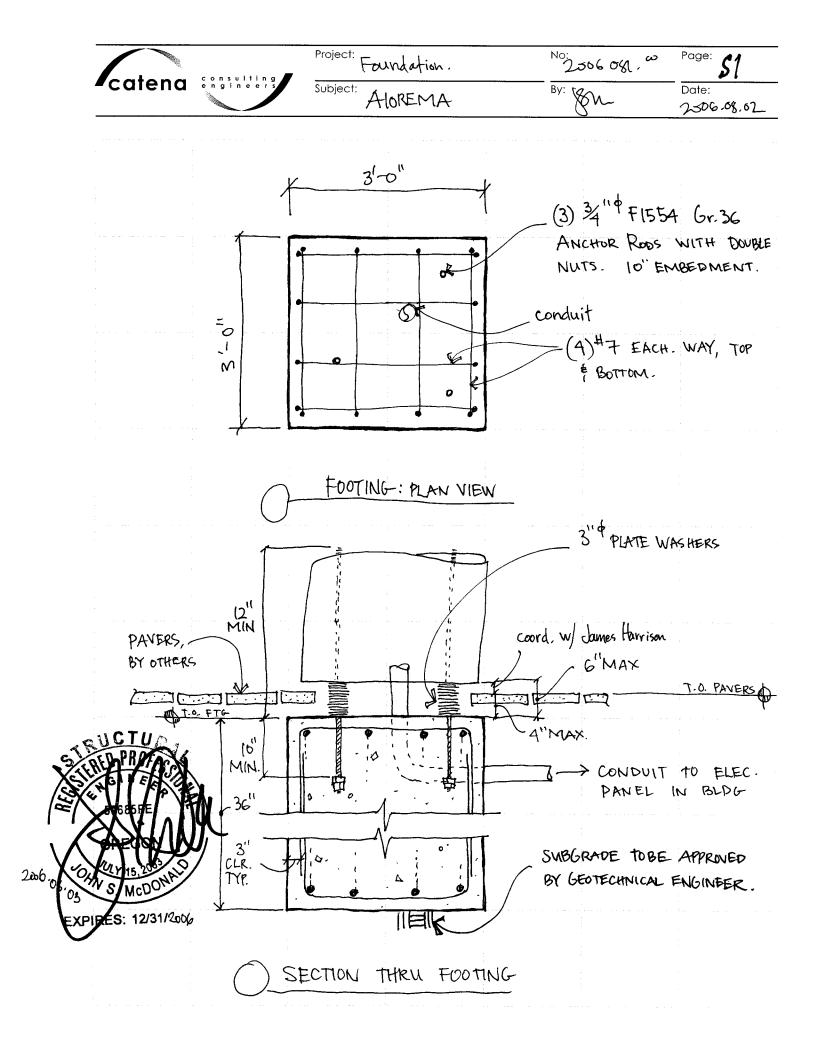
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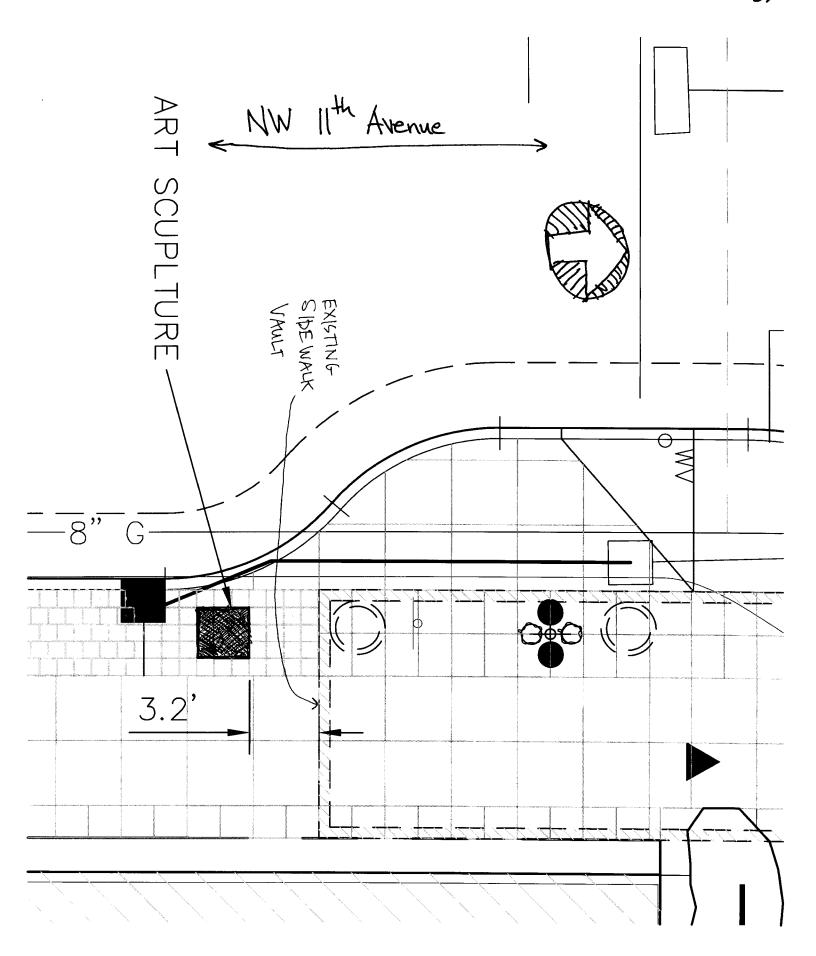


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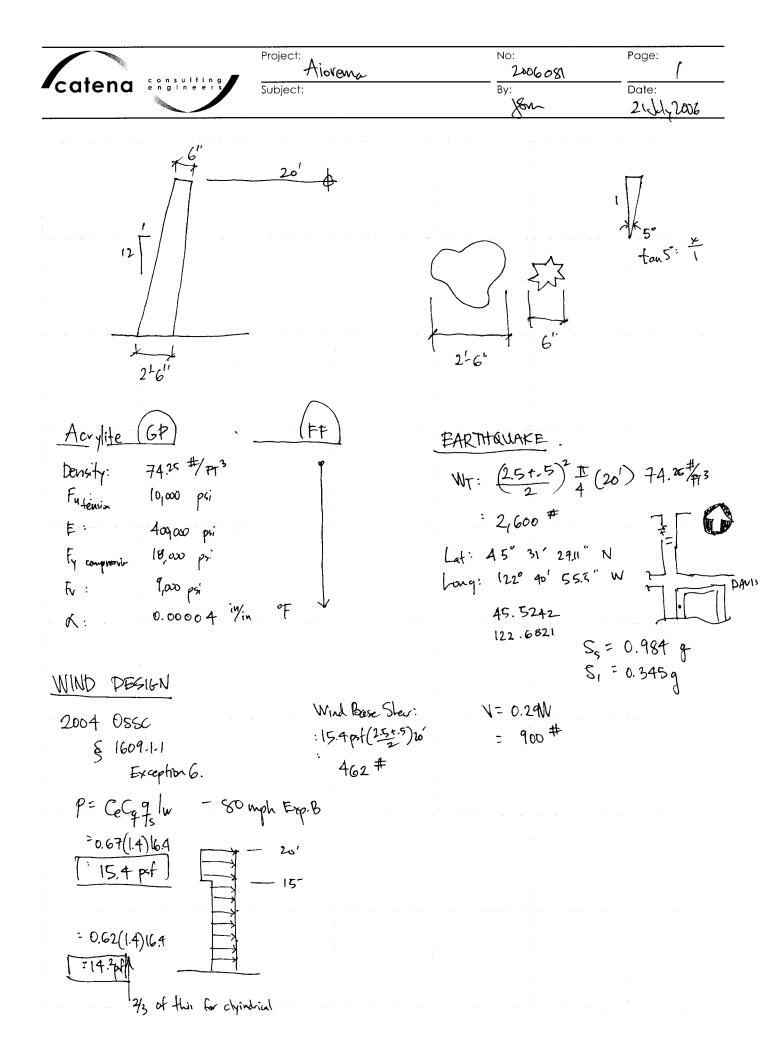
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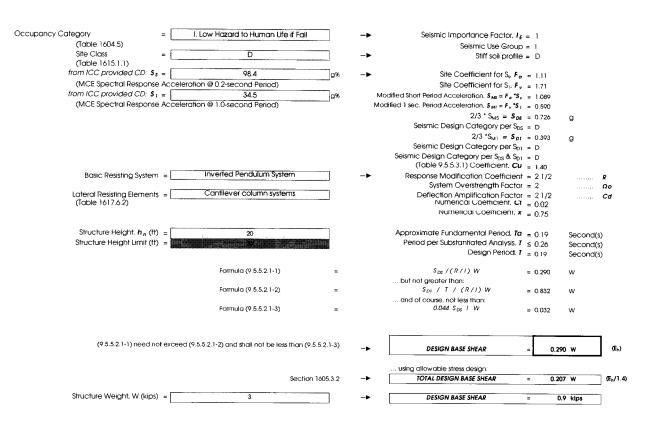
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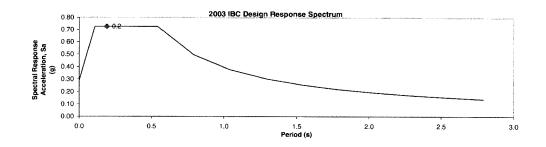


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Subject:	Portland Center Stage Sculpture	Date:	Friday, July 21, 2006

2003 IBC Equivalent Lateral Force Procedure Base Shear & Vertical Force Distribution Per ASCE 7-02 as ammended by 2003 IBC







Geotechnical Inb



From: Dan Trisler [dtrisler@geodesigninc.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 12:08 PM

To: John McDonald

Cc: James Harrison

Subject: RE: Foundation Design Information

John -

The information looks correct, though you can use a passive resistance of 250 pcf.

- Dan

From: John McDonald [mailto:john@catenaengineers.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 12:03 PM
To: Dan Trisler
Cc: 'James Harrison'
Subject: Foundation Design Information

Dan:

This is to summarize and formalize our phone conversation yesterday regarding the foundation design criteria for the sculpture on the sidewalk outside of the Portland Center Stage project.

Dead + Live load allowable bearing pressure: 2,500 psf Increase for wind and earthquake (\*1.33): 3,333psf Coefficient of friction to resist sliding: 0.35 Active pressure: 45 pcf Passive pressure: 200 pcf

The bottom of the sculpture footing should be located 3 feet below top of finished sidewalk.

Please confirm/comment/correct at your earliest convenience. Thanks Dan, feel free to call me with any questions.

John S. McDonald

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## Memorandum

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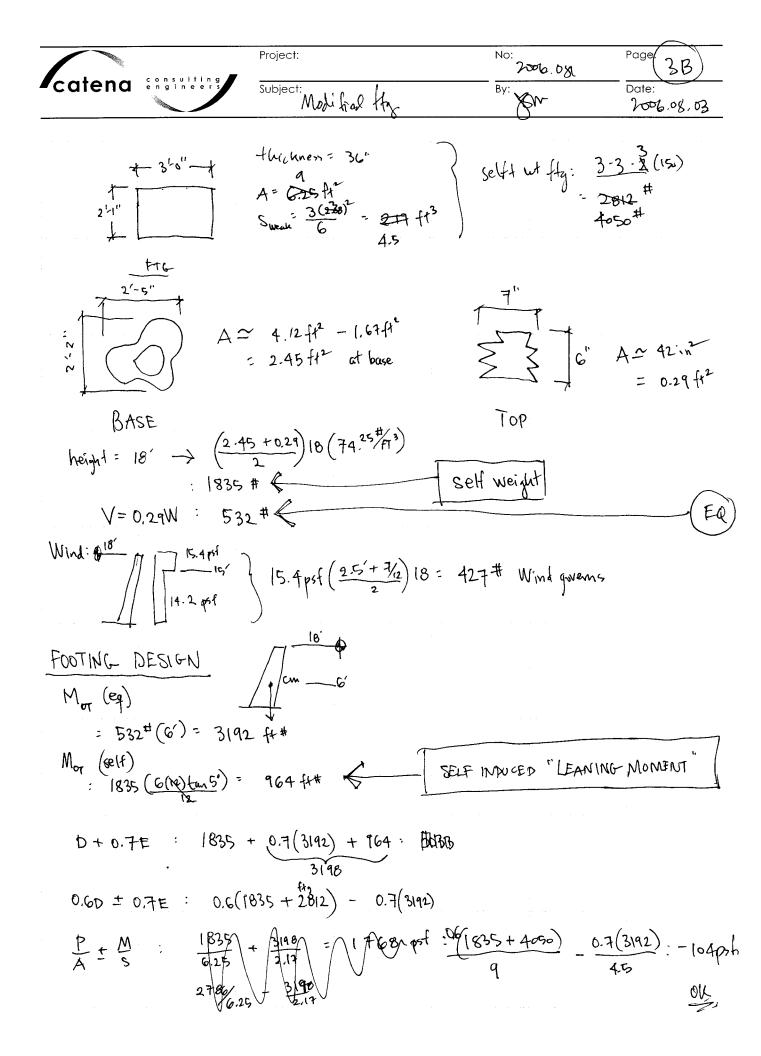
GeoDesign, Inc. prepared this memorandum to document the design parameters that we verbally provided to Mr. John McDonald for the design of the proposed sculpture foundation. The proposed sculpture will be located off the northwest corner of the building, immediately south of the new stormwater detention tank.

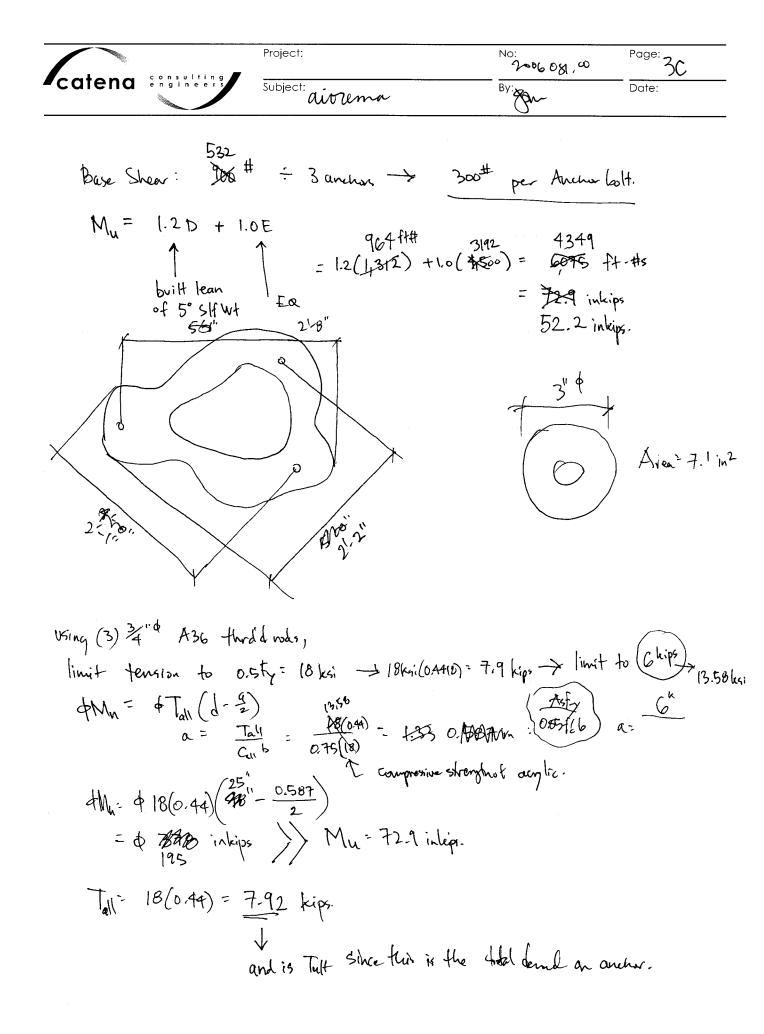
The sculpture may be supported by a spread footing foundation system. The bottom of the footing should be embedded at least 3 feet below the adjacent sidewalk grade. The footing may be sized based on an allowable bearing pressure of 2,500 pounds per square foot. The value applies to the total of dead plus long-term live loads and may be increased by 1/3 for short-term loads, such as those resulting from wind or seismic forces.

Lateral loads on the footing can be resisted by passive earth pressure of 250 pounds per cubic foot (pcf) acting on the sides of the footing. The upper 12 inch depth of adjacent soil/sidewalk should not be considered when calculating passive resistance. A coefficient of friction equal to 0.35 may also be used when calculating resistance to sliding. If needed, an active earth pressure of 45 pcf should be used for design of unbalanced soil forces.

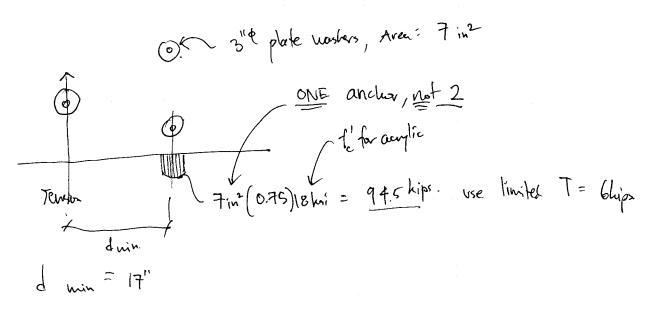
Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

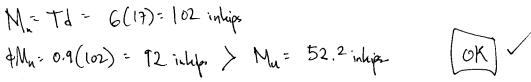
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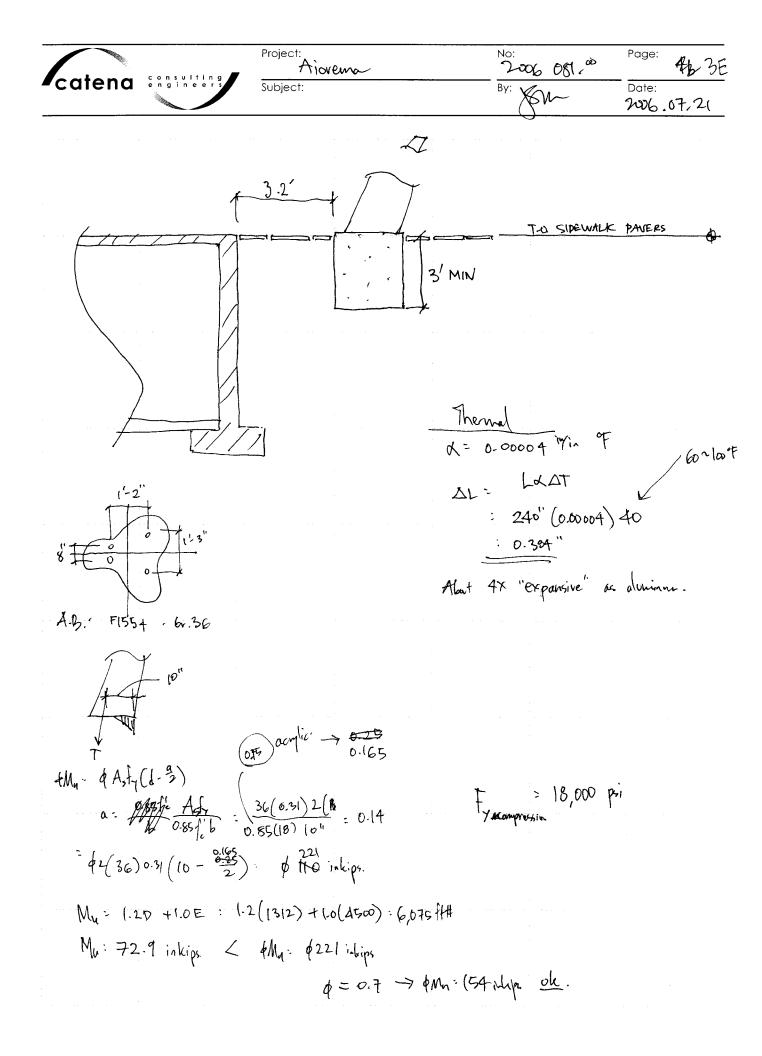


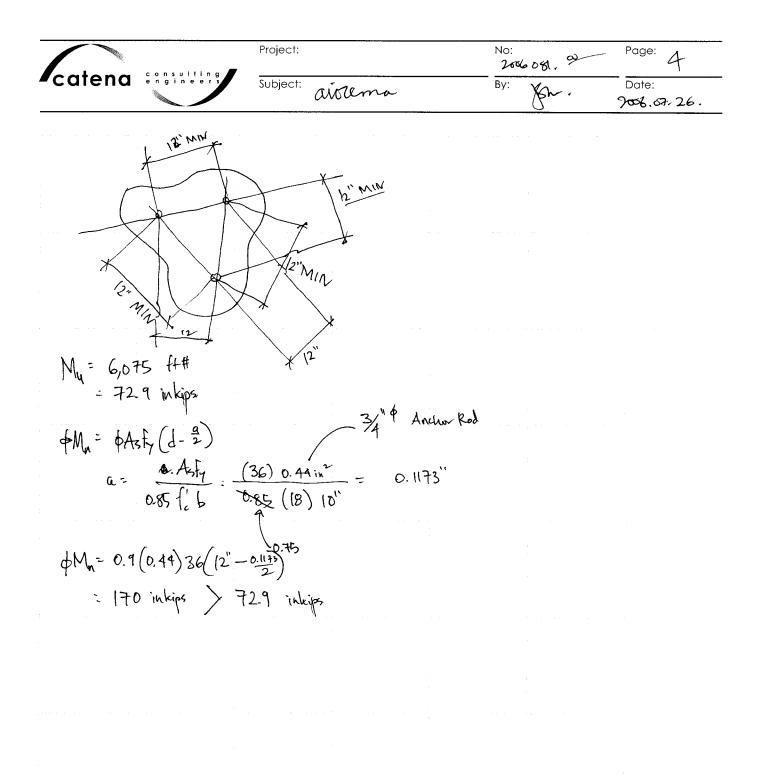


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## Primary Maintenance Instructions

For routine cleaning, gently wash sculpture with Simple Green diluted with water using a rag and bucket.

To remove graffitti or more stubborn dirt- contact the conservator!

**Conservator for Aiorema** 

J. Claire Dean Dean & Associates Conservation Services 503-331-1972 Fax: 503-331-0762 clairedean@aol.com

Under NO circumstances shoule the sculpture be pressure washed!

In the event I, the artist, am unreachable, I fully trust Claire Dean to make desicions that would affect the aesthetics of the sculpture.

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