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Onur Avci was born in Ankara, Turkey on Tuesday, September 11, 1979 to Ayten and Irfan Avci. He has a younger sister, Deniz, nine years his junior. Onur was raised in Ankara and graduated from Yukselis High School in June of 1996. He attended Middle East Technical University (METU) in Ankara from 1996 to 2000, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. In the Fall of 2000, he enrolled at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in the Structural Engineering and Materials Program Area of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, where he received a Master of Science in 2002. For his M.S. degree, he worked with Dr. Samuel Easterling on a thesis entitled *Web-Crippling Strength of Multi-Web Cold-Formed Steel Deck Sections Subjected to End One Flange (EOF) Loading*. He continued his graduate studies as a doctoral student in the same program area, working with Dr. Thomas Murray during the remainder of his time at Virginia Tech. He will begin working for Walter P. Moore and Associates in Las Vegas, NV, in September 2005.