



Michigan's top engineering and surveying projects recognized at annual ACEC Excellence Awards Ceremony

LANSING, Feb. 26, 2013 – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC/M) recently honored firms for engineering and surveying excellence during the association's 48th annual Engineering and Surveying Excellence Awards ceremony. On February 23, engineering professionals and guests gathered at the historic Fillmore Theatre in Detroit to recognize outstanding Michigan engineering and surveying projects from the past year, as well as engineering professionals who have significantly contributed to the profession. The ACEC/M Engineering & Surveying Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding efforts of professional design firms to solve clients' needs through exceptional projects, and offers the opportunity to showcase the year's best engineering and surveying achievements to an audience of peers, clients and decision makers at all levels.

"All of the projects entered in this year's awards program were top-notch projects that positively impact the lives of their users," said Ron Brenke, PE, ACEC Michigan Executive Director. "We are pleased that for nearly five decades, ACEC Michigan has recognized the efforts of firms around the state for their great work."

This year's engineering **Eminent Conceptor Award winner was Moore & Bruggink, Inc., Grand Rapids**, for the Grandville Clean Water Plant Expansion & Renovation Project. The \$23 million project used a first-of- its-kind egg-shaped anaerobic digester to stabilize biosolids that can be later used as fertilizer. It also captures methane gas that is produced to be used for heat and power, saving the city energy costs. The project was completed six months ahead of schedule, within budget, and kept the existing plant running without interruption during the expansion. The Eminent Conceptor Award is ACEC/M's top honor.

Six firms were honored with the Engineering Honorable Conceptor Award: **CDM Smith** for the Oakwood Combined Sewer Overflow Facility (Detroit); **Greeley and Hansen** for the Ann Arbor Residuals Handling Improvements (Ann Arbor); **Harley Ellis Devereaux** for the Wayne State University Chemistry Building project (Detroit); **Wilcox Associates** for the M-85 Viaduct Reconstruction (Detroit); **URS Great Lakes** for the Wadhams Road Bridge over Black Creek (St. Clair County); and **Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber (FTCH)** for the South Haven Water Filtration Plant (South Haven).

Surveying Honorable Conceptor Awards were presented, to **Rowe Professional Services Company** for the West Oakland Pipeline (Oakland County) and to **Spalding DeDecker Associates** for the Sewer Investigation Survey for the SRF Segment 3 Repair Program (Waterford).

Engineering Merit Awards were presented to **Hubbell, Roth & Clark** for the Paint Creek Dam Removal and Stream Restoration (Oakland Twp.); **URS Great Lakes** for the Mackinac Island Airport (Mackinac Island); **FTCH** for the MTU Great Lakes Research Center (Houghton); **Wade Trim** for the Van Buren Township Water Systems Improvement (Van Buren Twp.); **NTH Consultants** for the NSO Bell Building Renovation (Detroit); **Prein&Newhof** for the City of Allegan Water Treatment Plant (Allegan); **Wightman & Associates** for the Pokagon Community Center (Benton Harbor); **C&S Companies** for the Detroit Metro Wayne County Airport Ground Run-up Facility (Detroit); **Wade Trim** for the Allen Park SSO Tunnel and Relief Sewer (Allen Park) and **Hubbell Roth & Clark** for the Wayne County Interceptor System Rehabilitation.

The Judges' Choice Award for Board Design was given to **FTCH** for the project board designed to 'tell the story' of the MTU Great Lakes Research Center project in Houghton, MI.

This year's ACEC/M Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award was presented to **Douglas Watson, PE**, President & CEO of Wade Trim to honor his outstanding

leadership roles in ACEC and several community organizations. The ACEC Felix A. Anderson Image Award was presented to **Kirk Steudle, PE**, State Transportation Director for his actions and contributions to enhance the image of the profession.

The Eminent and Honorable Conceptor award winners are eligible to compete at the National ACEC competition in Washington, D.C. For more information on the projects and award winners, please contact ACEC/M at (517) 332-2066 or visit their web site at www.acecmi.org.