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

PRESS RELEASE

LANSING, MI – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC/M) recently honored firms for engineering and surveying excellence during the association's 50th annual Engineering and Surveying Excellence Awards ceremony. On February 28, design professionals and guests gathered at The Henry Ford in Dearborn 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 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.

"This program serves as the final celebration of Engineers Week," said Ron Brenke, PE, ACEC/M Executive Director. "The knowledge and expertise that filled the room on Saturday was astounding! The projects engineered by private sector firms have a profound effect on the quality of life for all Michigan residents. Their efforts result in quality roads and bridges, safe drinking water, and a clean environment for people to live, work and play."

This year's *engineering* Eminent Conceptor Award winner was **NTH Consultants, Ltd**, Detroit, for the structural analysis for Cobo Arena Demolition and Reconstruction. During the redevelopment of Cobo Arena, a \$279 million project, NTH Consultants, Ltd. utilized the shell-like geometry of the original structure, performed detailed analyses for each stage of demolition and reconstruction, and worked with the contractors to safely sequence the work, thereby eliminating the need for an estimated \$1 million in internal temporary bracing.

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Engineering/Surveying Excellence Awards

Four firms were honored with the Engineering Honorable Conceptor Award: **Bergmann Associates** for The Rapid/Amtrak Passenger Station Relocation (Grand Rapids); **Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.** for the Grand Rapids Downtown Market and for Michigan State University West Circle Drive, Phase 3; **OHM Advisors** for the Farmington Hills Elevated Storage Tank and **Parsons Corporation** for the I-96/M-50 Bridge Slide Design.

Engineering Merit Awards were presented to **HNTB Michigan, Inc.** for the I-94 Truck Parking Information and Management System; **Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.** for the Orion Road Bridge Replacement (Oakland County); **NTH Consultants, Ltd.** for the Oakland Macomb Interceptor Drain; **Parsons Corporation** for the US-131/3 Mile Road Bridge Slide; **Prein&Newhof** for Lake Street Improvements (City of Whitehall); **RS Engineering, LLC** for the I-96 Interchange at Latson Road; and **ROWE Professional Services Company** for the Uptown Bay City project.

Surveying Honorable Conceptor Awards were presented to **Fleis & VandenBrink** for the Osceola Inn Demolition Project (Reed City) and **Spicer Group, Inc.** for the South County Water Authority Asset Collection Project.

The Judges' Choice Award for Board Design was given to **Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.**, for the project board designed to 'tell the story' of how the "Accelerated Orion Road Abridgement Replacement Saves Cider Season."

This year's ACEC/M Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award was presented to **Paul C. Wade, PE**, recently retired from **Spalding DeDecker Associates, Inc.**, to honor his outstanding leadership roles in ACEC and several community organizations. The ACEC/M Felix A. Anderson Image Award was presented to **Gerald M. (Jerry) Belian, PE, FESD**, of **SME** 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 engineering 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.

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan is the voice of Michigan's engineering industry. Council members – numbering nearly 100 firms throughout the state – are engaged in a wide range of engineering/architectural/surveying works that propel the state's economy, and enhance and safeguard Michigan's quality of life. These works allow people to drink clean water, enjoy a healthy life, take advantage of new technologies, and travel safely and efficiently. The Council's mission is to contribute to Michigan's prosperity and welfare by advancing the business interests of member firms.

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