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**Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. named
2018 ACEC/M “FIRM OF THE YEAR”**

PRESS RELEASE

Lansing, MI – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC/M) recently presented the 2018 member “*FIRM OF THE YEAR*” award to Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. (FTCH) headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The award was presented at the Engineering & Surveying Excellence Awards Gala held on March 10, 2018 at DeVos Place, Grand Rapids. This is the highest honor bestowed and the only award program instituted to recognize ACEC/M member firms for their leadership in professional practice and community service. Recognition is based on actions taken by a member firm to progressively develop its management practices and for assuming leadership roles in community outreach activities and ACEC/M programs that strengthen the profession for all ACEC/M members.

FTCH stands out as a company that helps to advance the consulting design profession, is actively involved in the success and growth of ACEC/M, and constantly gives back to the community.

FTCH employees are heavily involved in the community through the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, YMCA, and Salvation Army, among others. Staff serve in multiple leadership roles for local organizations. FTCH promotes the engineering profession by committing mentors, volunteers, and speakers to several area high school STEM programs, vocational training, and specialty design/construction schools, along with creating job shadow opportunities, industry days, robotic competitions, and project tours.

The firm also engages in a variety of activities to positively impact the engineering profession and ACEC/M. Stephen C. Nichols, PE, currently serves as President of the ACEC/M Board of Directors. Kamran Qadeer, PE, has served on both the ACEC/M Transportation Committee and MDOT/ACEC Procedures and Practices Committee. Other FTCH staff are also involved with ACEC/M committees and support the Engineering & Surveying Excellence and scholarship programs, along with meeting its annual state and federal PAC goals.

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Sixty years after its founding, more than 400 staff members in 10 regional offices have made FTCH one of the premier professional consulting firms in the nation. Engineering, environmental sciences, architecture, and construction management are the cornerstones of FTCH's services and integrated project approach. With the technical capabilities and understanding to take even the largest projects from initial concept to completion, FTCH is a hands-on, design-oriented practice at heart.

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan is the voice of Michigan's engineering industry. Council members – numbering over 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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