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**Michigan Department of Transportation and ACEC/Michigan select I-94
Modernization Project Team for 2018 Partnership Charter Award**

*MDOT and HNTB teams recognized for adherence to partnership principles that advance
transportation projects effectively and responsibly*

LANSING, Mich., – The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Michigan announced the I-94 Modernization, Advanced Bridges Project Team, as the 2018 recipient of the MDOT-ACEC Partnership Charter Award.

The I-94 team comprises professionals from MDOT and HNTB, working closely together to modernize seven miles of freeway in Detroit, reconstruct interchanges, upgrade nearby streets and replace almost 70 bridges.

The annual award, now in its 6th year, recognizes project managers and firms in Michigan for project partnerships based on trust, effective communication, continuous improvement, innovation and timely issue resolution.

“The MDOT and HNTB team on the I-94 project exemplify what this award stands for,” said Ronald Brenke, PE, Executive Director of ACEC/Michigan. “The complex and hard work of improving Michigan’s transportation network does not happen effectively without partners who are dedicated to succeeding together, and I thank the team for its commitment to business practices that move the state forward. Congratulations.”

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The team was recognized for its achievement at the annual MDOT-ACEC conference held in Lansing on January 31, 2019. MDOT team members include Terry Stepanski, PE, Carrie Warren, PE, Bonnie Yu, PE, and Adam Penzenstadler, PE. HNTB honorees include Matt Simon, PE, Dr. Audrey Andrews, and Eric Polvi, PE.

“The I-94 Modernization Project Team did an exceptional job of leveraging the early work on advanced bridges in the I-94 corridor to create opportunities for broad-based industry participation as well as local, small business development,” said Tony Kratofil, PE, MDOT Chief Operations Officer. “The one-team approach amongst 19 individual engineering firms demonstrated what partnering is all about, and yielded outstanding results for small business growth, expanding the capacity of the Michigan consulting industry to be prepared to help address our growing infrastructure needs.”

The winning team was selected by an MDOT/ACEC committee from six nominations received.

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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