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Michigan's Top Engineering and Surveying Projects Recognized at Annual ACEC/M Excellence Awards Ceremony

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LANSING, MI – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC/M) recently honored firms for engineering and surveying excellence during the association's annual Engineering and Surveying Excellence Awards ceremony. On March 11, design professionals and guests gathered at The Fillmore 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 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 most prestigious award – the ***Engineering Eminent Conceptor Award*** – went to **SME** (Plymouth) for the Jimmy John's Field project in Utica. Built over a landfill, this project created numerous challenges. Working against a firm 12-month schedule to have a field ready for Opening Day 2016, SME and the entire project team worked tirelessly to secure funding, design plans that made the site suitable for development, and construct a ballpark that would not only serve as a home for the sport, but that would revitalize a community and serve families for generations to come.

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Five firms were honored with an Engineering Honorable Conceptor Award:

- **SmithGroupJJR** of Detroit for its work on the Oakland University Engineering Center in Rochester.
- **NTH Consultants, Ltd.** of Northville for its work on the Oakland Macomb Interceptor Drain.
- **AECOM** of Detroit for its work on the M-1 Rail Streetcar project in Detroit.
- **Bergmann Associates** of Lansing for its work on the University Drive Diverging Diamond Interchange in the City of Auburn Hills.
- **DLZ Michigan, Inc.** of Lansing for its work on the I-94/Sprinkle Road interchange in Kalamazoo.

Engineering Merit Awards were presented to the following:

- **AECOM** of Grand Rapids for its work on the M-100 over CN/GTW Railroad in the City of Potterville.
- **CDM Smith Michigan, Inc.** of Lansing for its work on the International Bridge Toll Plaza Reconstruction in Sault Ste. Marie.
- **Hardesty & Hanover, LLC** of Okemos for its work on the Fort Street Bridge in Detroit.
- **Harley Ellis Devereaux** of Southfield for its work on the Wayne State University Integrative Biosciences Center in Detroit.
- **HNTB Michigan, Inc.** of Detroit for its work on the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan's Master Transit Plan in Detroit.
- **Johnson & Anderson, Inc.** of Waterford for its work on the Pre-Chlorinated Pipe Bursting project for the Charter Township of West Bloomfield.
- **NTH Consultants, Ltd.** of Northville for its work on the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Pier in the City of Trenton.
- **Prein&Newhof** of Grand Rapids for its work on the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority Drainage Improvements and Natural Treatment System project in Grand Rapids.
- **Ruby+Associates, Inc.** of Bingham Farms for its work on the Hard Rock Stadium Shade Canopy Erection Plan in Miami Gardens, Florida.
- **SmithGroupJJR** of Detroit for its work on the Lake Trust Credit Union Headquarters in the City of Brighton.
- **SmithGroupJJR** of Ann Arbor for its work on the Link Detroit project.

Two firms were honored with a Surveying Honorable Conceptor Award:

- **Fleis & VandenBrink** of Grand Rapids for its work on the Muskegon River Mapping project for the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission in Muskegon.
- **Surveying Solutions, Inc.** of Standish for its work on the Gordie Howe International Bridge Data Fusion project for the Windsor Detroit Bridge Authority in Detroit.

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The Board Design Award was given to **AECOM** for the board designed to 'tell the story' of the M1-Rail project.

This year's ACEC/M Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award was presented to **Robert C. Rabeler, PE**, of **SME** to honor his outstanding leadership roles in ACEC and several community organizations. The ACEC/M Felix A. Anderson Image Award was presented to **Philip Sanzica, PE**, the **Oakland County Chief Deputy Water Resources Commissioner**, 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 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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