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Top Engineering and Surveying Projects Recognized at Annual ACEC/Michigan Excellence Awards Gala

LANSING, MI – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan (ACEC/Michigan) recently honored firms for engineering and surveying excellence during the association's annual Engineering and Surveying Excellence Awards Gala. On March 11, design professionals and guests gathered at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park 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/Michigan 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.

"The knowledge and expertise that filled the room on Saturday evening was impressive. The infrastructure 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," said Ronald Brenke, PE, ACEC/Michigan Executive Director.

This year's most prestigious award – the ***Engineering Eminent Conceptor Award*** – went to **Bergmann Associates, Inc.** (Lansing) for the I-69 / I-475 Interchange project for the Michigan Department of Transportation. Crumbling road/bridge conditions, traffic backups, and related safety concerns demanded improvements to keep pace with economic growth. MDOT and Bergmann developed short- and long-term strategies based on inspections/evaluations of existing bridges and roadway systems. Strategy minimized impacts on the community, environment and upgraded the corridor to meet travel demands.

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Eight firms were honored with an Engineering Honorable Conceptor Award for their work on the following:

- **Abonmarche Consultants** (Benton Harbor) – Benton Harbor Lead Service Line Replacement for the City of Benton Harbor
- **Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick** (Shelby Township) – Shelby Township Library Project
- **Barr Engineering Co.** (Ann Arbor) – Landslide Mitigation Protects Hydropower Site for the Upper Peninsula Power Company
- **Harley Ellis Devereaux** (Southfield) – Ford Robotics Building for the University of Michigan
- **OHM Advisors** (Hancock) – Tahquamenon Falls State Park Lower Falls Enrichment Project for MDNR Parks and Recreation Division
- **SmithGroup** (Detroit) – Visitor Center and Administration Building for the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House
- **SmithGroup** (Detroit) – Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine for Boston University
- **SmithGroup** (Ann Arbor) and **Wade Trim** (Taylor) – First & Ashley Two-Way Conversion and Bikeway for the City of Ann Arbor and Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority

Engineering Merit Awards were presented to:

- **Benesch** (East Lansing) – US-31 Connector (I-94 & I-94BL) Design-Build for the Michigan Department of Transportation
- **Benesch** (Detroit) – Springwells WTP Sluice Gates Design-Build for Great Lakes Water Authority
- **Byce & Associates, Inc.** (Kalamazoo) – The Creamery Mixed-Use Development for Hollander Development Corporation
- **C2AE** (Lansing) – Offsite Infrastructure for McLaren Campus for the City of Lansing
- **Fishbeck** (Grand Rapids) – Mount Vernon Pedestrian Mall for Grand Valley State University
- **Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.** (Bloomfield Hills) – What a Relief! Waste and Storm Water project for the City of Troy
- **RS&H Michigan, Inc.** (Novi) – Local Agency Bridge Bundle Pilot Project for the Michigan Department of Transportation
- **SME** (Plymouth) – Pontiac Silverdome Site Redevelopment for Seefried Industrial Properties
- **SmithGroup** (Detroit) – Brigitte Harris Cancer Pavilion for Henry Ford Health System
- **Testing Engineers & Consultants, Inc.** (Troy) – Deconstructing "The Joe" for the City of Detroit Building Authority
- **The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc.** (Detroit) – FCA Site 12: Vehicle Marshalling Yard for the City of Detroit – Detroit Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- **Wightman** (Benton Harbor) – Pucker Street Dam Removal and Restoration for the City of Niles
- **WSP USA, Inc.** (Detroit) – City of Detroit Streetscape Program for the City of Detroit

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This year's ***Surveying Eminent Conceptor Award*** went to **Wade Trim** (Flint) for their TCARP Natural Gas Pipeline Construction Survey for DTE Energy. Working in northern Michigan's hilly terrain without a reliable cellular network, numerous challenges were addressed to deliver construction survey data with the accuracy and details required for DTE Energy's $109-million Traverse City-Alpena Reinforcement Project. Survey construction staking and as-built measurements were provided for 23 miles of natural gas pipeline to comply with rigorous requirements for pipeline safety and integrity.

A Surveying Honorable Conceptor Award was presented to **Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc.** (Grand Rapids) for the Challenges of Scanning Mackinac Island project for the City of Mackinac Island.

A Surveying Merit Award was presented to **ROWE Professional Services Company** (Flint) for the Neuro/Ortho Wellness Center for Memorial Healthcare.

The Board Design Award went to **Harley Ellis Devereaux** (Southfield) for their board designed to tell the story of the Ford Robotics Building for the University of Michigan.

This year's ACEC/Michigan Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award was presented to **John Hiltz, PE,** of **OHM Advisors** to honor his outstanding leadership roles in ACEC and several community organizations. The ACEC/Michigan Felix A. Anderson Image Award was presented to **William Winiarski, PE, PS,** of **ROWE Professional Services Company** 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, DC. For more information on the projects and award winners, please contact ACEC/Michigan 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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