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### **Neil A. Cumming Honoured for Lifetime Achievement at the Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards**

**(OTTAWA) October 24, 2012** – Neil A. Cumming, F.A.C.I., P.Eng., of Levelton Consultants Ltd., is the recipient of the 2012 Beaubien Award. The award was presented yesterday evening by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Canada (ACEC) at the 2012 Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards. The Beaubien Award recognizes individuals for their lifetime contributions to the advancement of the consulting engineering profession and industry.

The Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards are considered the highest form of recognition for the consulting engineering industry. “Neil’s leadership qualities combined with his tremendous business and technical skills make him a great asset to his firm, to the consulting engineering sector and to our profession,” says John Gamble, president of ACEC.

Mr. Cumming is a recognized expert in the field of construction materials engineering and concrete technology. Mr. Cumming is also known for his contributions to the consulting engineering industry as a businessman, educator and mentor.

Mr. Cumming has championed the interests of the industry through his participation in ACEC and other professional associations. He has been an active participant in Consulting Engineers of British Columbia (now ACEC-BC), serving as President in 2003-2004 and as a Director for five years. Mr. Cumming has been the ACEC representative on the Canadian Construction Documents Committee and has participated in the association’s Contracts Committee.

Mr. Cumming has been a member of the American Concrete Institute for 30 years and has served on several technical committees. He is a long-standing member of the Canadian Standards Association Committee on Concrete Materials and Methods of Construction and served as Chair for five years.

As an industry educator, Mr. Cumming is a regular speaker at technical conferences. He has authored over 50 technical presentations and papers, and has lectured on construction materials technology at the University of British Columbia. Mr. Cumming’s role at Levelton includes mentoring younger employees.

Mr. Cumming is the recipient of other industry awards and recognition, including Fellow of the American Concrete Institute, CEBC's 2011 Meritorious Achievement Award and the Canadian Standards Association's Award of Merit.

Mr. Cumming joined Levelton Consultants Ltd. in 1977 and has held a number of management positions within the firm, including President and CEO. In 2007, Mr. Cumming took on the role of Executive Vice President, the position he holds today. Levelton is one of British Columbia's largest engineering firms. The company has played a role in most of the province's major landmark infrastructure projects for the past 40 years. Levelton's ongoing commitment to comprehensive and innovative solutions for clients has earned the company a reputation for providing excellent services.

As recipient of the 2012 Beaubien Award, Mr. Cumming is recognized by his peers for his outstanding contributions to ACEC, the consulting engineering industry and the engineering profession.

**The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Canada** represents companies in Canada that provide professional engineering services to both public and private sector clients. These services include the planning, design and execution of all types of engineering projects, as well as providing independent advice and expertise in a wide range of engineering and engineering-related fields. For more information about ACEC, please visit [www.acec.ca](http://www.acec.ca).

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