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Allen D. Williams Scholarship Awarded to Tijana Smiljanic, Vancouver Consulting Engineer

(OTTAWA) October 25, 2016 – The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-Canada (ACEC) is pleased to announce that the 2017 Allen D. Williams Scholarship has been awarded to Tijana Smiljanic of McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. The Allen D. Williams Scholarship is presented annually to a young professional, employed by an ACEC member firm, who demonstrates a commitment to the consulting

engineering industry in their province or territory. Tijana was presented with her award at the Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards gala closing the 2016 ACEC national leadership conference in Ottawa.

Recognized for excellence and commitment to the profession and community

The Board of the Allen D. Williams Scholarship Foundation selected Tijana for her proficiency in understanding the role of consultants in the engineering industry, her ability to establish strong client relationships and her involvement in large complex projects while expanding her leadership skills. Her commitment and dedication to her profession and her community through volunteer work were attributes that also stood out to the Board.

Tijana Smiljanic, P.Eng., is a transportation engineer at McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. As a fast-rising star within the firm, she has demonstrated a great aptitude for the business of consulting engineering, a desire to learn, and an eagerness to take responsibility. Her **passion, drive, technical knowledge, client understanding and**

leadership skills make her a successful project leader. From the beginning of her career at McElhanney, Tijana has worked on larger assignments, specializing in major transportation/design and P3 projects, such as the Port Mann/Highway 1 upgrading and the Power Street overpass in Vancouver. She is currently the design coordinator for the firm's portion of the \$200M design-build interchanges project in Winnipeg. In addition to her demanding role, Tijana is an **active young leader at McElhanney**, co-leading the development of the YP rotational program which promotes challenging, rewarding and long-standing careers with the firm.

In 2014, Tijana was elected Chair of the [ACEC-BC Young Professionals Group \(YPG\)](#). During her term, she worked to have the ACEC-BC Board approve a budget increase that permitted the YPG to host outreach activities, sponsor university events, and fundraise for various school programs. Tijana also initiated the development of a 3-year plan which provides a long-term, clear vision for the network and ensures initiatives spanning multiple committee terms are executed. In her role as Chair of the YPG, she also held a seat on the ACEC-BC Board of Directors and represented her province on the [ACEC Young Professional Network](#). Her contributions in the first ten years of her engineering career were recognized in the spring of 2016 when she was awarded the ACEC-BC Young Professional Award.

Her involvement as a volunteer goes beyond her professional association. Tijana is active in her community at large, acting as a mentor volunteer with [KidStart](#), in which she spends three hours a week mentoring a nine-year old girl.



The scholarship commemorates Allen D. Williams, past ACEC Chair and Founder of Williams Engineering Inc. It provides the winner with funding to cover registration, airfare and accommodations to attend the annual conference of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC).

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-Canada (ACEC) 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.

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[Tijana Smiljanic photo](#)

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