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Norm Huggins Honoured for Lifetime Achievement at the Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards

(OTTAWA) October 23, 2013 – Norm Huggins, P.Eng. of CH2M HILL is the recipient of the 2013 *Beaubien Award*. The award was presented yesterday evening by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Canada (ACEC) at the 2013 Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards. The *Beaubien Award* recognizes individuals for their lifetime contributions to ACEC and 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.

Norm Huggins is known for his outstanding leadership and his contributions to the consulting engineering industry. He is highly regarded by the many colleagues who have developed their careers under his tutelage as well as the communities that have benefited from his expertise.

“Norm’s dedication to his field and to mentoring his colleagues make him a great asset to his firm, to the consulting engineering sector and to our profession,” says John Gamble, president of ACEC.

Norm started his career at CH2M HILL, formerly known as Gore and Storrie, as a summer student in 1966. He joined the company full-time upon graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering from Queen’s University and this year, as Senior Vice-President, he celebrates his 45th year with CH2M HILL.

Norm has given a lifetime of service, since 1972, to ACEC and Consulting Engineers of Ontario, advocating in the interest of engineers to governments, clients and the public. Throughout his career he has also dedicated time and effort with the Toronto and Ontario chapters of the Engineering Institute of Canada and the Pollution Control Association of Ontario.

During his tenure on the Board of ACEC-Canada and as Chair, Norm was a strong advocate for the use of Qualifications-Based Selection for the procurement of professional engineering services. During this time, ACEC collaborated with the National Guide to Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure, also known as InfraGuide. As a result, when InfraGuide released its best practice for selecting a professional consultant, Qualifications-Based Selection was the recommended procurement method. This is one of the most important achievements of the consulting engineering sector in recent memory. To this day, ACEC continues to promote InfraGuide and Qualifications-Based Selection.

One of Norm’s greatest interests has been to encourage more young people to enter the consulting engineering industry. He identified building human capital as one of his goals as Chair of ACEC-Canada and is known as a great mentor and model to other engineers for his quiet leadership, ethical behaviour, and strength in bringing groups together to accomplish common objectives.

As a recipient of the *Beaubien Award*, Norm joins a list of over 30 individuals who have been identified by their peers for their outstanding contributions to the consulting engineering industry and engineering profession. The award was created by ACEC in 1984 in honour of Dr. James de Gaspé Beaubien, who founded ACEC in 1925.

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.

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