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Dr. Marcia Friesen receives ACEC-Canada Chair's Award Recognized for leadership in advancing diversity and inclusion

(OTTAWA) October 26, 2021 – The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Canada (ACEC) is pleased to announce that Marcia Friesen, Ph.D., P.Eng., is the recipient of the 2021 *ACEC Chair's Award*.



This award is presented each year by the outgoing ACEC Chair to an individual, individuals or organizations who have made an important difference to the consulting engineering industry. This year's outgoing Chair, Anthony Karakatsanis, P.Eng., announced the award during ACEC's virtual annual general meeting of members on October 26, 2021. "It is my distinct honour to recognize Marcia's strong and thoughtful leadership in championing diversity and inclusion within the Association, the industry and throughout the STEM sector. Dr. Friesen is truly a most worthy candidate of the *ACEC-Canada Chair's Award*," said Mr. Karakatsanis.

Highly respected across Canada as a thoughtful and articulate ambassador and champion of the engineering profession, Dr. Friesen was invited to join the

ACEC Board of Directors as a Director-at-Large in 2019. During her time on the ACEC Board, she has made and continues to make significant contributions to the association. In particular, she is providing strong leadership and support to ACEC's commitment to improve diversity and inclusion within the association and the consulting engineering sector – an important priority of the ACEC Strategic Plan.

Dr. Friesen holds a doctorate in Biosystems Engineering and is a Professor and the first female appointed Dean of the Price Faculty of Engineering at the University of Manitoba. She currently serves on the National Executive of Engineering Deans Canada, and is the NSERC Chair in Design Engineering. Dr. Friesen has previously served as President of the Council of Engineers and Geoscientists Manitoba.

On behalf of the member firms, the ACEC Board of Directors, and the ACEC staff, Mr. Karakatsanis is proud to present the 2021 *ACEC Chair's Award* to Dr. Marcia Friesen.

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