

## Office of the City Engineer

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February 19, 2014

TO: Alderman Sandy Weidner, Chairman  
Public Works and Services Committee

FROM: John C. Rooney,  
Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer *JCR*

RE: ACEC WI 2014 Engineering Excellence Award Winners

I am very pleased to inform you, that the American Council of Engineering Companies of WI has selected the STH 20/32 (7<sup>th</sup> Street) Reconstruction Project as one of the State Finalist Award winners. ACEC WI is a respected and recognized organization, and being selected by this group of peer engineering consultants is truly an honor. This award recognizes the partnership between the City of Racine, its consultant, AECOM, its project manager, Jewell and Associates, and its contractor, Stark Asphalt, in working together to overcome difficult issues resulting in an outstanding project.

I would like to recognize the contributions of retired Commissioner of Public Works, Richard M. Jones, the Downtown Racine Corporation and the Citizens Advisory Committee for their participation in this process.

This is the sixth award winning project which the City of Racine has received during the last 15 years on a wide variety of Public Works projects. It is an indication of the excellence which the elected officials and the public have come to expect from our projects. Without the Mayor's and Aldermen's support and provision of the necessary funds, these projects would not have come to fruition nor be done in a manner representative of an award winning project.

JCR:njp

Cc: Mayor Dickert  
City Administrator  
Department Heads  
Aldermen



**American Council of Engineering Companies of Wisconsin**

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October 21, 2013

Michael Preboske  
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Dear Michael:

**Congratulations!** I am pleased to inform you that STH 20/32 (7th Street) Reconstruction is being honored with a 2014 Engineering Excellence State Finalist Award. This award is being given to STH 20/32 (7th Street) Reconstruction because it exemplifies the skill and creativity of the engineering discipline.

A panel of highly qualified judges met October 18 to review and evaluate the 2014 submissions. The judges reviewed 26 entries. The judges had a difficult time evaluating submissions due to the high quality of entries.

Three awards types are presented as part of the 2014 Engineering Excellence Awards program:

- **State Finalist Awards** recognize achievements in engineering. A State Finalist Award-winning project demonstrates a high degree of client satisfaction through quality, cost-effective solutions.
- **Significant Contribution on a Project by a Small Firm Awards** are designed to give projects by small firms special recognition for their contributions to the field of engineering. A winning entry displays advanced engineering knowledge that exceeds client expectations and contributes greatly to the overall scope and design of a major project.
- **Best of State Awards** are presented to projects representing the highest degree of technical innovation, client satisfaction and contribution to the engineering profession. This year, ACEC WI presents 10 Best of State Awards. Best of State winners are eligible to enter the ACEC national competition. See the Important Dates & Deadlines enclosure for additional information on the national competition.
- The **Grand Award** is selected from the Best of State winners. It is the entry judges viewed as best representing the spirit and criteria of the Engineering Excellence Awards competition. The Grand Award will be announced for the first time at the March 21, 2014 Awards Banquet.

**Award Announcement**

While we know you will want to begin spreading the good news, please do **not** publicly announce your award prior to February 17, 2014. The first public announcement of the Engineering Excellence Awards is designed to coincide with Engineers Week.

You are welcome to notify your team, client, project partners and subconsultants to let them know the good news. However, please be sure that they too understand that a public announcement of the award is not allowed until February 17. Following February 17, you are welcome, and encouraged, to announce your award.

During the week of February 17, *The Daily Reporter* will publish a magazine featuring the Engineering Excellence Award-winning projects. It will be distributed state-wide to its subscribers and used extensively by ACEC WI at events and in meetings with legislators. In addition to the project profile, you have the opportunity to purchase advertising space in the magazine at a discounted rate. Purchasing an advertisement increases your exposure and the cost of the ad goes directly to offsetting the printing cost of the beautiful, full-color magazine. A flyer outlining advertising details is enclosed along with a sample of last year's award magazine.

#### **Celebrate at the Awards Banquet**

The ACEC WI Awards Banquet is Friday, March 21, 2014 at the elegant American Club in Kohler. It is a truly enjoyable evening to celebrate the Engineering Excellence Award-winning entries. The Awards Banquet is an excellent opportunity to thank your client and project team. Guests enjoy The American Club's atmosphere and are entertained by our professional comedian's presentation of the Engineering Excellence Awards. Please feel free to invite your team, client, project partners and subconsultants to attend this event. Information and reservation materials for the 2014 Awards Banquet will be available in early January.

#### **Award Plaques**

STH 20/32 (7th Street) Reconstruction will be recognized on-stage during the Awards Banquet. Entry into the awards program includes two award plaques. Additional plaques may be purchased and presented on-stage at the Awards Banquet. Please see the enclosed order form for additional information. The deadline to order additional awards is February 28.

Once again, congratulations on your award-winning project. We look forward to celebrating with you at the Awards Banquet.

Sincerely,

  
Jayne Martinko  
President/Executive Director

cc: Brooke Peterson

Enclosures: Important Dates & Deadlines  
Additional Award Order Form  
Award Acceptance Information  
2014 Engineering Excellence Awards advertisement information  
2013 Engineering Excellence Awards magazine (sample publication)

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September 25, 2013

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**RE: Client/Owner Letter for American Council of Engineering Companies 2014 Engineering Excellence Awards.**

The purpose of this letter is to describe to the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Wisconsin, the relationship between the City of Racine and AECOM in the development of the following project; Category H: Transportation – STH 20/STH 32 (7th Street) Reconstruction.

AECOM provided engineering services to City of Racine for this challenging and successful project that was completed safely, on schedule and within budget. We would also like to note that AECOM's professionalism, promptness and attention to detail contributed greatly to the completion of this project. AECOM's design expertise and innovative engineering resulted in the transformation of the main urban corridor into the Downtown Racine area. As part of the project development, AECOM carefully considered geometric changes to a confusing 5-legged intersection along STH 20/32 and created the first roundabout in the City of Racine that not only satisfied traffic flow & safety concerns, but transformed the intersection as a true landmark gateway into downtown. The re-creation of the City Hall & Paul Harris plazas include many unique streetscape features such as: light towers, limestone seat walls, and decorative pavers memorializing the U.S Army 32<sup>nd</sup> Division after which STH 32 is dedicated as a memorial highway. These features, along with: back lit living green walls, landscaped roundabout & street trees, storm water management best management practice devices, and complete LED decorative street lighting provide for a corridor that is unlike any other in Racine.

City of Racine has no objection to AECOM entering the project in this highly recognized engineering and construction industry competition. The STH 20/STH 32 (7th Street) Reconstruction Project is an excellent example of how innovative engineering design can result in the construction of a connecting highway within an urbanized area; combining aesthetics, functionality, and environmental stewardship. AECOM's knowledge, commitment, creativity, attention to detail, and ability to quickly respond to changing situations enabled this project to be successfully completed to satisfaction of residents, local and state officials. Should you have any questions, or desire additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

John C. Rooney, P.E.  
City Engineer/Asst. Commissioner of Public Works  
City of Racine