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All Tennessee Engineering Firms Invited to Enter 21st Annual *ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS* Competition

Nashville, TN – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee (ACEC of Tennessee), a statewide organization of more than 100 engineering firms, is accepting entries from all Tennessee engineering firms for its 21st annual *Engineering Excellence Awards* program. A one-page entry form must be submitted and received by Friday, November 4, 2011, to participate in the statewide competition. All Tennessee engineering firms engaged in private practice are encouraged to enter, whether or not they are members of ACEC. The official entry form is available at www.acectn.org or by contacting Judy Logue at 615-242-2486 or at jlogue@tnec.org.

Winners of the prestigious awards will be announced during a banquet on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin, TN. The 2011 awards event was attended by more than 250 engineers, elected officials, business leaders, city and county executives, representatives of the US Army Corps of Engineers, and officials from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and other state agencies.

“Projects of any size and budget are eligible. The project can be located anywhere in the world, but must have been managed out of a Tennessee office with a major portion of the work being performed in the state,” said awards program chairman Greg Brubaker, PE, K.S. Ware & Associates, Nashville.

The *Grand Iris Award for Engineering Excellence* will be presented for the project judged best in the overall competition. A *Grand Award* may be presented in each of twelve (12) entry categories. All project entries must be substantially completed by December 31, 2011.

Kim King, PE, AECOM, Nashville, who is the awards program co-chair, announced that the twelve (12) entry categories for the 2012 competition are: A) Studies, Research and Consulting Engineering Services; B) Building/Technology Systems; C) Structural Systems; D) Survey and Mapping Technology; E) Environmental; F) Water and Storm Water; G) Water Resources; H) Transportation; I) Special Projects; J) Small Projects; K) Energy and L) Industrial and Manufacturing Processes and Facilities.

CDM, Oak Ridge, was the winner of the 2011 *Grand Iris Award for Engineering Excellence* for a project completed for the Knoxville Utilities Board. *Grand Awards for Engineering Excellence* in the various entry

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categories were presented in 2011 to: **AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc.**, Nashville; **Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc.**, Nashville; **CSR Engineering, Inc.**, Springfield; **EnSafe Inc.**, Memphis (2 awards); **Gresham, Smith and Partners**, Nashville (2 awards); **Ross Bryan Associates, Inc.**, Nashville; and **S&ME/PDC Consultants, LLC**, Knoxville.

Founded in 1968, ACEC of Tennessee is a statewide organization with chapters in Nashville, East Tennessee, Southeast Tennessee and Memphis. The organization works to improve business practices of engineering firms and enhance public awareness and understanding of the value of engineering services.

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