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Top Alabama Engineered Project Recognized for Engineering Excellence

Montgomery, Alabama - The American Council of Engineering Companies of Alabama (ACEC/Alabama) is proud to announce the winners of the 2007 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA). The ACEC/Alabama EEA competition celebrates engineering achievements that demonstrate ingenuity and include significant technical, economic or social advancements. For over 40 years, ACEC/Alabama Member Firms submit their entries for assessment and judging by a distinguished panel of judges. Entries cover categories ranging from research and studies to structural systems, transportation, and special projects to recognize and honor local engineering achievements that demonstrate the highest degree of merit and engineering ingenuity.

Honoring exceptional work in engineering design, the winners of the **2007 EEA Grand Award** is **Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.** of Mobile, Alabama for their design of the Chickasaw Hurricane Emergency Action in Chickasaw, Alabama - project client is the Utilities Board of the City of Chicksaw, Alabama. When wind and storm surge from Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast on Monday, August 29, 2005, quick action by consulting engineers Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. helped limit the potentially disastrous impact of flooding and a city-wide power outage on the City of Chickasaw's wastewater collection and treatment system. Recognizing the immanent danger of sewage spills and backups into homes and streets from the flooded and inoperative pump stations, Pirnie staff quickly secured emergency power supply to get the facilities working in less than 24 hours. Because of the rapid coordination and combined efforts between the Utilities Board, Pirnie, ECUA, Hydra Service, and FEMA, the City of Chickasaw was protected and its wastewater infrastructure repaired. These combined actions will bring Chickasaw's treatment lagoons into compliance with effluent requirements and not only restore the wastewater collection and treatment system to its pre-hurricane conditions, but improve the overall quality.

The second place **2007 EEA State Award** recipient is **Garver Engineers** of Huntsville, Alabama for their design of the North Huntsville Industrial Park. The project owner is the City of Huntsville, Alabama. The project was lauded as the first-of-its-kind in the Southeast for as a unique and environmentally friendly industrial development that not only supports economic growth but simultaneously uses innovative design to address sensitive environmental issues. Award recipients will be honored at the 2007 River Region Engineers Week Luncheon, on February 28th, at the RSA Alabama Activities Center in downtown Montgomery. Finalists will participate in the national-level competition, sponsored by the American Council of Engineering Companies. A black-tie Gala affair will be held on April 11th in Washington, DC to recognize national award recipients. The Gala affair will be held at the Washington Grand Hyatt Hotel.

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Alabama (ACEC/Alabama) is a Member Organization of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)s. ACEC is the business association of America's engineering industry, representing over 8,000 independent engineering companies, and their more than 400,000 employees, throughout the United States engaged in the development of America's transportation, environmental, industrial, and other infrastructure. Founded in 1910 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., ACEC is a national federation of 51 state and regional organizations. -30-