



ACEC Tennessee Celebrate Achievements in Engineering!

Nashville, TN – November 7, 2023 – The American Council of Engineering Companies Tennessee (ACEC Tennessee) hosted its prestigious 2023 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala this November 7th at the Renaissance Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. This celebrated event recognized the most outstanding engineering feats of its members, highlighting the innovative and impactful work of engineers.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Grand Conceptor Award, which honors the year's most outstanding overall engineering accomplishment. This coveted award represents the pinnacle of engineering excellence, showcasing the remarkable creativity, skill, and ingenuity of the winning project. This award was presented to Burns Cooley Dennis Inc, for their I-40 west bound Engineering-Anchor/Stabilization System at mile marker 342 in Roane County.

In addition to the Grand Conceptor Award, the event also featured the People's Choice Award, which involved nearly 30 entries. This award is unique as it reflects the public's admiration and appreciation for engineering marvels that have a direct impact on communities and lives. The winner of this year's award is Gresham Smith for their Broadway Viaduct Bridge Replacement in Nashville.

The Engineering Excellence Awards Gala, held annually, serves as a platform to acknowledge, and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of engineers to society. It brings together industry leaders, innovators, and stakeholders from around the world to share their experiences and honor the achievements of their peers.

This year's gala not only showcased the exceptional talent within the engineering community but also highlighted the critical role that engineers play in advancing technology, sustainability, and infrastructure development worldwide.

This year's awards include:

Grand Conceptor Award

- **Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc.** for their I-40 WB near MM 342 Slope Stabilization -Value Engineering-Anchor/Stabilization System for the Richard Goettle, Inc. in Roane County, TN

People's Choice Award

- **Gresham Smith** for their Broadway Viaduct Bridge Replacement for the Tennessee Department of Transportation in Nashville, TN

For the Building & Technology Systems – Large Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **Pickering Firm, Inc.** for their Memphis Union Mission -- Opportunity Center -- Phase 1 and 2 for the Memphis Union Mission in Memphis, TN

Honorable Mentions

- **Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.** for their F&M Bank Arena for the Montgomery County in Clarksville, TN

Energy – Large Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **Fisher & Arnold, Inc.** for their Blue Oval Substation for the Southwest Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation in Stanton, TN

Honorable Mentions

- **I.C. Thomasson Associates** for their Milliken Magnolia Plant, Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Facility for the Milliken & Company in Blacksburg, SC

Special Projects – Large Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **LDA Engineering** for the Lower Broadway Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project for the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure in Nashville, TN

Honorable Mentions

- **Terracon Consultants, Inc.** for their F&M Bank Arena (Formerly Montgomery Co. Multi-Purpose Event Center) for the Montgomery County Government c/o Commonwealth Development Group in Clarksville, TN

Special Projects – Small Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **James C. Hailey & Company** for their Center Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project for the City of McMinnville in McMinnville, TN

Structural Systems – Large Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc.** for their I-40 WB near MM 342 Slope Stabilization -Value Engineering-Anchor/Stabilization System for the Richard Goettle, Inc. in Roane County, TN

Honorable Mentions

- **Ross Bryan Associates, Inc.** for The Fisher Center for the Performing Arts for Belmont University in Nashville, TN
- **Fisher & Arnold, Inc.** for their Memphis Sports and Events Center for the City of Memphis in Memphis, TN

Studies and Research – Large Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and Perkins Eastman** for their Imagine East Bank Vision Plan and Mobility Study for the Nashville Department of Transportation in Nashville, TN

Studies and Research – Small Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **James C. Hailey & Company** for their Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation for the City of Spencer in Spencer, TN

Honorable Mentions

- **Allen & Hoshall, Inc.** for their Buehler Hall Structural Assessment for The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN

- **Barge Design Solutions, Inc.** for their NDOT Tactical Urbanism Guide for the Nashville Department of Transportation in Nashville, TN
- **CDM Smith, Inc.** for their SR-343 Complete Streets Plan for the Tennessee Department of Transportation in Morristown, TN
- **Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.** for their Summer Avenue Complete Streets Corridor for the Tennessee Department of Transportation in Memphis, TN

Survey and Mapping – Small Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **LDA Engineering** for their Water Meter Location for the City of Alcoa in Alcoa, TN

Transportation – Large Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **Gresham Smith** for their Broadway Viaduct Bridge Replacement for the Tennessee Department of Transportation in Nashville, TN

Honorable Mentions

- **Fisher & Arnold, Inc.** for their SR-4 Holmes Road Interchange for the Tennessee Department of Transportation in Memphis, TN
- **Lochner, Inc.** for their Alcoa HWY Project Segment 1 for the Tennessee Department of Transportation in Alcoa, TN
- **LDA Engineering and CDM Smith, Inc.** for their 12th Avenue South Complete and Green Street Project for the Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure in Nashville, TN
- **Thompson Engineering, Inc.** for their CNU224 The Emergency Slope Stabilization on I-40 in Roane County for the Tennessee Department of Transportation in Roane County, TN
- **Thomas & Hutton** for their Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority Hanger 692 for the Smyrna/Rutherford County Airport Authority in Smyrna, TN

Waste and Stormwater-- Large Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **CDM Smith, Inc.** for their Franklin WRF Modifications & Expansion for the City of Franklin in Franklin, TN

Honorable Mentions

- **Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.** for their Davidson Branch Equalization Pump Station for the Metro Water Services/ Clean Water Nashville in Nashville, TN

Waste and Stormwater – Small Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **Allen & Hoshall, Inc.** for their McLemore Avenue Streetscape and Green Infrastructure Project for the City of Memphis in Memphis, TN

Honorable Mentions

- **LDA Engineering** for their Raw Water Improvement for the Huntsville Utility District in Huntsville, TN
- **Gresham Smith** for their Shelton Road Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Expansion for the Town of Collierville, TN in Collierville, TN

Water Resources – Small Project Category

Grand Award Winner

- **LDA Engineering** for their Water Distribution System Modeling for the City of Alcoa in Alcoa, TN

For more information about the 2023 Engineering Excellence Awards please visit

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