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**ENGINEERING
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS**

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**Engineering Excellence
project winners:**

HONOR AWARDS

CATEGORY: SPECIAL PROJECTS

Project Name: Sequoit Creek Park

Owner: Village of Anticoch

Entering Firm: Strand Associates, Inc.,

Project Partners: The Lakota Group, Williams Architects, Claassen, White & Associates, P.C., Deigan & Associates, PLLC, Midland Standard Engineering and Testing, Inc., PDF Engineering LLC, MKM Engineering, Inc., and O-Lux Technologies LLC

CATEGORY: TRANSPORTATION

Project Name: Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Over 87th Street and Roberts Road

Owner: Illinois Tollway

Entering Firm: HDR

Project Partners: Burns & McDonnell, SE3, RM Chin, FH Paschen, MYS, GFT, AECOM, EXP, and Robinson Engineering

Project Name: The Kennedy Expressway (I-90/I-94) Rehabilitation Project

Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation

Entering Firm: GRAEF

Project Partners: Atlas Engineering Group, Ltd., SQN Associates, Material Solutions Laboratory Corp., DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc., Tecma Associates, Inc., Geo Services, Inc., Reach Grow Exceed (RGE), HBM Engineering Group, LLC, Pinpoint Precision Engineering, DAMA Consultants, and RM Chin & Associates

Project Name: Runways 1-19 & 15-33 Pavement and Lighting Replacement at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Owner: Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA)

Entering Firm: Crawford, Murphy & Tilly

Project Partners: Lagan Construction, RDM International, Inc., Rice Associates, Inc., E2CR, Inc., Airport Deisng Consultants, Inc.

CATEGORY: SMALL PROJECTS

Project Name: Botany Pond Restoration

Owner: University of Chicago

Entering Firm: TERRA Engineering, Ltd.

Project Partners: Quigg Engineering, Inc. and Aquascape, Inc.

CATEGORY: STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

Project Name: Flyover in Chicago at Navy Pier

Owner: Flyover Attractions by Pursuit

Entering Firm: A. Epstein and Sons International, Inc.

Project Partners: McHugh Construction, Brogent Technologies, Inc., Cardosi Kiper Design Group, Inc., Envoy Group LLC, Kraftwerk Living Technologies GmbH, Arup US, Inc., Thornton Tomasetti, and Burnham Nationwide, Inc.

Project Name: Replacement of Nettle Creek Aqueduct

Owner: Capital Development Board

Entering Firm: EXP

Project Partners: Collins Engineers, Inc., Fever River Research, Geo Services, Inc., Johnson Lasky Kindelin Architects Inc., and D Construction

CATEGORY: INNOVATIVE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Project Name: Washington Street Bridge and Downtown Streetscape Improvements

Owner: City of Naperville

Entering Firm: Civiltech Engineering, Inc.

Project Partners: Ciorba Group, Inc., Midland Standard Engineering and Testing, Inc., Dunnet Bay Construction, Copenhaver Construction, Inc.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CATEGORY: INNOVATIVE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Project Name: 90 N. Park Shared Street

Owner: Village of Schaumburg

Entering Firm: Civiltech Engineering, Inc.

Project Partners: Jorgensen & Associates, Inc., Midland Standard Engineering and Testing, Inc., A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc.

Project Name: Deerfield Parkway Pavement Preservation - IL 83 to US 45 / IL 21

Owner: Lake County Division of Transportation

Entering Firm: Horner & Shifrin, Inc.

Project Partners: Material Solutions Laboratory Corp, A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., Home Towne Electric, Inc., Chicago Cut Concrete Cutting, Inc., Superior Road Striping, Inc., Henry Frerk Sons, Inc., Wavelogix, Inc.,

CATEGORY: WASTE AND STORM WATER

Project Name: An Excess of Excess Flow Challenges: A 10-Year Journey to Compliance

Owner: Village of Bartlett

Entering Firm: Engineering Enterprises, Inc.

Project Partners: Applied Technologies, Inc., Rubino Engineering, PE., Martam Construction, Inc., Performance Construction & Engineering, LLC

Project Name: Bittersweet Water Reclamation Facility Improvements

Owner: Village of Bartlett

Entering Firm: Strand Associates, Inc.

Project Partners: Joseph J. Henderson & Son, Inc., Morse Group, Integrated Process Solutions, Inc.

Project Name: Large Diameter Combination Sewer Rehabilitation

Owner: Village of Lombard

Entering Firm: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

Project Partners: Glenbard Wastewater Authority, Bureau of Water Illinois Environmental, Protection Agency, Vortex Lining Systems, LLC, Comprehensive Construction Solutions, LLC, Hoerr Construction, Inc., Airy's Inc., Seeco Consultants, Inc.

Project Name: Lost Bridge Force Main

Owner: Sanitary District of Decatur

Entering Firm: Clark Dietz, Inc.

Project Partners: TWM Inc.

CATEGORY: SMALL PROJECTS

Project Name: Blackberry Creek Multi-Use Path and Bridge

Owner: Village of Sugar Grove

Entering Firm: HR Green, Inc.

Project Partners: Engineering Enterprises, Inc., Rubino Engineering, Benesch, Huff & Huff, Inc., D Construction, Inc.,

CATEGORY: STUDIES, RESEARCH AND CONSULTING

Project Name: Blue-Ribbon Commission on Transportation Infrastructure Funding and Policy

Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation

Entering Firm: Metro Strategies Group, LLC

Project Partners: KPMG, Acclaim Collier Engineering, B-Squared Consulting, CDM Smith, Marine Tiger Technologies, Orion Engineering

Project Name: UIUC Rainwater Management Program

Owner: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Entering Firm: Farnsworth Group, Inc.

Project Partners: KPMG, Acclaim Collier Engineering, B-Squared Consulting, CDM Smith, Marine Tiger Technologies, Orion Engineering

CATEGORY: BUILDING/TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Project Name: Sheffield Senior and Residences

Owner: Chicago Housing Authority

Entering Firm: Primera Engineers, Ltd.

Project Partners: Lin Engineering, Ltd., Aqua Vitae Engineering, Green MetroPlanning, LLC, Illinois Green Fund, Stomping Ground Strategies

CATEGORY: WATER RESOURCES

Project Name: City of Waterloo - Water Supply, Treatment and Transmission Facilities

Owner: City of Waterloo

Entering Firm: HMG Engineers, Inc.

Project Partners: Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. (WTP), Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc., (Transmission Main), Archaeological Research Center of St. Louis, Inc., VIPower Sevices, LLC, Holcomb Engineering

Project Name: Nicholas Dowden Flood Control Project

Owner: Village of Libertyville

Entering Firm: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

Project Partners: Hitchcock Design Group, Testing Service Corporation, Campanella & Sons, Inc., Earthwerks Land Improvements Development Corp., DiMeo Brothers, Inc.

Project Name: Woods Creek Reach 6/7 Restoration

Owner: Village of Algonquin

Entering Firm: HR Green, Inc.

Project Partners: Baxter and Woodman Natural Resources, Rubino Engineering, Inc., Resrouce Environmental Solutions - RES LLC

CATEGORY: TRANSPORTATION

Project Name: Collins Road Extension

Owner: Kendall County Highway Department

Entering Firm: HR Green, Inc.

Project Partners: Bodwe WBK Engineering, McCleary Engineering, Rubino Engineering, TranSmart, Atlas, D Construction, Elmund and Nelson Electric, Work Zone Safety

Project Name: Olympic Boulevard/Houbolt Road Improvements

Owner: City of Joliet

Entering Firm: Patrick Engineering Inc. ("RINA"), Civiltech Engineering

Project Partners: Teska Associates, Tuettiger Tonelli, Interra, Santacruz Associates, Midland Standard, D Construction, PT Ferro, City of Joliet

Project Name: Tecklenburg Trail

Owner: Saint Clair County Transit District (SCCTD)

Entering Firm: TWM, Inc.

Project Partners: SCI Engineering, Inc., Hank's Excavating & Landscaping, Inc.

CATEGORY: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION

Project Name: Elk Grove Business Park Drainage Management

Owner: Village of Elk Grove Village

Entering Firm: Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. (HLR)

Project Partners: TGF Enterprises, Inc.

Project Name: Hunt Club Road and Stearns School Road Intersection, Public Involvement

Owner: Lake County Division of Transportation

Entering Firm: Benesch

Project Partners: GZA Illinois, Inc., Rubino Engineering, Bravo Company Engineering, Mathewson Right of Way Co., SWE Solutions

CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENTAL

Project Name: Link Logistics, FedEx Distribution Center, Elmhurst, IL, Embankment Restoration Project

Owner: Link Logistics

Entering Firm: Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

Project Partners: Spaceco, Inc.

CATEGORY: STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

Project Name: St. Francisville Wabash Cannonball Overflow Bridge Replacement

Owner: City of St. Francisville

Entering Firm: Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. (HLR)

Project Partners: Holcomb Foundation Engineering Company, Samron Midwest Contracting

MERIT AWARDS

CATEGORY: TRANSPORTATION

Project Name: 143rd Street West Extension

Owner: Village of Plainfield

Entering Firm: Baxter & Woodman, Inc.

Project Partners: Soil & Material Consultants (SMC), EarthCam, Inc., Village of Plainfield, Kendall County

Project Name: 6th Street Reconstruction & Realignment

Owner: City of Belleville, Illinois

Entering Firm: Lochmueller Group, Inc.

Project Partners: Oates Associates

Project Name: Nofsinger Road Realignment

Owner: City of Washington

Entering Firm: TERRA Engineering, Ltd.

Project Partners: City of Washington, TERRA Engineering Ltd., Gensini Excavating, and Hutchison Engineering, Inc.

Project Name: Phase II Mid-Life Improvements to Pace Northwest Transportation Center (NWTC)

Owner: PACE

Entering Firm: Globetrotters Engineering Corporation

Project Partners: Jacobs-Ryan Associates and GSG Consultants

CATEGORY: WASTE & STORM WATER

Project Name: Briggs Street Pumping Station Replacement Project

Owner: City of Lockport

Entering Firm: Thomas Engineering Group, LLC & Strand Associates, Inc.

Project Partners: Airys, Inc., Rubino Engineering, Inc., RJN Group, and SEECO Consultants, Inc.,

Project Name: City of Calumet City - 2023 Green Alley MWRD Partnership Program

Owner: City of Calumet

Entering Firm: Farnsworth Group, Inc.

Project Partners: TransLand Engineering Group, SEECO Consultants Inc., Triggi Construction Inc., MWRDGC, GreenPrint Partners

Project Name: Logistics Parkway

Owner: City of Rockford, Illinois

Entering Firm: Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc.

Project Partners: Northern Illinois Service Co., Rock Road Companies, Inc., Cooling Land Concepts, Stenstrom, William Charles Electric, Countryman Inc., Clean Cut Tree Service

CATEGORY: SMALL PROJECTS

Project Name: Main Street Road Diet

Owner: Village of Downers Grove

Entering Firm: HR Green, Inc.

Project Partners: HR Green, Inc., Chicago Laboratory Testing, Inc., AMES Engineering, Inc., K-Five Construction Corp.

CATEGORY: WATER RESOURCES

Project Name: Capital Improvement Program Target Market

Owner: Chicago Department of Water Management

Entering Firm: Primera Cotter Water Partners, LLC (PCWP)

Project Partners: DB Sterlin Consultants, Inc., SQN Associates, PDF Engineering LLC, MKM Engineering, O-Lux Technologies LLC

CATEGORY: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION

Project Name: Aviation Fuel Tax Program Campaign

Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics

Entering Firm: Morreale Communications

Project Partners: Mead and Hunt

Project Name: Move Illinois 2024 Long Range Transportation Plan

Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation

Entering Firm: HDR, Inc.

Project Partners: CDM Smith and Quigg Engineering

Project Name: Village of Elmwood Park Grand Gateway Project

Owner: Village of Elmwood Park

Entering Firm: Metro Strategies Group, LLC

Project Partners: WSP, Gonzalez Companies, and Christopher B Burke Engineering

CATEGORY: STUDIES, RESEARCH AND CONSULTING

Project Name: Illinois Aeronautics Project Implementation Handbook

Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Aeronautics

Entering Firm: Mead & Hunt

Project Partners: Morreale Communications, Prairie Engineers, P.C., NASHnal Soil Testing, LLC

CATEGORY: SPECIAL PROJECTS

Project Name: Chicago DOT Residential Roadway Lighting Program

Owner: Chicago Department of Transportation

Entering Firm: Stanley Consultants

Project Partners: Stanley Consultants, Chicago Department of Transportation, John Burns Construction LLC, Argo Construction LLC, City Lights Ltd., Bigane Paving Co., CKL Engineers LLC, Lakeshore Engineering, LLC, Ciorba Group Inc., Singh & Associates

Project Name: Richards Street at Hickory Creek North of I-80

Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation

Entering Firm: Gonzalez Companies, LLC

Project Partners: Fehr Graham, SQN Associates, TransLand Engineering Group, Gasperec Elberts Consulting, Primera, Interra, Inc.,

Project Name: Skyline Drive/Crenshaw Road Roundabout Project

Owner: Williamson County Highway Department

Entering Firm: Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing

Project Partners: BFW Engineers, Quigg Engineers, Hanson Professional Services, Samron Midwest Contracting, FW Electric, Varsity Striping, Right Way Traffic Control

CATEGORY: BUILDING/TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM

Project Name: Chicago Park District Telecom Infrastructure Management

Owner: Chicago Park District

Entering Firm: SPAAN Tech, Inc.

Project Partners: SPAAN Tech, Inc., Chicago Park District

Project Name: Upgrade Elevators at Bilandic Building

Owner: Capital Development Board

Entering Firm: Globetrotters Engineering Corporation

Project Partners: Melvin Cohen & Associates, Carnow Conibear & Associates, Syska Hennessy Group