

2011 Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards

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OTTAWA – The 2011 Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards were presented last night at the Ottawa Convention Centre. Over 200 guests were in attendance including parliamentarians, industry leaders and other dignitaries. Catherine Clark of CPAC’s Beyond Parliament presided over the evening as Master of Ceremonies.

Held annually for 43 years, these awards are the highest recognition for the Canadian consulting engineering industry. The Awards Gala is held jointly by the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies and Canadian Consulting Engineer Magazine.

Of the 63 projects nominated, twelve received awards for their excellence, including two special awards: one for technical innovation and one for environmental stewardship and The winners were selected by a panel of twelve jurors made up the panel organized by Canadian Consulting Engineer Magazine. All of the jurors have extensive backgrounds in engineering and knowledge of the industry.

In addition, the Beaubien Award was presented to an individual for exceptional service to the association and the consulting engineering industry.

SCHREYER AWARD (for most technically innovative project):

Gaspé Mines Rehabilitation for Xstrata Copper Canada, Murdochville, Quebec
GENIVAR Inc.

With an investment of \$116 million and four years of site work, the Gaspé Mines Rehabilitation project is the first smelter decommissioning project and the largest mining and metallurgical site closure in Canada. Despite 50 years of operation and the site’s heavy industrialization, this project is an eloquent example of responsible rehabilitation where economic, regulatory, environmental, public health and social issues were all taken into careful consideration.

TREE FOR LIFE AWARD (for outstanding environmental stewardship):

A Grander View – Enermodal Engineering’s Headquarters, Kitchener, ON
Enermodal Engineering, a member of MMM Group Limited

Enermodal Engineering's new Kitchener headquarters is the most energy-efficient office in Canada, using 82% less energy than a conventional office. Named “A Grander View,” the office looks to be the first to achieve LEED Canada NC, CI, and EB: O&M Certification. This project includes variable refrigerant flow heating, automated exterior shades, a narrow building footprint for day lighting (12 m across), earth tubes, and occupancy sensors for lighting, ventilation, and heating.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE:

Buildings:

Queen Elizabeth Theatre Acoustical Renovations, Vancouver, BC
Aercoustics Engineering Limited

Poirier Sport and Leisure Complex, Coquitlam, BC
IMEC Mechanical and AME Consulting Group

St. Joseph Seminar, Edmonton, AB
DIALOG

Transportation:

Trafalgar/Hale Street & CN Elevated Roundabout, London, ON
Delcan

Dufferin Street Underpass, Toronto, ON
Delcan

Coast Meridian Overpass Design-Build Project, Port Coquitlam, BC
SNC-Lavalin Constructors (Pacific) Inc.

Petite-Nation River Bridge, Highway 50, Lochaber, QC
CIMA+

Water Resources:

Oxford Pollution Control Plant Retrofit, London, ON
Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Project Management:

Chateh Water Treatment Plant, Chateh, AB
ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd.

Go Transit Rail Improvement Program (GO TRIP), Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area
AGM Program Managers, a joint venture of Hatch Mott MacDonald, IBI Group and
MMM Group Limited

BEAUBIEN AWARD (for exceptional service to the association and the consulting engineering industry.)

Dr. John Boyd, P.Eng. is a leader in the Canadian consulting engineering industry. He has worked with Golder Associates for 35 years, holding senior management positions including President of the Canadian operating company, VP Operations of the Golder Group, and Directorships with several Golder Group companies.

Asked about receiving this award, Dr. Boyd said “The recognition of your peers is the greatest honour you can receive, and being numbered amongst the Beaubien recipients is a truly humbling experience.”

A sought after speaker, Dr. Boyd is recognized as an authoritative voice on issues pertaining to the role played by engineers in society, the engineering profession's responsibility towards solving societal problems, and sustainable development. Dr. Boyd has served as Chair of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies and President of the International Association of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) Executive Committee. Dr. Boyd continues his work at FIDIC as Chair of the Climate Change Task Force. In respect of this expertise, he has recently committed to teach a graduate course at the University of Toronto on engineering and sustainability beginning in 2012.

Background

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies (www.acec.ca) is a business association representing nearly 500 consulting engineering firms across Canada. Consulting engineering is a \$21.3 billion a year industry that employs over 100,000 Canadians.

Canadian Consulting Engineer is a bi-monthly magazine for engineers in private practice. It is a division of BIG Magazines LP of Toronto.

The award-winning projects are described in full in Canadian Consulting Engineer's October-November 2011 issue www.canadianconsultingengineer.com.

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