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TWO LOCAL ENGINEERING FIRMS WINS MERIT AWARD

Illinois Route 173/Northwest Tollway (I-90) Interchange & Roadway
Improvements - Phases I, II & III

February, 2008 - (Springfield, IL): Thirty-six Illinois firms were recognized for excellence in engineering before an audience of over 300 engineers, clients and government officials at an Awards Luncheon held February 8, 2008 at Crowne Plaza, Springfield. The firms were recognized for award-winning engineering projects in the **American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois' Thirty-Seventh Annual Engineering Excellence Awards Competition.** The competition recognizes outstanding projects designed by private practice engineering firms from the State of Illinois.

Homer L. Chastain & Associates, LLP of Rockford and McClure Engineering Associates, Inc. of Rockford won a Merit Award for their project; "Illinois Route 173/Northwest Tollway (I-90) Interchange & Roadway Improvements - Phases I, II & III" which was designed for the Illinois Department of Transportation, District 2, in association with the Illinois Tollway. Merit Awards are given for projects "worthy of recognition for the engineer and the client."

Judges for the 2008 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition were: **Dr. Robert H. Dodds, Jr.**, Head, Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois; **Roger Driskell, P.E.**, Engineer of Construction, Illinois Department of Transportation - Division of Highways; **Joseph Lorenzini, P.E.**, Chief Engineering Officer, METRA; **Chuck Spitzack, P.E.**, Chief of Project Management, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island; **Nicholas Venuso**, Assistant Chief Engineer, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; **Senator Dale Risinger, P.E.**, Illinois Senate.

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