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## **Consulting Engineers of Manitoba Honour Innovation and Excellence At 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering**

**WINNIPEG, MB** – Technical excellence, advancement of technology, and innovation were honoured tonight at the 2005 Manitoba Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering. Winners were announced at a gala dinner attended by over 300 guests including representatives of the engineering industry, government and Manitoba's business community.

Hosted by the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba (CEM), this prestigious annual event recognizes the contributions to society made by consulting engineers in Manitoba and illustrates how engineering touches almost every aspect of our lives: health care, education, telecommunications, transportation, recreation, entertainment, natural resource management, agriculture, environmental friendliness and much more.

This year, a record twenty-nine projects were submitted by CEM member firms in one or more of the following award categories: Buildings, Infrastructure, Industrial, Environmental, Innovation, and Resource Management. Each project was scored under the careful scrutiny of an independent judging panel of leading industry professionals chaired by Dr. Jay Doering, Professor and Head of Civil Engineering at the University of Manitoba.

The judging panel may present one award of excellence and up to two awards of merit per category. In keeping with the Program's mandate of fostering and promoting the provision of exceptional product and service among Manitoba's consulting engineering industry. Depending on the number and quality of entries, on occasion less than the full slate of awards may be presented.

Awards of Excellence were presented to:

- Smith Carter Architects and Engineers Inc. (*Buildings*)
- Earth Tech (Canada) Inc. (*Infrastructure*)
- TetrES Consultants Inc. (*Environmental*), and
- Acres Manitoba Limited (*Innovation*).

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Awards of Merit were presented to:

- Crosier Kilgour & Partners Ltd. (*Buildings*),
- Wardrop Engineering Ltd. (*Industrial*),
- TetrES Consultants Inc. (*Environmental*),
- KGS Group (*Innovation*), and
- Earth Tech (Canada) Inc. (*Innovation*).

The *Keystone Award* – presented to the project that best represents the program’s standards of excellence – went to Smith Carter Architects and Engineers for their new office complex – dubbed SC3 – located on the northeast corner of McGillivray Boulevard and Waverley Street.

CEM also acknowledged the individual achievements of Manitoba’s consulting engineers through the *Lifetime Achievement Award*, which was presented to Russell Hood, B.Eng. (C.E.), P.Eng., in recognition of his leadership, achievements and contributions to consulting engineering.

“If Manitoba is to fulfil its potential as a centre for engineering excellence, we must continue to raise the bar and set high standards for product and service,” said Cheng Wong, P.Eng., Chair of CEM’s Public Relations Committee. “Manitoba is home to an extremely talented and skilled engineering community, but by honouring only the best of the best, we hope to challenge and motivate Manitoba’s consulting engineers to continue to strive for excellence in all that they do.”

*Founded in 1978, CEM is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the Manitoba business environment for consulting engineering firms in the province, and providing society with the highest standards of engineering and safety.*

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**Editor’s Note** – See attached document for a complete listing of winning projects and a bio for Mr. Russell Hood.

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# 2005

## Manitoba Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering

### Award Winners

#### **KEYSTONE AWARD:**

Firm: Smith Carter Architects and Engineers Inc.  
Project: Smith Carter Workplace – SC3

#### **AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE:**

Category: Buildings  
Firm: Smith Carter Architects and Engineers Inc.  
Project: Smith Carter Workplace – SC3

Category: Infrastructure  
Firm: Earth Tech (Canada) Inc.  
Project: Kichi Sipi Bridge to Cross Lake

Category: Environmental  
Firm: TetrES Consultants Inc.  
Project: Floodway Expansion Environmental Assessment

Category: Innovation  
Firm: Acres Manitoba Limited  
Project: Winter Road Bridges

#### **AWARDS OF MERIT:**

Category: Buildings  
Firm: Crosier Kilgour & Partners Ltd.  
Project: MTS Centre

Category: Industrial  
Firm: Wardrop Engineering Inc.  
Project: Remote Emergency Power Generator Project: 24 MegaWatts in 12 Weeks!

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Category: Environmental  
Firm: TetrES Consultants Inc.  
Project: Simplot Canada Limited Engineered Wetland

Category: Innovation  
Firm: KGS Group  
Project: Dorsey Converter Station: Fully Sustainable Groundwater Cooling System Thermally Balanced Aquifer Storage Regime

Category: Innovation  
Firm: Earth Tech (Canada) Inc.  
Project: High Rate DAF Pilot Study

### **Lifetime Achievement Award:**

Recipient: Russell Hood, B.Eng. (C.E.), P.Eng.

Russ graduated with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering in 1957 from the University of New South Wales, Australia. After a short stint with the NSW Electricity Commission, Russ immigrated to Canada in 1958. He worked for UMA Engineering Ltd. from 1958 until retirement in 1995. Russ' career with UMA saw him promoted to Regional Chief Engineer in 1962, Regional Vice President in 1966 and Vice President, Corporate Planning and Development in 1987. During his nearly 30 years with UMA, the firm grew from 50 people doing primarily municipal work to a multi-disciplinary firm employing 1000 people. Some of the notable projects completed in the Manitoba marketplace include: the Royal Canadian Mint; the Slaw Rebchuk Bridge; Promenade Tache and Bishop Grandin Boulevard.

Russ has held the positions of President with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba (APEGM), Engineering Institute of Canada and CCPE, as well as President of the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba. He has been the recipient of numerous honours, including being made a Fellow of EIC, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the University of Manitoba, and the Outstanding Service Award from APEGM.

Giving back to his community has always been a priority for Russ. A small sampling of his contributions includes: Past Chair, Economic Innovation and Technology Council, Manitoba; Past Chair, Manitoba Research Council; Past Chair, Industrial Advisory Committee, Faculty of Engineering, University of Manitoba; Past Member, Public Schools Finance Board, Manitoba; Past Member, the National Capital Commission; Past Chair, Board of Trustees, Victoria General Hospital; and Member, Winnipeg-Ft. Garry Rotary Club.