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## **Consulting Engineers of Manitoba 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering**

**WINNIPEG, MB** – Environmentally sound solutions, the use of advanced technologies, and contributions to society's infrastructure will be honoured Thursday, April 23rd at the 2009 Manitoba Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering. This is the celebration of the 10th annual Manitoba Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering Event. Winners will be announced at a gala dinner hosted by CEM at the Winnipeg Convention Centre with guests, including representatives of the engineering industry, Province of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg and many guests from Manitoba's business community.

This year there were 23 projects submitted by CEM member firms for judging in one or more of the following categories Building Engineering, Environmental, Industrial, Infrastructure/Transportation and Municipal and Water Technology. Collectively, these projects showcase the diverse range of skills and expertise possessed by Manitoba's consulting engineering firms. Individually, they remind us that the work of engineers impacts our lives in so many different ways. The work of engineers whether it is high-profile or behind the scenes impacts almost every aspect of our lives.

The projects were judged by an independent panel of leading industry professionals chaired by Dr. Jay Doering, Professor of Civil Engineering and Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, at the University of Manitoba.

The judging panel is allowed to present award(s) of excellence and merit in each category. In keeping with the Awards Program's mandate of fostering and promoting excellence in engineering, projects must meet a minimum standard to be selected for an award. The project with the highest score is declared the overall winner and presented with the prestigious *Keystone Award*.

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This year, Awards of Excellence were presented to :

KGS Acres Ltd (Infrastructure/Transportation);  
MCW/AGE Consulting Professional Engineers (Building Engineering);  
Dillon Consulting Limited (Environmental);  
Tower Engineering Group Limited Partnership (Industrial); and  
Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Municipal & Water Technology)

Awards of Merit were presented to:

MCW/AGE Consulting Professional Engineers (Building Engineering);  
Crosier Kilgour & Partners (Building Engineering);  
Dillon Consulting Limited (Infrastructure/Transportation);  
AECOM (Infrastructure/Transportation and Municipal & Water Technology);  
TetrES (Environmental) and  
Acres Manitoba Limited (Industrial)

The **Keystone Award** will go to KGS Acres Ltd, for their design study of PR 313 a parkway into the northern parts of the Whiteshell Provincial Park and the only access route to Pointe du Bois. The design study investigated upgrade alternatives for a 10 kilometre segment of the highway. The project team developed six unique realignment alternatives producing a deliverable exceeding the client's expectations in an extremely challenging timeframe with the application of several cutting edge technologies.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** will be presented to **Peter Washchyshyn, P. Eng.**, in recognition of his individual achievements, leadership, and contributions to consulting engineering in Manitoba. Mr. Washchyshyn will also be the honorary presenter of the *Keystone Award* along with the event title sponsors XL Insurance and Oldfield Kirby Esau Inc.

Established in 2005, the **Engineering Action Award** is presented this year to **Ken Anderson, P. Eng.**, an actively practicing engineer who has demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to CEM, the Canadian consulting engineering profession and the community.

The **Rising Star Award**, established in 2008 is presented to **Jason Cousin, P. Eng.**, in recognition of his emergence as a leader in the early stages of his career through outstanding engineering achievements and active involvement in CEM.

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.

Note – See attachment for complete listing of winning projects and a bio for Peter Washchyshyn, Ken Anderson and Jason Cousin.

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