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RISING TO THE CHALLENGE
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ACEC ILLINOIS

Thank you all for being a part of our American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois’ 2022 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala. This year’s theme, “Rising to the Challenge” was a perfect description of exactly how our industry has dealt with the adversity of designing and constructing during a pandemic. While the pandemic may have kept us apart, the work done by ACEC Illinois members has brought us closer together by modernizing our state’s infrastructure network and improving mobility, connectivity and the delivery of critical services for everyone.

To put it simply, by rising to the challenge today, ACEC Illinois is preparing a better Illinois for tomorrow.

ACEC Illinois is the voice of the business of engineering in Illinois. With roots dating back more than 100 years, ACEC Illinois represents more than 200 companies and over 11,000 engineers, architects, land surveyors and other specialists. Our primary mission is to strengthen the business environment for our member firms through government advocacy, political action, and business education. As our members rebuild and modernize Illinois’ infrastructure, ACEC IL monitors the business climate to ensure work continues in a safe and business friendly environment. ACEC IL members are the most respected and sought after in the industry as both private and public sector clients have praised them for their innovation, ingenuity, effectiveness, and vision. To put it simply, ACEC Illinois members are leading the way. Because individuals and companies working together with a common interest can accomplish far more to improve an industry’s business climate than any individual or company working on its own.

As we celebrate our industry and our exceptional engineers and engineering projects, it is my honor to recognize this year’s most outstanding engineering achievements.

Thank you all for rising to the challenge.

Kevin Artl
ACEC Illinois President & CEO
As we enter the third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the engineering industry continued with unwavering determination and perseverance. Through continued support of projects funded through Rebuild Illinois, Move Illinois, the INVEST in America Act, private funding, or other sources, engineers embraced the challenge and were on the front line in getting America moving again.

The Engineering Excellence Awards is a time to celebrate the projects, firms, and owners who have excelled in challenging and uncertain times. The projects featured in this year’s awards highlight how engineers improve quality of life, whether it is through greater mobility, safety, access to clean water and air, healthcare, or economic development.

While the pandemic brought us challenges, engineers rose to the challenge and continued our work. We adapted to changes in our workplace, our client’s workplace, and modernized our workflow. The engineering industry is alive and even stronger than before. This may be the first time in which some of the projects celebrated this year were conceived, designed, and constructed entirely during a global pandemic. This is a success in and of itself.

Great projects cannot happen without outstanding clients. For the clients of these award-winning projects, we thank you for taking the time to celebrate with us and for your partnership in bringing these innovative projects to life.

On behalf of the ACEC Illinois Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate all firms, clients, and their employees receiving a 2022 Engineering Excellence Award.

Congratulations!
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The improvements to the Aurora Transportation Center (ATC) and construction of a new pedestrian bridge across the Fox River were not just a local project for the City of Aurora but an improvement to the quality of life for the Northeast Illinois region. The upgrades included with this project were designed to improve mobility and access for mass transit and be a catalyst for future economic growth within the City of Aurora.

This project was a vision of the late Mayor, Thomas Weisner, as he imagined a new era of development within the downtown area. The first step was to construct the River Edge Park pavilion to provide a place where social and artistic events could be expressed and enjoyed. Due to the overwhelming success of River Edge Park and the immediate access to Metra and PACE Bus service at the ATC, it was imperative that improvements were made to increase mobility and allow for additional growth. These improvements made Mayor Weisner’s dream of a renewed downtown a reality.

Improvements to the ATC and the construction of the new Pedestrian Bridge came with several weather-related challenges. There were substantial delays due to elevated river levels, which made the bridge inaccessible. The overall impact of these delays was ultimately minimized due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 when several concerts were canceled at River Edge Park, and Metra ridership at the ATC fell significantly.

The most unique element of this project was the superstructure itself. The new bridge design incorporated a single hollow-box girder with multiple horizontal curves. Construction of this non-typical structure proved to be a challenge when it came to staging and sequencing of the deck pours. Additionally, installing the extensive lighting systems posed challenges in incorporating conduits and lighting elements within the deck and girder construction.

This project utilized sustainable solutions by implementing improvements that will provide long-term environmentally friendly options to the City. The charging stations at the ATC center offer the needed infrastructure for ever-growing hybrid and electric vehicle usage. Materials used during construction were repurposed and used as bank protection along the Fox River to minimize and eliminate erosion during flood events.

Mayor Weisner’s vision was seen through to completion by Mayor Irvin, creating improvements that will be enjoyed for generations to come. As the next generation recognizes the benefits of these improvements, they can gaze upon the illuminated pedestrian bridge and know that they are in the City of Lights.
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Project Name: Lake Calumet Trail Feasibility Study
Project Owner: The Active Transportation Alliance
Other Consultants:

Project Name: Cottage Grove Grade Separation
Project Owner: Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways

Project Name: Franklin Avenue Improvements
Project Owner: Village of Franklin Park
Other Consultants: Delta Engineering Group, Carza Karhoff Engineering, LLC, Mackie Consultants, Morreale Communications, Geo Services, American Surveying & Engineering P.C., Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd., Geo Services, Inc.
Project Name: David Rubenstein Forum
Project Owner: The University of Chicago

Project Name: Vera Yates Homes
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2021 Engineering Excellence
Structural Systems Category

Project Name: Martin Luther King Bridge Approach Complex
Project Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation

Project Name: Jefferson Street Pedestrian Bridge
Project Owner: Rockford Park District
Other Consultants: Sjostrom & Sons, Inc.
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2021 Engineering Excellence
Waste and Storm Water Category

**Project Name:** Phase 1B WWTP Biological Improvements
**Project Owner:** Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District
**Other Consultants:** OEMA Architects

**Project Name:** Eastside WWTP Phosphorus Removal Project
**Project Owner:** City of Joliet
**Other Consultants:** Williams Brothers Construction, Living Habitats, V3 Companies

**Project Name:** Mount Carroll Wastewater Treatment Facility
**Project Owner:** City of Mount Carroll, IL
**Other Consultants:** Terracon, Leander Construction, Inc., Fischer Excavating, Inc., GA Rich Sons Inc., Tri-City Electric, Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning
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Water Resources Category

Project Name: Deep River Rock Riffle Improvements Project
Project Owner: Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission

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Project Name: Veterans Parkway Feasibility Study
Project Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation (Region 3/District 5)
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Small Projects Category

**Project Name:** Main Street Corridor Improvements  
**Project Owner:** City of Evanston  
**Other Consultants:** Rubino Engineering, Inc., Vested Strategies, LLC., Landmark Contractors, Environmental Design International, Interra Inc.

**Project Name:** Stearns School Road Emergency Repair  
**Project Owner:** Lake County Division of Transportation  
**Other Consultants:** Campanella & Sons, Inc., Midland Standard Engineering & Testing, Inc.

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McHenry County Division of Transportation Randall Road Improvements

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Transportation Category

Project Name: O'Hare International Airport Runway 9C-27C, Chicago, IL
Project Owner: Chicago Department of Aviation
Other Consultants: Milhouse Engineering & Construction, WSP USA, DMJM Aviation Partners

Project Name: Central Avenue and Downtown Streetscape Project
Project Owner: Village of Wilmette

Project Name: Edens Spur Reconstruction
Project Owner: Illinois Tollway
Fabrication
2021 Engineering Excellence
Transportation Category

Project Name: Montrose Ave. at the Kennedy Expressway
Project Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation

Project Name: U.S. 41 (Skokie Highway) IL 120 to Park Ave. West
Project Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation
Other Consultants: CKL Engineers, HNTB Engineers, 4HD, Interra, Sanchez & Associates, Peter Baker and Sons Co. & Plote Construction Inc.

Project Name: Illinois Prairie Path Underpass Improvements
Project Owner: Illinois Tollway
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**Transportation Category**

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**Project Name:** MCORE - Transforming the Core of the Community  
**Project Owner:** City of Champaign  
**Other Consultants:** T.Y. Lin International Group, Site Design Group, Ltd., Common Ground Urban Design & Planning, Engineering & Research International, Inc., Millennia Professional Services

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**Project Name:** Midway International Airport Security Checkpoint Expansion  
**Project Owner:** Chicago Department of Aviation  
**Other Consultants:** Jacobs Engineering

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**Project Name:** Randall Road Corridor Improvements  
**Project Owner:** McHenry County, Division of Transportation  
**Other Consultants:** Wang, Huff & Huff, a subsidiary of GZA, Plote Construction

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**Project Name:** Woodfield Road Improvement Projects  
**Project Owner:** Village of Schaumburg  
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Project Owner: City of Milwaukee - Public Works
Project Name: Fox River Trail at Raymond Street  
Project Owner: Forest Preserve District of Kane County  

Project Name: Irving Park Road over the N. Branch Chicago River  
Project Owner: Chicago Department of Transportation  
Other Consultants: Gannett Fleming, Granite Construction Company, DB Sterlin Consultants, Illinois Construction & Environmental Consulting

Project Name: Jane Byrne Interchange Misc. Interchange Ramps  
Project Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation  
2021 Engineering Excellence
Special Projects Category:

Project Name: Northview Elementary School Safe Routes to School
Project Owner: Village of Rantoul, Illinois
Other Consultants: The Banks Group, Inc., Midwest Engineering and Testing, Inc.

Project Name: Murray Baker Bridge Lighting
Project Owner: Illinois Department of Transportation and City of Peoria
Other Consultants: ICC Group Inc., Oberlander Electric Co., KSA Lighting and Controls, Modjeski and Masters
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Congratulations 2021-2022 Leadership Series Graduates!
ACEC-IL Emerging Professionals Committee: First Annual Professional Clothing Drive

The ACEC Illinois Emerging Professionals Committees gathered a subcommittee to head a professional clothing drive. The committee quickly decided to make it a competition between ACEC Illinois, ASCE, ITE and WTS. Clothing was collected across the state for weeks and finally a grand distribution to the Salvation Army in Chicago was planned on January 27.

Kevin Spitz, ACEC IL Emerging Professional Committee Chair, presented ASCE with the winning trophy at the Salvation Army collection trailer. Thank you to all who contributed hundreds of clothing items and congratulations to ASCE.

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