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### Engineering Excellence Takes Center Stage in State Capitol

SACRAMENTO, June 8, 2009—Nine panels reflecting some of the state's greatest private engineering and surveying achievements of the last year are on display in the Capitol until June 12.

The panels, which adorn the walls of the first floor hallway of the Capitol building between the offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor, are being displayed, with permission of the Office of the First Lady, by the American Council of Engineering Companies of California (ACEC-California) to recognize this year's highest honorees in its Engineering Excellence Awards.

The firms and projects now on display outside the Governor's office are:

- **CDM** of Boston, Mass., for designing the Orange County Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) System, a pioneering – and the country's largest -- advanced water purification and groundwater replenishment system that handles 70 million gallons of water a day and helps drought-proof Orange County. CDM received ACEC-California's Golden State Award and also won the highest award, the Grand Conceptor award, at ACEC's national ceremony held in Washington DC in April.
- **Degenkolb Engineers** of San Francisco for the UC San Francisco MSB Moffitt Separation Project which earthquake retrofitted two major buildings on UCSF's Parnassus campus.
- **HNTB** for the Los Angeles International Airport South Airfield Improvement Program at LAX.
- **International Bridge Technologies** of San Diego for the Tukwila segment of the Sound Transit Central Link Light Rail, (Tukwila, Wash.)
- **Kennedy/Jenks Consultants** for the GREAT Program Desalter in Oxnard, Calif.

- **Mead & Hunt** for design of the runway extension and safety areas (Engineered Material Arresting Systems) at San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport in San Luis Obispo, Calif.
- **Penfield & Smith** of Santa Barbara for the Triple Boundary Survey.
- **Towill, Inc** of Concord, Calif. for the North Coast Railroad Authority Photogrammetric Mapping & LiDAR survey of Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino and Humboldt counties.
- **Winzler & Kelly** of Santa Rosa for the North Napa bypass sewer and siphon project in Napa.

“On behalf of ACEC-California I’d like to thank the Office of the First Lady for granting us this opportunity to display the names of these professional projects in the State Capitol. All of these firms have been recognized by their peers for delivering world-class projects for the benefit of Californians, and they have done so to incredibly high standards expeditiously and cost effectively. These projects are great examples of what private engineering and surveying companies contribute every day to California’s economy and quality of life,” said Paul Meyer, executive director of ACEC-California.

ACEC California holds its Engineering Excellence Awards ceremony each Spring, in conjunction with the national organization’s awards banquet.

#### **About ACEC California**

*ACEC California is a statewide association representing more than 1,000 private consulting engineering and land-surveying firms that average 20 employees each. ACEC California is dedicated to enhancing the consulting engineering and land surveying professions, protecting the general public and promoting the use of the private sector in the growth and development of our state. Our members provide services for all phases of planning, designing and constructing projects. For more information, visit [www.acec-ca.org](http://www.acec-ca.org).*