



03-28-2015 - New York agencies to be honored at ACEC New York's Engineering Excellence Awards Gala

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The American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC) will be honoring two exceptional New York public-sector agencies through named Awards of Merit, each with a \$5,000 scholarship. The Award of Merit honorees for 2015 are the New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYC DDC) and the Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC). ACEC New York will also be presenting the Design Industry Excellence Award to the New York City Department of Buildings (NYC DOB).

The scholarships will be presented at the ACEC New York Engineering Excellence Gala on March 28th at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to two engineering students currently pursuing engineering at a New York accredited college. The accomplishments of the honorees will also be recognized at this event that generates funds for the scholarship program. NYS Department of Transportation commissioner Joan McDonald will act as emcee for the event.

The NYC DDC and the EFC will be honored for the breadth of their operations, coordination with numerous other agencies, and commitment to design excellence. The NYC Department of Buildings will be honored with a special award for the successful development and implementation of the 2014 construction codes, a monumental effort that engaged all sectors of industry, as well as their educational outreach to the design community on these updates, for which they partnered with ACEC New York on three programs in the spring of 2014.

"ACEC New York knows the challenges facing state and city agencies, and we honor their hard work and dedication each year," said Jay Simson, ACEC New York president. "This year, we are proud to honor the NYC DDC, the NYS EFC and the NYC DOB for their outstanding dedication to New York. Their efforts improve the quality of life for all residents. With NYS DOT commissioner Joan McDonald as a repeat emcee, we are confident the event will honor great engineering achievements with the respect and admiration they deserve. The EEA Gala, with leaders from public and private infrastructure interests, will continue to be the flagship event for New York's engineering businesses."

In addition to the two Awards of Merit scholarships, the ACEC New York Scholarship Fund will present over \$50,000 in scholarships to engineering college students throughout New York State in 2015, as well as a \$3,000 scholarship through the ACE Mentor Program, which recognizes and assists current New York high school students pursuing engineering careers.

Tickets and tables are now available for the 2015 Engineering Excellence Gala. All tickets must be purchased by March 13th. Visit their website at www.acecnny.org for more information.

ACEC New York is a proactive coalition of 280 firms representing every discipline of engineering related to the built environment—civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, environmental, geotechnical—and affiliated companies. Their shared goals are to further the business interests of

their membership, enhance the quality and safety of the environment they live and work in, and help ensure the vitality of their communities.

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