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ACEC NEW YORK 2020 ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS
SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE – Please forward to your PR Department

ACEC New York will be issuing its final EEA press release on April 6, 2020. The following is being shared with you as **sample language** to be used by your firm, should you decide to issue a release prior to the event. Please note: this release pertains to the **ACEC New York Engineering Excellence Awards**, not to be confused with the **ACEC (National) Engineering Excellence Awards**, which is a separate program.

NEW YORK — The American Council of Engineering Companies of New York has announced the winners of the 2020 Engineering Excellence Awards. In total, 139 projects will be honored at the 53rd Annual Engineering Excellence Awards Gala, which will take place at the Hilton Midtown in New York City on April 4, 2020. This event is co-sponsored by the ACEC New York Scholarship Fund, and in conjunction with the Gala, our scholarship program will award more than \$50,000 to NYS engineering students.

The Engineering Excellence Awards are presented to projects that encompass both the public and private sector in the following categories: studies, research, and consulting services; building/technology systems; structural systems; surveying and mapping technology; environmental; waste and storm water; water resources; transportation; energy; industrial and manufacturing processes and facilities; and special projects.

Each year, over 60 member firms submit projects that are judged on a rigorous set of criteria, which includes complexity, innovation and value to society. These projects are judged by a panel of industry experts, which includes military and government officials, ACEC National and International leadership, educators from college and university engineering departments, and leadership from other organizations dedicated to the built environment. Awards are distributed based on the average scores received by these judges and are assigned one of four levels (in ascending order): Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Diamond. The top-rated Diamond award that is designed and built entirely within New York State will earn the Empire Award, which will be announced during the Gala.

In addition to celebrating among peers, the Engineering Excellence Awards program helps to publicize the many significant contributions consulting engineers make to the built environment throughout the world. A full list of winning projects is available on the [ACEC New York website](#), as well as information on purchasing tickets and sponsorships for the April 4 Engineering Excellence Gala, or contact (518) 452-8611 for more information.

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