

**ACEC New York Presents 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Engineering Excellence Awards**  
*World Trade Center Transportation Hub, Downtown Design Partnership Wins Top Award*

**NEW YORK, April 1, 2017** — On Saturday, April 1, over 800 consulting engineers and clients attended the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York's (ACEC New York) 50<sup>th</sup> annual Engineering Excellence Awards Gala at the New York Midtown Hilton. Awards were presented to ACEC New York member projects 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.

"Fifty years ago, many of the innovative ideas behind these award-winning projects were impossible dreams," said Mark McAnany, Chair of ACEC New York. "Now, during our 50<sup>th</sup> annual Engineering Excellence Awards, we pause to not only look back at how far we've come but look forward to how far we can and will go."

That evening, ACEC New York honored two exceptional New York government entities through named Awards of Merit. The Award of Merit honorees for 2017 are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York Division and the New York Building Congress for their commitment to improving the infrastructure of New York through their policies and programs. Proceeds from the event benefitted the ACEC New York Scholarship Fund, formally the New York Consulting Engineering Scholarship & Educational Fund. ACEC New York also honored all the past Award of Merit honorees, including the PANYNJ, the MTA, the NYSDOT, the NYCDEP, the NYS Thruway Authority, NYCDDC, NYSEFC, and DASNY. Three scholarships were given that evening: two in honor of the two 2017 Awards of Merit honorees and a special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary scholarship in honor of all the past Award of Merit honorees.

Diamond Awards were presented live to the 30 most exceptional projects, both within New York State and worldwide. Congressman John Katko (NY 24<sup>th</sup> district) and Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney (NY 18<sup>th</sup> district) acted as the Masters of Ceremony for the Diamond Award presentations.

The Empire Award, the top-rated project designed and built entirely within New York State, was announced that night and presented to the Downtown Design Partnership (STV/AECOM Joint Venture) in association with Parsons Transportation and Santiago Calatrava for the World Trade Center Transportation Hub. This project is a key component of the redevelopment of Lower Manhattan in the aftermath of September 11. It serves as a portal to the 16-acre World Trade Center site, providing seamless public access for more than 250,000 daily users of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) station and integrates with 10 Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit subway lines.

Projects that received Diamond Awards that evening were:

Studies, Research and Consulting Engineering Services

Chazen Engineering, Land Surveying, & Landscape Architecture, D.P.C.: Kaal Rock Connector Feasibility Study  
Sam Schwartz Engineering, DPC: Brooklyn-Queens Connector  
WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff: Amtrak Gateway Systems Design Project

Building/Technology Systems

Dagher Engineering PLLC: VIA: Systems Innovations for the CourtScaper  
Jaros, Baum & Bolles: Jerome L. Greene Science Center

Lilker Associates Consulting Engineers, PC: The Beekman Hotel and Residences Restoration  
ME Engineers: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center

#### Structural Systems

Ammann & Whitney / AECOM: Wm. Preston Lane, Jr. Bridge Main Cable Rewrapping & Dehumidification  
Ammann & Whitney Louis Berger's Long Span Bridge Division: Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook Bridge  
Buckland & Taylor International, Inc.: WTC Transportation Hub - Erection Engineering  
Gilsanz Murray Steficek: American Physical Society  
GZA GeoEnvironmental of New York: Silverstar Mercedes Queens  
Hardesty & Hanover, LLC: Arthur Ashe Stadium Retractable Roof  
Thornton Tomasetti and Hardesty & Hanover: U.S. Bank Stadium

#### Surveying and Mapping Technology

Langan Engineering, Environmental, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, D.P.C.: St. Patrick's Cathedral Restoration

#### Environmental

Langan Engineering, Environmental, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, D.P.C.: 365 Bond

#### Waste and Storm Water

CB&I/Baker/Gannett Fleming JV: Interim Upgrade of Newtown Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant  
P.W. Grosser Consulting: Meschutt County Park Wastewater Upgrades

#### Water Resources

Hazen and Sawyer/AECOM (JV): Croton Water Filtration Plant

#### Transportation

CHA Consulting, Inc.: Cleveland Drive over I-90 Bridge Replacement  
Downtown Design Partnership (STV/AECOM joint venture) in association with Parsons Transportation Group and Santiago Calatrava: The World Trade Center Transportation Hub  
HDR: MBTA Government Center Station  
John S. Deerkoski, P.E. & Associates: Alexander Hamilton Bridge

#### Special Projects

CH2M, RBA and WXY: Rockaway Boardwalk Reconstruction  
Infrastructure Engineering, Inc.: Maggie Daley Park  
Langan Engineering, Environmental, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, D.P.C.: 56 Leonard Street  
NV5: Plaza De Las Americas  
STV/AECOM (formerly URS): Reconstruction of Route 9A and Lower Manhattan

#### Energy

CHA Consulting, Inc.: No Whey! Converting Yogurt Waste to Energy

#### Industrial and Manufacturing Processes and Facilities Category

Chazen Engineering, Land Surveying, & Landscape Architecture, D.P.C.: RSR Corp. - Wet Electrostatic Precipitator

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