NEW YORK, April 15, 2019 — On Saturday, April 13, 700 consulting engineers and clients attended the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York’s (ACEC New York) 52nd annual Engineering Excellence Awards Gala at the New York Midtown Hilton. Awards were presented to 130 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.

“Every year, we take one night out of our busy schedules to honor our members by recognizing their hard work on exceptional projects that push the limits of physics, while meeting the demands of modern life across our world,” said Rich McFadden, Chair of ACEC New York. “Events and programs like Engineering Excellence send a message that the engineering profession has value, that the built environment is important, and that the needs of the public will always be the highest priority.”

That evening, ACEC New York honored two exceptional Awards of Merit honorees: the NYS Thruway Authority and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority 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 and Educational Fund. Two scholarships were given that evening in honor of the two 2019 Awards of Merit honorees.

Diamond Awards were presented live to the 31 most exceptional projects, both within New York State and worldwide. Congressman Lee Zeldin (NY 1st District) and Congressman Joseph Morelle (NY 25th 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 Arup for the The Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Center. A key part of the first built phase of the new Cornell Tech campus on Roosevelt Island, The Bloomberg Center is home to student learning and student life, serving as campus intellectual hub. This space is designed for students, faculty, researchers, and industry to interact in a space uniquely designed for impact, while also looking toward the future of academic buildings and learning environments.

Projects that received Diamond Awards that evening were:

**Studies, Research and Consulting Engineering Services**
- Dewberry Engineers Inc.: Development and Testing of New York City’s Climate Resiliency Design Guidelines
- Hazen and Sawyer: Jamaica Bay Long Term Control Plan
- Sam Schwartz Engineering: East 33rd Street Two-Way Conversion Engineering and Design Services
- WSP USA Inc.: Times Square Shuttle Station Reconstruction Studies (CM-1050 Task Order 1 & Task Order 3)

**Building/Technology Systems**
- Arup: The Emma and Georgina Bloomberg Center
- Jaros, Baum & Bolles: NYU Langone Health Helen L. and Martin S. Kimmel Pavilion

**Structural Systems**
- Hardesty & Hanover: Johnson Street Bridge
- HDR with key subconsultants COWI, GZA, and AECOM: Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge
- LERA Consulting Structural Engineers: NYU Langone Health Helen L. and Martin S. Kimmel Pavilion
Parsons: Goethals Bridge Replacement Project
Thornton Tomasetti: Rockefeller University, Stavros Niarchos Foundation - David Rockefeller River Campus
WSP USA Inc.: 53W53 (MoMA Tower)

Surveying and Mapping Technology

Environmental
Arup: Hunter’s Point South, Phase 2

Waste and Storm Water
AKRF, Inc.: American Copper Towers
CDM Smith: Queen Ditch Restoration Project

Water Resources
Arcadis of New York, Inc.: GAC Treatment at Washington Lake Filtration Plant

Transportation
AECOM: Reconstruction of 9th Avenue / Gansevoort Area
LaBella Associates: Rochester Train Station Design Build
STV: WTC Cortlandt Subway Station Reconstruction
T.Y. Lin International: I-390 Interchange Improvements
Wendel: Cinder Bed Road Bus Maintenance Garage

Special Projects
H2M architects + engineers: Massapequa High School Sports Complex
Hardesty & Hanover: LIE/Grand Central Parkway Interchange Reconstruction
Jacobs / Louis Berger: Arlington National Cemetery Millennium Project
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.: Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park Improvements – Phases 1 through 3C
Syska Hennessy Group: JPMorgan Chase, Legacy West
T.Y. Lin International: Niagara Falls State Park Transformation Initiative

Energy
C&S Companies: North Division Street Hydroelectric Redevelopment Project

Industrial and Manufacturing Processes and Facilities Category
Ecology and Environment Engineering and Geology PC: Automated Radiological Soil Sorting Pilot Study at Middlesex Municipal Landfill

ACEC New York is a proactive coalition representing nearly 300 member firms who engage in every discipline of engineering related to the built environment including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, environmental, and geotechnical. We are a diverse group of consulting engineering firms from across New York State, ranging from sole proprietors to multinational corporations that collectively employ over 30,000 New Yorkers and nearly ten times that number worldwide. Note to Editor: A complete listing of the award-winning projects is available on the Engineering Excellence page of ACEC New York’s website (acecny.org). For more information on the projects or other inquiries, contact Natasha Burns, natasha@acecny.org, 518-452-8611.