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Inland Empire Engineering Project Honored with
ACEC California 2019 Engineering Excellence Awards

Today the American Council of Engineering Companies of California (ACEC California) announced the 2019 recipients of its annual Engineering Excellence Awards. Projects were recognized for demonstrating an exceptional degree of innovation, complexity, achievement and value. Michael Baker International, Inc. in Ontario, was one of the firms honored with a Merit Award for its work on the Interstate 10/Jefferson Street Interchange Improvement project in Indio, CA.

“Engineering and land surveying provide the innovative backbone of many critical infrastructure projects in California,” said Brad Diede, Executive Director of ACEC California. “This year’s recipients represent outstanding achievement in seismic safety projects, sustainable transportation projects and recycled water programs, among many others. Our engineering and land surveying firms and their local agency and private sector partners continue to harness cutting-edge technologies so that projects are more sustainable and more effective at serving the people of California.”

The winner of the Golden State Award, an honor bestowed on the best overall project, will be announced at the Engineering Excellence Awards dinner in February 2019. The awards dinner is also a fundraiser for the ACEC California Scholarship Foundation 501(c)3, which provides scholarship awards to graduate and undergraduate students that are recognized for their notable and outstanding academic achievements. Honor Award winners also are eligible to enter the national level Engineering Excellence Awards competition and will have photographic panels on display at the Capitol, outside of the Governor’s office, in early 2019.

About ACEC California’s Engineering Excellence Awards:

ACEC California’s annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition recognizes outstanding achievements in engineering and land surveying projects completed by California firms. Entries are accepted into one of 12 project categories: studies, research and consulting engineering services; building/technology systems; structural systems; surveying and mapping technology; environmental; waste and storm water; water resources; transportation; special projects; small projects; energy; and industrial and manufacturing processes and facilities.

Photographs of award-winning projects can be found here.

About the Interstate 10/Jefferson Street Interchange Improvement project

Michael Baker International, Inc., in Ontario served as the prime design consultant for the I-10/Jefferson Street Interchange project in Riverside County, Calif., in the city of Indio, Calif. The $42.3 million project included the design and construction of two parallel bridges, resulting in a six-lane overcrossing designed for traffic entering and exiting the I-10 freeway from both directions, relieving traffic congestion for approximately 16,500 vehicles who drive the overpass daily.

The project replaced an existing bridge and northbound Indio Boulevard overcrossing with a new six-lane bridge with bicycle lanes on each side and a sidewalk on the northbound side of Jefferson Street. Improvements also included intersection reconfigurations, traffic signal construction and multi-stage construction phasing plans.
ACEC California is a statewide association representing over 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.