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Los Angeles Area Engineering Firms, Projects 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. Syska Hennessy Group of Culver City was recognized with the prestigious Honor Award distinction for its work on the Palomar Community College, Maintenance & Operations Complex and a Merit award for its work on a project at the San Diego International airport. The KOA Corporation was recognized with the prestigious Honor award for its work on the Daisy-Myrtle Bike Boulevard in Long Beach, CA, AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. of Newport Beach was recognized with a Merit award for its work on a project in Manhattan Beach, and Berg & Associates, Inc. of San Pedro earned a Merit Award for its work on the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project.

"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.

Honor Awards recipients in the Los Angeles area include:

Syska Hennessy Group in Culver City, CA, for its work on the Palomar Community College, Maintenance & Operations Complex in San Marcos, CA. Syska Hennessy Group led the design of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, information and communication technology (ICT), architectural lighting design, and sustainable engineering for a new $15.5-million maintenance and operations (M&O) complex on Palomar College’s San Marcos campus. The new facility will be the first community college building in the world to earn Living Building Petal certification, which is harder to achieve than LEED Platinum certification (which this facility also achieves). Syska played a key role in meeting these ambitious goals. The team undertook several strategies...
to reduce energy and water consumption, making it easier to incorporate on-site renewable generation capable to provide 105 percent of the facilities annual energy demand.

*KOA Corporation* in Orange, CA, for its work on the Daisy-Myrtle Bike Boulevard in Long Beach, CA. The Daisy-Myrtle project creates a connected bikeway throughout the western portion of the City, increasing active transportation access to the City’s Downtown, the LA River bike path, the Metro Blue Line, eight bus routes, sixteen overlapping bike facilities, and the City’s expanding bike-share network. A combination of roundabouts, traffic circles, signals, median refuges, class II and class III bike facilities, and wayfinding signage improve transportation options for those lacking access to a vehicle and provide an opportunity for healthier living among residents.

**Merit Awards recipients in the Los Angeles area include:**

*Berg & Associates, Inc.* in San Pedro, CA, for its work on the North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project in Beverly Hills, CA. The North Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction Project located in Beverly Hills, CA, was managed by Berg & Associates, Inc., and built by Griffith Company. This 1.5 mile stretch of road, formally known as State Route 2 serves over 60,000 vehicles per day and is one of the main thoroughfares for the City. To be in the forefront of water conservation and public accessibility, the City constructed vegetated bioswales, added bike lanes, and upgraded fiber optic infrastructure to allow free public Wi-Fi connectivity along North Santa Monica Boulevard.

*Syska Hennessy Group* in Culver City, CA, for its work on the San Diego International Airport, New Federal Inspection Station in San Diego, CA. Syska Hennessy Group was part of the design-build team for the new $229.4-million international arrivals facility at San Diego airport. Completed in June 2018, the 130,000-square-foot “bags first” facility is among the first in the nation to implement 100 percent biometric or facial recognition technology for international passengers.

*AndersonPenna Partners, Inc. (APP)* in Newport Beach, CA, for its work on the Harrison Greenberg Foundation Roundhouse Aquarium Beautification (HGFRAB) in Manhattan Beach, CA. The HGFRAB project involved the $5.5-million interior and exterior restoration of the Roundhouse located at the end of the City of Manhattan Beach Pier (Pier) while the City of Manhattan Beach simultaneously implemented improvements to the Pier and to the exterior of the Roundhouse building. APP was responsible for overseeing the redesign and modernization of the Roundhouse which serves as the Oceanographic Teaching Stations’ marine life educational facility. The commitment and determination to preserve the Pier and Roundhouse have designated this project as a public monument to excellence in marine and environmental education and to the engineering profession.

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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](http://www.acec-ca.org).