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New Award in 2015 to Recognize Outstanding Projects and Achievements by Ontario Engineers

Toronto – (November 24, 2014) – A new award to recognize engineering projects and achievements was announced at the 2014 Ontario Professional Engineers Awards (OPEA) gala on Saturday. The inaugural award will be presented in November 2015 with nominations being accepted until February 25.

The Ontario Professional Engineers Award for Engineering Project or Achievement will pay tribute to an endeavour that has made a significant, positive impact on society, industry, and/or engineering, and that was conceived, designed and executed with significant input by Ontario engineers.

To be eligible, nominations must:

- be for an outstanding project or achievement conceived, designed and executed with significant input by Ontario engineers, or by a team of engineers where at least 51 per cent are professional engineers registered in good standing with Professional Engineers Ontario. Nominators must demonstrate that the Ontario engineers played a significant role in the project or achievement. If the Ontario engineers were involved as part of a multi-professional team, they must have had a significant role in conceiving, designing, and executing the project or achievement. The engineering project or achievement must have had a significant impact on society, and/or industry, and/or engineering.
- Projects or achievements must have been proved successful no more than three years prior to the nomination submission.
- The owner of the project or achievement must sign the release agreement.

Presented since 1947, the Ontario Professional Engineers Awards (OPEA) recognizes and celebrates outstanding individuals for engineering excellence and community service. Nominees who excel in engineering are eligible for Engineering Medals, which are presented in several categories:

- Engineering Excellence;
- Entrepreneurship;
- Management;
- Research and Development; and
- Young Engineer.

Those who have made significant contributions to society generally or their communities specifically can be nominated for Citizenship Awards.

The premier award of the awards program, the Professional Engineers Gold Medal, recognizes conscientious commitment to public service, technical excellence and outstanding professional leadership.

Nominations for the OPEAs are accepted until the final Wednesday in February every year. Nomination and application information for all PEO awards, including detailed descriptions of categories, nomination criteria, terms of reference, nomination forms and past recipients, is available on the PEO website at www.peo.on.ca or by email at awards@peo.on.ca.

OPEA recipients are honoured annually in November at a black-tie gala celebration hosted jointly by Professional Engineers Ontario and the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers.



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About Professional Engineers Ontario

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 82,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment. Professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

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