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CARL YATES, P.E. RECIEVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF ARKANSAS

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Fayetteville, AR. – For more than 50 years, Fayetteville resident and civil engineer Carl Yates has been a vital contributor to the development of the water and wastewater systems throughout Arkansas. For this, and his many other accomplishments, he was awarded the *Lifetime Achievement Award* from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Arkansas (ACEC/A). The award was recently presented at the organization’s annual gala in Little Rock.



Yates is the chief executive officer for the Fayetteville engineering firm of McGoodwin, Williams & Yates, Inc.

“Carl has devoted his career to outstanding leadership and commitment to ACEC,” said Angie Cooper, Executive Director, ACEC/A. “There was really no precedent for this award; however, we felt Carl should be recognized for the selfless hours of service he’s devoted to ACEC. He’s always gone above and beyond.”

Until recent years, Yates was the only Arkansas member to have been named to the ACEC College of Fellows; an elite group of only about 200 engineers recognized nationally for their significant contributions to the engineering profession.

“I have been extremely fortunate to have been able to work in the consulting engineering profession for these many years providing services for the cities and other governmental entities in Arkansas and the surround states,” said Yates. “Not only has it been personally rewarding, but I believe our work has improved the environment and the lives of citizens in the area.

“Additionally, I am pleased to have been able to work with various professional organizations, including the American Council of Engineering companies. I am very honored to receive this award from my fellow consulting engineers.”

One of Yates’ most notable accomplishments in Northwest Arkansas includes serving as a key consulting engineer for the inception, design and ongoing development of Beaver Water District (BWD) starting in the 1950s. His firm’s work with the District includes the 2005 Raw Water Intake which was recognized nationally by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) with the *National Award of Excellence in Engineering*. As well, this project received the *Grand Conceptor Engineering Excellence Award* by the Arkansas Chapter of the ACEC. Ongoing consulting services for BWD resulted in yet another ACEC/A Grand Conceptor Award in 2010 for site development and design of the LEED Gold Administration Center.

Carl Yates’ exemplary career in the field of civil engineering was launched when he graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1958 with a degree in civil engineering. Following nearly three years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Yates attended the U of A on the G.I. Bill. He joined L.M. McGoodwin as an undergraduate and upon graduating joined the firm on a full-time basis. In 1966, upon incorporation of the firm as McGoodwin, Williams & Yates Consulting Engineers, he was named president; and in 2005 he accepted the position as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Yates guided the firm through dozens of successful and award-winning projects primarily related to water and wastewater treatment throughout Arkansas including the establishment of both the Beaver and Carroll-Boone Water Districts.

Among his many other honors over the years, Yates has been named Engineer of the Year by the Arkansas Associated General Contractors; Engineer of the Year by both the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers and the Northwest Arkansas Chapter, and has twice been named to “Who’s Who in Engineering by the American Association of Engineering Societies. Yates was named as one of four inductees to the 2008 Arkansas Construction Hall of Fame. The inductees were selected by the Arkansas Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. In 2006 he was honored by ACEC/A with the Distinguished Service Award.

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