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CARL YATES INDUCTED TO GLEN T. KELLOGG WATER & WASTEWATER HALL OF FAME

Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association (AWW&WEA) 2015 Conference

PHOTO: *Carl Yates, center, is pictured with Jerry Martin, left, past recipient of the Kellogg Award, and Lisa Ellington, right, chairman of the Kellogg Committee.*

Hot Springs, Ark. – Carl Yates, P.E., Chief Executive Officer of the Fayetteville engineering firm McGoodwin, Williams and Yates, Inc., is this year's inductee to the Glen T. Kellogg Water and Wastewater Hall of Fame. The award was presented to Yates at the annual Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association in Hot Springs.



Established in 1984, the Kellogg award is the highest and most prestigious award given by the AWW&WEA to its members. It is presented to individuals who have provided major contributions to the organization and to the water and wastewater industry throughout their careers.

Yates' reputation as a pioneer for the engineering industry in Arkansas, particularly in regard to water and wastewater, demonstrates the spirit of the award to honor individuals with a history of environmental stewardship and the protection of public health along with leadership in the water and wastewater industry.

Yates' lifelong career in water and wastewater, of nearly sixty years, is highlighted with numerous project awards and peer recognition. Most recently, in 2012, Yates was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Arkansas (ACEC/A) for his vital contributions to the development of the water and wastewater systems throughout Arkansas. 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.

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. He has 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 Yates' passions is stewardship of the environment, serving for many years with the ACEC/EPA Region 6 Liaison Committee to advise the Environmental Protection Agency on policy development. As well, he served on the Arkansas Policy Advisory Committee for Water Quality Management and Planning for which, as chairman of the Standards Sub-Committee, he helped the state develop initial water quality management plans. He is a member of the International Ozone Association, from which he gained experience that proved invaluable to his company's design of the Clarksville Water treatment plant. This was the first plant in Arkansas and one of the first in the country to utilize ozone and granulated activated carbon as part of the treatment process. This plant was also the first in the state to utilize the Arkansas River as a water source.

Additionally, Yates has devoted significant energy to the American Consulting Engineers Council for which he has served as state president and two terms as a national director. 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. In 2006 he was honored by ACEC/A with the Distinguished Service Award.

Yates is the fiftieth inductee in the history of the Kellogg Award. The award's namesake, Glen T. Kellogg, was employed by the Arkansas Department of Health from 1947 through 1980. He served as manager of the state's public water system oversight program, first as division director, and then as bureau director, from 1955 through 1977. He is credited with farsightedness in developing environmental standards in the late 1940s that gave Arkansas a 30-year head start in dealing with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Although the Kellogg award is available each year and awarded to

one or more nominees, the committee may choose not to present an award if nominees do not meet the high standards set to this award.

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