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**PHOTO:** Robert Bates, PE, Bates Engineering, Inc. was honored with ACEC Colorado's Orley O. Phillips award for leadership and outstanding contributions to the engineering profession. (RobertBates.jpg)

### **Colorado Engineering Council Honorees Recognized for Outstanding Service to the Industry**

DENVER – The **American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Colorado** honored **Robert Bates, PE**, Bates Engineering, Inc. with its prestigious Orley O. Phillips Award for outstanding service to the engineering profession and named state **Rep. Cheri Gerou** its Legislator of the Year for her support of the Council and the design community, and her service to the citizens of Colorado.

Bates has been a champion for ACEC Colorado since he became a member in 1983. Throughout his distinguished career he has held numerous volunteer positions with the Council, including service as past president in 1993. He remains an active supporter of ACEC Colorado and continues to give back to the profession. Bates is currently working with the Council to establish its mentoring program to cultivate the next generation of engineering leaders.

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The Orley O. Phillips Award was established to honor Phillips, one of the Council's founding members. Phillips was an industry leader, a mentor to many and remains recognized as a person who was integral in shaping Colorado's engineering industry.

Representative Gerou has served as a representative for western Jefferson County District 25 in the Colorado legislature since 2009. She has served the last number of years on the Joint Budget Committee and the House Appropriations Committee. During her tenure she has worked with the Council and the design community on bills pertaining to licensure, economic development and capital construction.

"The Council is pleased to honor these two outstanding individuals who have made positive contributions to our industry. Their insights and support have been invaluable," said Marilen Reimer, executive director of ACEC Colorado.

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*The American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado (ACEC/CO) is the business association of 235 member firms employing more than 10,000 employees in the independent private practice of consulting engineering. ACEC/CO is a primary resource for accessing engineering information, expertise and business ethics practices. The Council provides leadership and direction by developing practical, feasible options and solutions based upon technical collaboration to achieve enduring outcomes to benefit society.*