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### **Colorado Engineering Council Honors Steamboat Springs Engineer as Outstanding Colorado Woman in Engineering**

DENVER (May 3, 2016) – The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Colorado honored Mary Andre, PE, a principal and project manager at Civil Design Consultants Inc., Steamboat Springs, Colorado, as the 2016 Outstanding Colorado Woman in Engineering. This award recognizes an exceptional woman in a leadership position for professional achievements in the engineering profession, leadership skills and community involvement.

Andre's extensive engineering experience and expertise in the area of water and wastewater treatment planning, design and construction have resulted in safe drinking water and water pollution controls that benefit many Coloradans. She has led or been significantly involved in the planning, design, and construction of projects to construct new facilities or major upgrades for more than 20 public water treatment facilities varying in capacity from 10 gallons per minute through 7.5 million gallons per day. She has led multi-disciplinary consultant teams that created innovative solutions to address water quality challenges posed by elevated disinfection byproducts, elevated natural fluoride, corrosivity, surface water influence, and to address various hydraulic challenges. She is acknowledged for her ability to develop and maintain strong professional relationships between clients, project team members, associates, regulators and contractors.

Andre is a 20-year member of the American Water Works Association and served on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment committee for the 2013 revision to State of Colorado Design Criteria for Potable Water Systems. She is also active in the communities of Steamboat Springs and North Routt County. She is a volunteer coordinator for the Steamboat Marathon and serves on the memorial scholarship committee that honors the marathon's founder Steve Maloney. As a parent volunteer at North Routt Community Charter School, she donated professional expertise and personal time to help develop the school's own public water system, which allowed the school's drinking water to comply with all primary drinking water standards.

An avid proponent of education and mentoring young women, Andre has given engineering-related presentations to Girls to Women, an annual conference for eighth-grade girls in Northwest Colorado and is the academic scholarship lead of her firm, assisting qualified local area students actively pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering, mathematics, physics, and similar sciences. She also enjoys developing relatable educational programs that expose young girls to the "real science" of engineering through hands-on activities with the schools and the Girl Scouts' science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program.

"The Council is pleased to honor Mary for her exemplary professional accomplishments and for her commitment to educating and mentoring girls in the sciences," said Marilen Reimer, executive director, ACEC Colorado. "She is a true inspiration."

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Andre earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.

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**Editor's Note:** Attached for use is a photo (MAndre2016.jpg) with the suggested caption: The American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado honored Mary Andre, PE, of Civil Design Consultants Inc., Steamboat Springs, Colorado, as the 2016 Outstanding Colorado Woman in Engineering.  
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