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## Colorado Engineering Council Announces 2016 Recognition Awards

DENVER (May 3, 2016) – The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Colorado presented its annual recognition awards honoring individuals for their contributions to the consulting engineering profession, advancement of the industry and contributions to the community during its 2016 annual meeting held on April 8 at Lakewood Country Club.

**Lauren Evans, PE**, president of Pinyon Environmental, received the **Orley O. Phillips Award** for her contributions to the profession, general societal issues, and ACEC Colorado and its programs. Evans has held many ACEC Colorado leadership positions, including president, national director and chair of the Environmental and Engineering Committees, and recently completed her term on the ACEC National Executive Committee. Additionally, Evans is chair of the Colorado Water Quality Commission and serves on the board of Socially Conscious Coffee, a nonprofit organization that supports coffee-producing communities with limited access to schools, healthcare, adequate nutrition and clean water in Brazil and Ethiopia.

ACEC Colorado honored **Robert Felsburg, PE**, retired from Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, and **David Merritt, PE**, of AECOM Technical Services, with its **George Washington Award**, which honors individuals who give their time and talents to support activities, initiatives and public outreach to advance the public image of consulting engineering. Felsburg, an ACEC Fellow and ACEC Colorado Life Member, worked with clients throughout his 42-year career to improve transportation systems that promote community and economic development. He continues to support the Council through service on the Membership Committee and has been instrumental in the development of the Council's Business Advisor Resource Program, which helps members throughout different stages of their careers. Merritt has more than 40 years of experience in water resources planning and management. He served as ACEC Colorado West Director and is a member of the Council's Water Resources Committee. Merritt has served on the Glenwood Springs City Council and as the city's mayor pro tem, has been active on many boards, committees and commissions in the water arena, and is currently serving on the Colorado River Water Conservation Board.

**Mary Andre, PE**, a principal and project manager at Civil Design Consultants, was recognized as the 2016 **Outstanding Colorado Woman in Engineering**. 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. Andre 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 multidisciplinary consultant teams that created innovative solutions to address water quality challenges posed by elevated disinfection byproducts, elevated natural fluoride, corrosivity, iron and manganese, and surface water influence, and various hydraulic challenges. She is also acknowledged for her ability to develop and maintain strong professional relationships with clients, project team members, associates, regulators and contractors.

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Andre is a dedicated advocate of education and advancement of young women in the field of water and wastewater engineering and enjoys developing relatable educational programs that expose young girls to the “real science” of engineering through hands-on activities with organizations such as the Girl Scouts’ science, technology and engineering, and math (STEM) program.

“The leadership and personal initiatives of these individuals inspire others within the industry who are actively involved with advancing the profession. We are pleased to recognize these outstanding consulting engineers and highlight their exemplary work and contributions that promote health, safety and public welfare,” said Marilen Reimer, executive director of ACEC Colorado

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### **About ACEC Colorado**

*ACEC Colorado ([www.acec-co.org](http://www.acec-co.org)) is the business association of 225 member firms employing more than 10,000 employees in the independent private practice of consulting engineering. The organization is a primary resource for accessing engineering information, expertise and business ethics practices. ACEC Colorado provides leadership and direction by developing practical, feasible options and solutions based upon technical collaboration to achieve enduring outcomes to benefit society.*

**Editor’s Note:** Attached for use is a photo (LEvans.jpg) with the suggested caption: (l-r) Lauren Evans, PE, president of Pinyon Environmental, is congratulated by outgoing ACEC Colorado President Marvinetta Hartwig, PE, upon receiving the Orley O. Phillips Award for contributions to consulting engineering, society and ACEC Colorado. Courtesy of ACEC Colorado | Photographer Joyce Jones

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