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## **Consulting Engineers of Manitoba Celebrate Excellence in Engineering at 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering**

**WINNIPEG, MB** – Technical excellence, advancement of technology, and innovation were honoured tonight at the 2004 Manitoba Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering. Winners were announced at a gala dinner attended by close to 300 guests including representatives of the engineering industry, government and Manitoba's business community.

Hosted by the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba (CEM), this prestigious annual event recognizes the contributions to society made by consulting engineers in Manitoba and prominently showcases the industry's outstanding products and services.

Twenty-three projects, reflecting the diverse range of skills and expertise possessed by Manitoba's consulting engineers, were submitted by member firms in one or more of the following award categories: Industrial, Resource Development, Environmental, Infrastructure/Buildings, and Innovation. Each project was scored under the careful scrutiny of an independent judging team of leading industry professionals chaired by Mal Symonds, Engineer-in-Residence at the University of Manitoba.

The judging panel is allowed to present one award of excellence and up to two awards of merit per category. Depending on the number and quality of entries, on occasion less than the full slate of awards may be presented. In the event of a tie score, a third award of merit may be given.

Awards of Excellence were presented to:

- Wardrop Engineering Inc. — *Infrastructure/Buildings*;
- Crosier Kilgour & Partner Ltd. — *Innovation*; and
- Cochrane Engineering Ltd. — *Environmental*.

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Awards of Merit were presented to:

- Earth Tech (Canada) Inc. — *Innovation*;
- J.R. Cousin Consultants Ltd. — *Environmental*;
- Acres Manitoba Limited — *Environmental*;
- TetrES Consultants Inc. — *Environmental*;
- SMS Engineering Ltd. — *Infrastructure/Buildings*;
- KGS Group — *Infrastructure/Buildings*;
- Earth Tech (Canada) Inc. — *Industrial*; and
- Acres Manitoba Limited — *Resource Development*.

The *Keystone Award* – presented to the project that best represents the program’s standards of excellence – went to Wardrop Engineering for the firm’s work on the Provencher Paired Bridges Project: Esplanade Riel Pedestrian Bridge and Vehicular Bridge – Phase II.

CEM also acknowledged the individual achievements of Manitoba’s consulting engineers through the *Lifetime Achievement Award*, which was presented to William H. Mitchell, B.Sc. (M.E.), P.Eng., in recognition of his leadership, achievements and contributions to consulting engineering.

“Engineers have the privilege of serving society in such a meaningful way through sound and responsible application of scientific principles,” said Cheng Wong, P.Eng., Chair of CEM’s Public Relations Committee. “Engineering touches almost every aspect of modern life – health care, education, telecommunications, transportation, natural resource management, agriculture, environmental friendliness and much more. The high standards demonstrated in the projects showcased here tonight are a reflection of society’s faith and trust in engineers and their abilities.”

*Founded in 1978, CEM is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the Manitoba business environment for consulting engineering firms in the province, and providing society with the highest standards of engineering and safety.*

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**Editor’s Note** – a complete listing of the award winners and projects is attached.

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# 2004

## Manitoba Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering

### Award Winners

#### **KEYSTONE AWARD:**

Firm: Wardrop Engineering Inc.  
Project: Provencher Paired Bridges Project  
Esplanade Riel Pedestrian Bridge and Vehicular Bridge – Phase II

#### **AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE:**

Category: Infrastructure/Buildings  
Firm: Wardrop Engineering Inc.  
Project: Provencher Paired Bridges Project  
Esplanade Riel Pedestrian Bridge and Vehicular Bridge – Phase II

Category: Innovation  
Firm: Crosier Kilgour & Partners Ltd.  
Project: Winnipeg Convention Centre Pressure Equalized Rainscreen (PER) Installation and Commissioning

Category: Environmental  
Firm: Cochrane Engineering Ltd.  
Project: City of Portage la Prairie Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

#### **AWARDS OF MERIT:**

Category: Innovation  
Firm: Earth Tech (Canada) Inc.  
Project: The Red River Bridge on PTH No. 101  
Steel-Free Deck Span and Integrated Monitoring System

Category: Environmental  
Firm: J.R. Cousin Consultants Ltd.  
Project: R.M. of Hanover Wastewater Treatment Project

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Category: Environmental  
Firm: Acres Manitoba Limited  
Project: Soab Mines Decommissioning

Category: Environmental  
Firm: TetrES Consultants Inc.  
Project: Core Area Green Roof Project

Category: Infrastructure/Buildings  
Firm: SMS Engineering Ltd.  
Project: MTS Communications Inc. – Sherbrook Exchange – Upgrades to Fire Management Systems

Category: Infrastructure/Buildings  
Firm: KGS Group  
Project: Waterfront Drive

Category: Industrial  
Firm: Earth Tech (Canada) Inc.  
Project: Simplot Canada Ltd. – Potato Processing Facility

Category: Resource Development  
Firm: Acres Manitoba Limited  
Project: Kiskitto Dyke 7-2 Rehabilitation

**Lifetime Achievement Award:**

Recipient: William Hayes Mitchell, B.Sc. (M.E.). P.Eng.