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NCEES honors W.Va. professional engineer L. Joseph Timms for service

L. Joseph Timms, P.E., of Bridgeport, West Virginia, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Service Award for his dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering and surveying professions. Timms received this award at the organization's 95th annual meeting, held August 24–27, 2016, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Timms was a member of the West Virginia State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers from 1998 to 2016. During this time, he served as board president and secretary. In 2016, he was named an emeritus member of the board.

Timms served on the NCEES board of directors from 2007 to 2012 while fulfilling terms as president and Northeast Zone vice president. During this time, he was board liaison to a number of NCEES committees and task forces, including the Committee on Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines, the Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers, and the Education Task Force. He also served three terms as a member of the Committee on Law Enforcement and chaired the Foreign Experience Evaluation Task Force. He most recently served as chair of the 2015–16 Advisory Committee on Council Activities.

A resource and advocate for licensure and ethical responsibilities, Timms is actively involved in other professional and community organizations. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member of the ASCE Committee on Licensure. He has made dozens of presentations on the value of licensure and the ethical obligations for professional engineers at West Virginia universities. As a member of the Advisory Committee and Engineering Visiting Committee for the West Virginia University Department of Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering, he has promoted the need for faculty members to be licensed. For more than a decade, he has taken part in the West Virginia engineering board's continuing education presentation at the annual West Virginia Construction Design and Exposition.

Timms has more than 50 years of experience in civil engineering, management, and energy consultancy. He retired as president and CEO of Consolidated Natural Gas (now Dominion) Transmission Corporation, a Fortune 500 company. Since this retirement almost 20 years ago, Timms has been active as an adjunct professor of management, a management and energy consultant, and mayor of his small city.

Timms holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a bachelor's degree in business and economics from Salem International University. A former chair of the Davis and Elkins College (W.Va.) board of trustees, Timms received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the college following his 2008 commencement address.

ABOUT NCEES

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying is a nonprofit organization made up of engineering and surveying licensing boards from all U.S. states and territories and the District of Columbia. Since its founding in 1920, NCEES has been committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the U.S. public.

NCEES helps its member licensing boards carry out their duties to regulate the professions of engineering and surveying. It develops best-practice models for state licensure laws and regulations and promotes uniformity among the states. It develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the country. It also provides services to help licensed engineers and surveyors practice their professions in other U.S. states and territories. For more information, please visit ncees.org.