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NCEES honors Oklahoma engineer Bill Dickerson for service

Bill Dickerson, P.E., of Edmond, Oklahoma, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for his contributions to the NCEES licensing exam program. NCEES recognized the 2011 award winners at its annual meeting, held August 24–27 in Providence, Rhode Island.

A member of the Oklahoma State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors from 1981 to 1986, Dickerson has been an emeritus member of the board since 1990.

Dickerson has long been active with the NCEES examination program, serving on the Fundamentals of Engineering exam development committee for over 20 years. He has also been a member of a number of exam-related committees and task forces. He has chaired three of these: the Committee on Examination Policy and Procedures, the Committee on Examinations for Professional Engineers, and the Committee on Examination Audit.

Dickerson has also played an important role in how NCEES analyzes its exams and protects exam content. He developed software to help identify random guessers and exclude them from statistical reports to universities. He also developed software that identified potential instances of exam copying or collusion; that software formed the basis of the current NCEES analysis efforts. Additionally, his research into a particular calculator model that could be modified to transmit information led to NCEES adopting a policy that restricts the calculator models allowed in the exam room.

Apart from his work in developing the exams and protecting exam content, Dickerson has been active in outreach, visiting universities throughout Oklahoma to discuss licensure and professional ethics and to register students for the FE exam.

ABOUT NCEES

NCEES is a national nonprofit organization composed of engineering and surveying licensing boards representing all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. An accredited standards developer with the American National Standards Institute, NCEES develops, scores, and administers the examinations used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the United States. NCEES also provides services facilitating professional mobility for licensed engineers and surveyors. Its headquarters is located in Clemson, S.C.