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NCEES honors Illinois professional structural engineer Burton Lewis for service

Burton Lewis, S.E., of Chicago, Illinois, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for his dedicated service to NCEES and the engineering profession. Lewis was recognized during the organization's annual meeting business webinar held on July 1, 2020. He will be honored in person at the organization's 2021 annual meeting in New Orleans.

Lewis has been supporting the Principles and Practice of Engineering (PE) Structural exam committee for more than 32 years. During this time, he has served by participating in all four exam development meetings and the two exam scoring workshops each year at NCEES headquarters. He has attended nearly 200 committee meetings and been involved with writing exam items, reviewing items, and grading exams. He has also participated in Professional Activities and Knowledge Studies (PAKS) and taken on many other leadership roles.

Since beginning his service to NCEES and the PE Structural exam in 1988, Lewis has seen the process evolve through the years—transitioning the exam from Allowable Stress Design to Load Factor Design and later transitioning to Load Resistance Factor Design. Through it all, he has stayed informed and up to date on structural design codes so that he could continue his service to the profession.

Lewis is an alumnus of the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and he has continued to support structural engineering by establishing funds at both universities for structural engineering programs, faculty, and students. He spent most of his career with DeLeuw, Cather and Co. (now Parsons Corporation), as chief structural engineer and project manager. He retired as vice president and office manager in Phoenix. Lewis spent two years in the Army Corps of Engineers at the end of World War II, and he spent another 21 years in the reserves and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

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, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. 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.