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### **CHANTILL KAHLER ROYER, PE RECEIVES YOUNG ENGINEER AWARD**

Chantill Kahler Royer, PE, a civil project engineer at the consulting engineering firm of Bolton & Menk, Inc. in Mankato, MN, has won the 2010 Young Engineer of the Year Award presented by the Minnesota Federation of Engineering, Science and Technology Societies (MFESTS).

The award, which recognizes outstanding achievement by an engineer less than 35 years of age, was presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Engineers Week Awards and Recognition Banquet on Friday, February 19, 2010 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, MN.

Nominees are judged on the basis of educational and collegiate achievements; professional society activities; technical society activities; civil and humanitarian activities; continuing competence; engineering achievements; and professional experience. Chantill was one of four nominees for this award.

Chantill was recognized for her activity within the Traverse Des Sioux (TDS) Chapter of the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE), which nominated her for this award. Within the TDS Chapter, Chantill has served in all officer positions and remains an active leader with chapter outreach in the community. In the Mankato area, Chantill served on the Transportation Committee for the Greater Mankato Area Envision 2020 planning process, serves as webmaster for the Minnesota River Watershed Alliance, volunteers for the Fairmont Area Kinship Program, and is an active member of her church.

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The other three nominees for the 2010 MFESTS Young Engineer of the Year Award were Kimberly Benson, PE (Kimley-Horn & Associates) – nominated by the American Society of Civil Engineers Minnesota Section; Andrew Johnson, EIT (Capital Safety) – nominated by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Minnesota Section; and Lesley Wyckoff (Stratasys) - nominated by the Society of Women Engineers.

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The Minnesota Federation of Engineering, Science, and Technology Societies (MFESTS) is an umbrella organization comprised of engineering-related societies within the State of Minnesota. There currently are 17 organizations representing approximately 10,000 individuals that are members of MFESTS. MFESTS serves its organization members, the community at large, and individuals working in engineering and engineering-related careers.

The Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) is a professional association representing nearly 1,200 licensed Professional Engineers, certified Engineers-in-Training and engineering students throughout the State of Minnesota. MSPE is the only organization focused on supporting professional licensure in Minnesota and represents engineers practicing in all disciplines and in all areas of practice.