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**CITY OF BUFFALO WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY  
HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE**

The City of Buffalo Wastewater Treatment Facility, which opened in September 2008, has been honored by three organizations for its excellence. The Minnesota American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) presented the City with a Grand Award at a banquet held January 30, 2009. The Buffalo project won one of 10 Grand Awards for the best overall engineering accomplishment. The ACEC competition recognizes projects that demonstrate a high degree of achievement, value, and ingenuity.

The Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) 2009 Seven Wonders of Engineering Award will be presented to the City on February 20, 2009 as part of MSPE's Engineers Week celebration. Entries were judged on the engineering methods, systems, and skills utilized by the project team; the project's advancement of the engineering profession; the complexity of the project and how the project team overcame this complexity; the significance of the project to society; and the extent to which the entry meets the needs of the market, client, or owner.

The Buffalo facility will also be awarded one of Environmental Business Journal's Business Achievement Awards during a banquet on February 18, 2009. This annual awards program recognizes firms for their projects that are significant in the advancement of the environmental industry.

Located 35 miles northwest of Minneapolis, Buffalo, with a population of nearly 15,000 and growing rapidly, prides itself on being a progressive community. The City faced increasing resistance from nearby residents to the hauling and land application of biosolids. In addition, Buffalo recently implemented an Energy Conservation Program to reduce overall consumption within the community. Bolton & Menk recommended a state-of-the-art system that virtually eliminates biosolids by converting them into a renewable energy source. An airtight, closed-loop biosolids drying process allows for the capture of heat to be reused in a continuous cycle. This heat energy replaces 80 percent of the natural gas that would otherwise be necessary for drying. In this respect, it is an extremely sustainable, eco-friendly system.

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