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Engineers and Innovation to be Celebrated at 2016 Ontario Professional Engineers Awards Gala

Toronto, ON – The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) and Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) are pleased to announce the 2016 Ontario Professional Engineers Awards (OPEA) recipients. The awards will be presented at the annual OPEA gala, the province's most prestigious and anticipated engineering event, on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the International Centre in Mississauga.

Under the theme *Engineering and Innovation*, this year's event will showcase the substantial contributions engineers make to the economic growth of Ontario through their work as innovators and entrepreneurs, and the important role they play in shaping the technological advances that keep our society moving forward.

The 2016 OPEA recipients are:

Professional Engineers Gold Medal

Larry Seeley, M.A.Sc., Ph.D., P.Eng.
Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Seeley Group

Engineering Medals

Engineering Excellence

George Anders, Ph.D., P.Eng.
President, Anders Consulting; Adjunct Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Toronto

Vaughn Betz, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D., P.Eng.
Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Toronto

John T.W. Yeow, Ph.D., P.Eng.
Professor, Systems Design Engineering; Canada Research Chair in Micro/Nano Devices, University of Waterloo President, ArtSensing Inc.

Research and Development

James S. Aitchison, B.Sc., Ph.D., P.Eng.
Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Toronto

Susan L. Tighe, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D., P.Eng.
Norman W. McLeod Professor of Sustainable Pavement Engineering,
Director of the Centre for Pavement and Transportation Technology, and

Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Waterloo

Young Engineer

Ebrahim Bagheri, Ph.D., P.Eng.

Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, Ryerson University

Lin Tan, Ph.D., P.Eng.

Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Waterloo

Citizenship Award

Valerie Davidson, B.Eng., M.Sc., Ph.D., P.Eng.

University Professor Emerita, School of Engineering, University of Guelph

Eduardo (Ted) Maulucci, B.Sc., MBA, P.Eng.

Chief Information Officer, Tridel Corporation

Since 1947, the OPEAs have recognized professional engineers in Ontario who have made outstanding contributions to their profession and their community. This annual gala brings together industry innovators, business leaders and policy makers to celebrate and be inspired by engineering excellence and achievement. For more information, please visit www.ospe.on.ca/oepa.

About OSPE

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) is the voice of the engineering profession in Ontario. OSPE elevates the profile of the profession by advocating with governments, offering valued member services and providing opportunities for ongoing learning, networking and community building. Follow our work on behalf of Ontario's engineers at blog.ospe.on.ca.

About PEO

Under the authority of the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 85,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario. PEO's mission is to regulate and advance the practice of engineering to protect the public interest. Its vision is to be the trusted leader in professional self-regulation. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment. Professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names. Holders of limited licences can be identified by LEL or LET after their names.

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