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LOCAL FIRM RECEIVES NATIONAL EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARD

Prein&Newhof one of 25 firms recognized nation-wide wide.

GRAND RAPIDS, January 15, 2007. Local engineering firm Prein&Newhof was recently awarded the 2006 Employer Recognition Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Committee on Younger Members.

The award recognizes Prein&Newhof's dedication to building employee expertise and advancing the engineering profession by encouraging young engineers to be active participants in the ASCE and other professional associations. Prein&Newhof was one of only 25 companies nation-wide to receive the award.

“We believe that being a professional includes continued learning, building your profession, and giving back to the community,” said Prein&Newhof President Tom Newhof, P.E. “Associations like the ASCE help us do all of these things.”

Over 90% of Prein&Newhof's young engineers (those under 35 years old) belong to at least one professional organization – including the ASCE, the American Water Works Association, and the Water Environment Federation. Prein&Newhof encourages all employees to participate in professional associations; the firm pays member dues and conference fees, as well as supporting employee time used for committee activities.

“We want all of our employees to continue building expertise throughout their careers,” said Newhof. “With technology changing so rapidly, continued education has never been more important. We couldn't serve our clients without it.”

In his award letter, Peter Moore, P.E., chair of the ASCE Committee on Younger Members wrote:
“The Committee on Younger Members feels that Prein&Newhof should be recognized for its encouragement and exemplary support of younger member involvement in ASCE activities.”

Celebrating more than 35 years of operation, Prein&Newhof is a full-service engineering firm that employs over 100 full-time personnel including engineers, surveyors, drafters, geologists, chemists, communication specialists and support staff. In addition to its offices in Grand Rapids, Holland, Byron Center, Muskegon and Kalamazoo, Prein&Newhof also maintains its own environmental laboratory adjacent to its headquarters in Grand Rapids.

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