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# **Mobile Area Council of Engineers Announces Annual Awards Recipients**

*Baldwin Beach Express Recognized for Project of the Year*

**Mobile, Alabama (January 2017)** – The [Mobile Area Council of Engineers \(MACE\)](#), announces the recipients of its annual awards program. MACE recognizes the success of individuals who enhance the engineering profession through their contributions to industry, education and the community. Award recipients will be recognized at the annual banquet on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center in downtown Mobile beginning at 5pm.

Awards recipients include some of the most influential engineers and businesses in the Mobile area. They are as follows:

**Project of the Year:** Baldwin Beach Express, Extension of CR 83 (CR 32 to CR 64), Volkert, Inc.

**Engineer of the Year:** Ray Miller, P.E., Vice President/Senior Project Manager, Project Design Group, Inc. (PDG)

**Young Engineer of the Year:** Justin S. McDonald, P.E., Senior Engineering Technical Lead, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Civil Engineer of the Year:** Paul Jeffrey, P.E., Hargrove Engineers + Constructors

**Mechanical Engineer of the Year:** Chris DeArmon, P.E., Mechanical Engineering Lead, Gulf States Engineering, Inc.

**Engineering Manager of the Year:** Steve Flukinger, P.E., Division Leader/Manager of Engineering, Thompson Engineering

**Aerospace Engineer of the Year:** Wes Duggar, IFE Modules Engineer, Airbus Americas

**Chemical Engineer of the Year:** Henry Griffith, P.E., Department Manager, Gulf States Engineering, Inc.

**Electrical Engineer of the Year:** Taylor Williams, P.E., Electrical and Instrumentation Engineer, Hargrove Engineers

**Naval Architect of the Year:** Joshua Lepine, Naval Architect, Austal USA

**Person of Special Recognition:** Jennifer Denson, Executive Director, Partners for Environmental Progress (PEP)

In addition, two University of South Alabama College of Engineering students will receive the MACE-Raburn scholarship.

Awards recipients will be honored at a formal ceremony at the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5pm. The Awards ceremony will begin at 7pm in the IMAX Theater.

### **About MACE**

The Mobile Area Council of Engineers (MACE), founded in 1967, is an umbrella organization of seven different local chapters and sections of engineering societies. The members of the council are the local sections and chapters. The purpose of MACE is to advance the art and science of engineering and to provide a forum for communication between engineering societies. For more information, visit [www.mobileareacouncilofengineers.com](http://www.mobileareacouncilofengineers.com).