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## **Airbus Recognized for Project of the Year**

*Mobile Area Council of Engineers announce Award Winners at Annual Banquet*

**Mobile, Ala. (February 25, 2015)** – The Mobile Area Council of Engineers (MACE), which promotes professional and educational engineering achievements, will announce award winners at annual banquet on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Airbus will be awarded the Project of the Year. Airbus chose to assemble its A320 Aircraft at the Brookley Aeroplex in Mobile in 2012 (after considering 70 sites in 32 states). It made them the first new manufacturer of commercial aircraft in the U.S. in 40 years. Not only is it a direct economic stimulus to the Mobile area, but it at least nine engineering design firms are impacted with different phases of the project. It is on track to receive LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certification, and is one of few industrial projects in Alabama to target such recognition. Hoar Program Management, in association with Hatchmott MacDonald, is the Program Manager on the project, overseeing the entire preconstruction, procurement, design, construction, and turnover of the project.

Engineer of the Year will be awarded to William J. Knapp, P.E. with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Young Engineer of the Year will be given to Jason B. Krick, P.E., also with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Scholarships in the amount of \$1500 will also be distributed to two University of South Alabama engineering students. Several other awards will be handed out. Mobile Mayor Sandy Stimpson will also be making an appearance at the event.

“Aerospace is a growing part of the engineering field,” said Ray Miller, MACE Awards Chairperson and Vice President with [Project Design Group, Inc. \(PDG\)](#). “Projects like Airbus and the talented engineers represented this year are instrumental in developing the economic stimulus in the community. We are pleased to recognize these exceptional engineering professionals.”

The Annual Awards Banquet is Thursday, February 26 from 6pm to 9pm at the Country Club of Mobile on Wimbledon Drive. It takes place during Engineers Week (Feb. 22-Feb. 28), which celebrates how engineers make a difference in the community. The Annual Awards and Banquet recognize Mobile area engineering professionals for their achievements. Engineering professionals are nominated by engineering organizations and their nominators will attend the banquet.

The 2015 Annual Awards Banquet are sponsored by Thompson Engineering, Hargrove Engineers + Constructors, Project Design Group, Inc. (PDG) and Volkert.

For more information, including a complete list of winners and their bios, please contact Ashley Babb at Project Design Group, Inc. (PDG) at 251-654-6347 (cell).