

Engineering and Construction Contracting Association Announces 38th Annual Conference

Theme is “Thriving Today and Tomorrow

Houston, Texas (May 15, 2006) – The Engineering & Construction Contracting Association’s 38th Annual Conference will be held on September 13-16, 2006, at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio, TX. This year’s conference theme will be “**Thriving: Today and Tomorrow.**” The conference will offer unique approaches that companies are taking to successfully execute in today’s environment and will provide insight into how we will meet the challenges of the future.

The conference theme, “**Thriving: Today and Tomorrow**” will be reinforced by the keynotes including:

§ **Mark Albers** – President, ExxonMobil Development Company

§ **Michael Treacy** – Growth Strategist and Best Selling Author of “Double Digit Growth”

And lunch speaker

§ **Amy Myers Jaffe** – Wallace S. Wilson Fellow in Energy Studies at the Baker Institute and the Associate Director of the Rice University Energy Program

This year’s panels include:

§ **Workforce Reallocation & Renewal** (Session participants: BP, Zachry, The Dow Chemical Company and Commonwealth E&C)

§ **Linking Academia & Industry** (Session participants: Trinity Technologies, Texas A&M University and BP Projects Academy)

§ **The New Seller’s Market** (Session participants: Pathfinder, ConocoPhillips, Emerson Process Management, Jacobs, FlowServe Pump Division)

The interactive forums will cover such topics as

- So Much Field Work, So Few People: Current Workforce Reallocation & Renewal
- Katrina, Iraq, Asian Growth and the Majors' Mega-projects: Serious Impact to ALL Projects
- The Ultimate Challenge: Expanding and Replacing Our Engineering & Design Capabilities
- Cost Control is King: Five Ways to Reduce Your Project CAPEX
- Project Disputes: Techniques to Avoid or Resolve Them Before or During Your Project
- The Far Corners of the World: Increase Your Value from Global Procurement
- Sarbanes-Oxley Rules - The Impact on Your Business

There will be many opportunities for networking with industry peers, which is rated as one of the top reasons industry executives and managers attend the ECC.

For registration, agenda, venue and general conference information, visit the website at www.ecc-conference.org. Registration is \$850 through July 21, and \$900 thereafter. A \$25 late registration fee will be added after August 26, 2006. Attendees can register spouses for \$125. Delegates may register online or phone (1-877-4-The-ECC).

About the ECC

The Engineering & Construction Contracting (ECC) Association (www.ecc-conference.org) is an affiliate of the AIChE, an organization of owners, contractors and suppliers committed to improving the outcome of capital projects and improving the global competitiveness of all members. ECC activities serve interests of a broad cross section of the process, refining, pharmaceutical and power industries as well as general manufacturing. The organization's annual conference, now in its 38th year, brings together key players from leading companies to help delegates discover better ways of improving capital project effectiveness. The ECC board of directors and sponsors include executives from leading companies including Aker Kvaerner, Arkema Inc., Aveva, BASF, BE&K, Bechtel, Bentley, BP, CDI Business Solutions, CH2MHill, Chemstress, Commonwealth Engineering and Construction, ConocoPhillips, The Dow Chemical Company, E. I. du pont de Nemours & Co., Eastman, ENGlobal Engineering, ExxonMobil, Fluor, Inelectra, Intergraph, Jacobs, KBR, Merck & Co., Mustang, Pathfinder, LLC, Software Innovations, SNC-Lavalin, Trinity Technologies, URS, Valero, Y&V, Zachry.

***NOTE TO THE MEDIA:* The ECC will waive the conference fee for any press who would like to attend this year's conference. For press registration, please contact Tara Wilson at 713-337-1600 or twilson@EventsiaGroup.com.**

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