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The EADS Group Wins Top Honor at 2009 Diamond Awards



Altoona, PA (February 17, 2009) - The EADS Group, Inc., an architectural, engineering and design firm headquartered in Altoona, was recently awarded the “2009 Grand Conceptor Award” by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania (ACEC/PA). The top honor was awarded to the firm for the design of the massive reconstruction of The Lewistown Narrows (US Route 22/322). The award was presented to The EADS Group during the Diamond Awards Gala on February 5th at the Hotel Hershey in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The ACEC/PA’s annual Diamond Awards for Engineering Excellence recognizes engineering firms for projects that demonstrate a high degree of achievement, value and innovation. Projects are rated on: uniqueness and originality; future value to the engineering profession and perception by the public; social, economic, and sustainable development considerations; complexity; and successful fulfillment of client/owner’s needs, including schedule and budget.

Dennis Stidinger, President and CEO of The EADS Group, says of the award, “Projects like The Lewistown Narrows are ‘once in a lifetime’ opportunities for a firm like ours. We are extremely appreciative of the recognition this project has received and are so pleased to have been part of it.”

The EADS Group also took home the special award for “Best Panel Design” by creating a display about The Lewistown Narrows that was both visually exciting and stimulating to read.

Once named one of the Nation’s most dangerous stretches of highway, The Lewistown narrows was previously a two lane bottleneck winding along the banks of the Juniata River. With a steep, unstable mountain to one side and the River to the other, widening the roadway presented a complex problem. After a massive reconstruction, which was completed a full year ahead of schedule, the roadway is now a modern, 4-lane, limited access highway that boasts a bifurcated alignment, one of the longest MSE walls in the world, and new access to the rich historic and environmental resources of the area.

The EADS Group, Inc. is a multi-disciplined engineering, architectural and design firm headquartered in Altoona, PA. The company has proudly served the region for over 50 years. EADS specializes in architecture, site development, highways, bridges, water & wastewater, surveying, mapping, planning, construction inspection and environmental services. EADS employs over 200 professionals in Altoona, Somerset, Pittsburgh, Clarion, Johnstown and Cumberland, Maryland.