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Neel-Schaffer's Slade Exley Named National Engineering Association Fellow

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Slade Exley, chief administrative officer for Neel-Schaffer, Inc. in Jackson, Miss., has been inducted into the College of Fellows for the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). The honor recognizes an ACEC member who through their career has elevated the standards of the engineering profession.

ACEC is the Washington-D.C.-based business association representing the interests of more than 5,000 independent engineering companies throughout the United States.

Exley joined Neel-Schaffer, Inc. in 1983. He has served as Project Engineer and Transportation Department Manager, also Chief Operating Officer. Additionally, he has been Senior Vice President of the firm since 1990.

Exley has held several leadership positions in ACEC/Mississippi including President and National Director, and for seven years was a member of the association's executive board. He has led training on the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* which defines traffic control standards, and also has helped advance science and engineering at the elementary and middle school levels.

A member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Exley is also active with Habitat for Humanity/Metro Jackson Advisory Board, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Salt and Light Ministry Foundation. He was a commissioned officer in the Mississippi National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves, Corps of Engineers branch, before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He and his wife, Susan, live in Brandon, Miss. They have two children.

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America's engineering industry, representing more than 5,000 independent engineering companies throughout the United States engaged in the development of America's transportation, water and energy infrastructure, along with environmental, industrial and other public and private facilities. Founded in 1909 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., ACEC is a national federation of 51 state and regional organizations.