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Abonmarche Consultants' Christopher Cook To Receive National Community Service Award

WASHINGTON—Christopher Cook, president and CEO of Abonmarche Consultants Inc. in Benton Harbor, Mich., will receive a 2011 Community Service Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) at the upcoming ACEC Fall Conference in Las Vegas on October 21.

The award recognizes a principal or manager of an ACEC member firm who has made a significant contribution to the quality of life in his community.

In the Benton Harbor area, Cook volunteers with several worthy causes, including Habitat for Humanity and the local Boys and Girls Club. He is a board member for both the St. Joseph Public Schools and the Cornerstone Alliance—a local economic development organization. He has also donated his professional expertise to numerous local quality of life initiatives, such as the Benton Arts District Beautification and Main Street Reconstruction projects.

Cook serves as the chairman of the Benton Harbor Planning Commission, which was instrumental in the creation of Harbor Shores, a \$500 million residential and commercial development highlighted by a Jack Nicklaus golf course that will host both the 2012 and 2014 Senior PGA Championships.

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, environmental, industrial, and other infrastructure. Founded in 1909 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., ACEC is a national federation of 51 state and regional organizations.