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SOUTH VALLEY DRINKING WATER PROJECT GIVEN PRESTIGIOUS ENGINEERING AWARD

HDR Engineering, Inc. and Bernalillo County Public Works Division were recently awarded the 2007 Grand Conceptor Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) New Mexico for their work on the *South Valley Drinking Water Project East Side Source of Supply Transmission Pipeline*.

The ACEC annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) competition recognizes engineering firms for projects that demonstrate a high degree of merit and innovative design. New Mexico engineering firms have entered their most unique projects in the state competition conducted by the local Member Organization (MO). Qualifying firms at the MO level are then eligible to participate in the ACEC national competition.

"The extensive community participation process was key in forming the design. Our relationship with HDR in this project was a very special one," stated Commissioner Teresa L. Cordova, PhD.

Of all the awards recognized by ACEC New Mexico, the Grand Conceptor is the highest honor. As a Grand Conceptor Award winner, The *South Valley Drinking Water Project East Side Source of Supply Transmission Pipeline* was submitted as an entry to ACEC's national competition. All national finalists will be recognized during ACEC's 2008 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala in Washington, DC in late April.

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