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## **Jackson's Hibbett Neel Wins National Community Service Award**

WASHINGTON – Hibbett Neel, president and CEO of Neel-Schaffer Inc., in Jackson, Mississippi has received the 2007 Community Service Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). This 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.

ACEC is the Washington-D.C.-based engineering industry association representing the business and political interests for owners and principals of approximately 5,500 independent engineering companies throughout the United States.

Neel has an extraordinary record of community involvement in the Jackson area. He is a member of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, in addition to serving on the Mississippi Economic Council, the Mississippi Main Street Association, Keep Jackson Beautiful, the Mississippi Blood Services, and Catholic Charities.

For the last 15 years, he has been chairman of the American Public Works Association/Mississippi Chapter Legislative Committee. He also is a board member of the Vanderbilt University School of Engineering Alumni Council, is chairman of the Jackson State University School of Engineering Advisory Committee, and has served on the board of Leadership Jackson, where he makes annual presentations on city and county governments issues.

In addition, Neel's firm also sponsors a minority scholarship program coordinated through four regional schools of engineering.

*The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America's engineering industry, representing approximately 5,700 independent engineering companies throughout the United States engaged in the development of America's transportation, environmental, industrial, and other infrastructure. Founded in 1910 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., ACEC is a national federation of 51 state and regional organizations.*