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Little Rock Engineer Receives National Honor

Garver Engineers' Eric Farmer recognized as one of nation's young, elite engineers

LITTLE ROCK — July 22, 2008 — A national engineering magazine has recognized Garver Engineers' senior project manager Eric Farmer, PE, as one of the building industry's young, elite engineers. Farmer, 39, is the only recipient from Arkansas to receive the 40 Under 40 Award.

Announced July 21, Consulting-Specifying Engineer magazine awards its annual honor to 40 building industry engineers under the age of 40 who stand out in their academic, professional, personal and community achievements.

Farmer, a 16-year employee at Garver Engineers and a Sherwood resident, manages the electrical engineering group in Little Rock and directs a staff of engineers and support personnel in design and production of electrical projects. With a Professional Engineer's license in 11 states, his experience includes extensive design and construction experience in power distribution systems, motor controls and instrumentation, process control systems, lighting and a diversity of special electrical systems.

"Eric is the most thorough electrical designer I have encountered in my 32 years at Garver Engineers," said Brode Morgan, Senior Project Manager. "His attention to detail and codes is an asset to our company and to our community."

Although Farmer's work now primarily focuses on aviation projects, he has worked in a wide range of

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engineering fields, including water, transportation, industrial, federal and developmental projects. Farmer has provided years of experience to the Little Rock National Airport, and he was the Lead Project Engineer for the Upgrade Access Control System at Little Rock National Airport which won the American Council of Engineering Companies of Arkansas' Excellence in Engineering Award for Building/Technology Systems in 2003-2004. For that project, Farmer worked extensively with the airport to provide a unique, state-of-the-art system to protect its secure areas.

Farmer's additional high-profile projects include work on the Big Dam Bridge over the Arkansas River. He developed plans and specifications for the lighting and wireless control system on what is considered the world's largest pedestrian bridge specifically constructed for recreational purposes.

"Our 40 Under 40 honorees excel in mechanical, electrical, or plumbing (MEP) engineering or professions associated with the construction industry, while also achieving work-life balance and serving their communities," said Michael Ivanovich, editor-in-chief of Consulting-Specifying Engineer. "The 40 Under 40 are inspirational role models for students seeking dynamic and economically rewarding careers that provide public benefit."

Consulting-Specifying Engineer is a monthly magazine serving more than 46,000 mechanical and electrical engineers.

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