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Setting the Bar: NCEES Contributes \$3 Million to Partnership Promoting Excellence in the Next Generation of Engineers and Surveyors

DENVER, CO--Engineers Without Borders USA (EWB-USA) and the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) are pleased to announce a new partnership promoting career excellence in the fields of engineering and surveying. NCEES's \$3 million contribution to this campaign will showcase the benefits of licensure and build the next generation of engineering and surveying leaders.

The partnership includes a planned three-year awareness and outreach campaign, which will go a long way toward highlighting a clear path from college through licensure, ensuring that engineering and surveying professionals are at their best, able to adhere to the industry's professional standards, and equipped to meet the engineering and surveying challenges of the 21st century.

By supporting engineers and surveyors during optimal moments in their education and careers, the groups will work toward ensuring that engineers and surveyors are aware of and well-positioned to achieve licensure, essentially opening the door to a career without limits. Recent research indicates that obtaining a professional licence increases ones' recognition, growth, authority, mobility, salary and credibility, however only 20% of engineers hold the coveted P.E.

"Two great things that are even greater together," says EWB-USA Executive Director Cathy Leslie of the collaboration, "We can't imagine a better partner than NCEES. The second half of our mission statement is 'equipping global leaders.' We share the belief that increased credentialing will build greater leadership within the profession and allow us to transform our world," says Leslie, adding, "A P.E. is the gold standard and we'd like to help the next generation of engineers achieve it."

"Collaborative partnerships with other organizations are an important aspect of supporting the NCEES mission to advance licensure," says NCEES CEO David Cox. "Our growing partnership with EWB-USA increases our opportunities to engage with current students, working engineers and surveyors, and faculty to demonstrate how licensure can benefit their careers and how it ultimately protects the health, safety, and welfare of the public."

“In very real and concrete ways, professional engineers are building a better world by saving lives, preventing disease and reducing poverty. By combining their specialized skills with their high standards for ethics and quality assurance, P.E.s help us lead healthier, safer and better lives and set an unparalleled standard,” says Leslie.

Matter Unlimited, a full-service creative agency, with an award-winning history of working with humanitarian and educational organizations including the Clinton Global Initiative and The Rockefeller Foundation, is researching and designing the campaign scheduled to launch in September.

Since 2002, EWB-USA has been building a better world by bringing together the brightest engineering students and the most passionate, highly skilled professional engineers to combat global poverty. A volunteer-based organization, with approximately 10,500 student and professional volunteers and chapters at 174 colleges, EWB-USA works with the world’s most vulnerable people. “Ensuring that our engineers are at their very best means better results for our community partners here and around the globe,” says Leslie, “Our core belief is that engineering has the power to change the world.”

About Engineers Without Borders USA

Engineers Without Borders USA (EWB-USA) is a nonprofit organization that builds a better world through engineering projects that empower communities to meet their basic human needs and equip leaders to solve the world's most pressing challenges. EWB-USA’s thousands of highly skilled volunteers work on more than 650 projects in partnership with local communities, NGOs, governments and UN agencies in 45 countries to design and implement sustainable and technologically appropriate infrastructure solutions. For more information, visit www.ewb-usa.org.

About National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) is a nonprofit organization made up of engineering and surveying licensing boards from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since its founding in 1920, NCEES has been committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the U.S. public.

NCEES helps its member licensing boards carry out their duties to regulate the professions of engineering and surveying. It develops best-practice models for state licensure laws and regulations and promotes uniformity among the states. It develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the country. It also provides services to help licensed engineers and surveyors practice their professions in other U.S. states and territories. For more information, please visit: www.ncees.org