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Springfield Engineer Wins National Community Service Award

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Clifton R. Baxter, of Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Consulting Engineers in Springfield, Ill., has been named a recipient of the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) National Community Service Award.

Baxter, chairman and CEO of Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, is being honored for his wide-ranging involvement in programs and efforts to enhance the quality of life for the Springfield area and beyond. He will be presented his award May 11th during the ACEC 2004 Annual Convention, in Colorado Springs.

Possessing a long-standing history of community involvement in the Springfield area, Baxter is currently serving his second year as board chairman for Memorial Health System and Memorial Medical Center, where he helps manage one of Springfield's largest medical providers. He also serves on the University of Illinois at Springfield, Chancellor's Community Advisory Board, along with the advisory board for the U.S. Bank Board of Directors.

An active participant in local community efforts, Baxter has for years personally supported The Rail Charity Golf Classic. The Golf Classic is Springfield's premier charity event raising over \$2 million since 1980 for local and regional charities. He also is a member of the United Way of Central Illinois' Community Leaders Guild, a member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Partnership and, in 1997, helped design and build a Habitat for Humanity home to address the growing problem of unaffordable housing in the community.

The ACEC Community Service Award recognizes Council members throughout the nation for their community service accomplishments. The award honors those involved with local boards, commissions and community groups, who effectively impact the quality of life in their respective communities, and who are perceived in their communities as true leaders.

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America's engineering industry, representing approximately 6,000 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.

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