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Designing a More Prosperous Future

Ottawa, ON., February 25, 2010 — Students aged eight to 14 will learn how engineers work in a myriad of disciplines and mix their creative and problem solving skills in all the work they do during the March 2010 National Engineering Month.

Organized by the profession's 12 provincial and territorial regulatory bodies, teachers, faculties, volunteers and Canadian university students, National Engineering Month is an annual celebration of Canadian engineering excellence that promotes engineering as a career choice to youth. Throughout the month, young Canadians will be shown how to use their creative skills with math and science to see how, as engineers, they can come up with things that were once thought impossible. They will discover, as engineers, they could be able to shape the way Canadians live, work and play.

"Today's youth are the future of our profession," said Engineers Canada president Dan Motyka, FEC, P.Eng. "By engaging creative young minds through National Engineering Month's activities we are paving the way for their skills to be included in our profession. This will help to continually strengthen the engineering profession and build a better nation for us all."

"Engineering is central to our quality of life," said Engineers Canada chief executive officer Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env. "It makes a difference in our communities and around the world, and many students have the potential to change the world through engineering but don't consider it an option because high school math and science are not their best subjects. Through National Engineering Month, students will discover that they have it within themselves to help change the world for the better – as engineering is not solely based on math and science, but is also about being creative, imaginative, and being a good problem solver and communicator."

Impromptu design competitions, game-style engineering projects, science fairs and science Olympics, and bridge building competitions are just some of the National Engineering Month activities that will showcase engineering and provide youth with hands-on experience. Activity listings for each province and territory, along with more event information, are available at www.nem-mng.ca

Engineers Canada is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country's more than 160,000 professional engineers.

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