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### Awards Recognize Canadian Engineering Excellence

**May 28, 2011, Halifax, NS** – Canada’s engineering profession celebrated the accomplishments of seven outstanding professional engineers and one engineering project during the Engineers Canada Awards gala, held today at the Casino Nova Scotia in Halifax.

“The 2011 award recipients are shaping a better tomorrow for all of us,” said Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env., chief executive officer of Engineers Canada. “They are educating the next generation of engineers, advocating for more female involvement in the profession, and working on projects relating to public infrastructure that affect all Canadians.”

This year’s Gold Medal Award recipient is Yusuf Altintas, FRSC, P.Eng., who is recognized worldwide as the leading authority in the field of machining and machine tools. The Gold Medal Award is the highest recognition of its kind in engineering in Canada; one that Mr. Altintas well deserves. His passion for machining technology, and his dedication to the manufacturing industry, has inspired hundreds of researchers, engineers and students around the world to dedicate their careers to machining technology.

“Yusuf is well deserving of this honour.” said Zaki Ghavitian, FIC, ing., M.ing., president of Engineers Canada. “He, along with all of this year’s recipients, is a great example of the difference engineers are making across the country. As engineers, it is our duty to promote this great profession and demonstrate to Canadians how engineering positively affects every aspect of their daily lives.”

The 2011 Engineers Canada Award recipients are:

- **Gold Medal Award** – Yusuf Altintas, P.Eng., FRSC
- **National Award for an Engineering Project or Achievement** – Canada Line Rapid Transit Project
- **Young Engineer Achievement Award** – Kevin Riederer, P.Eng.
- **Medal for Distinction in Engineering Education** – Dr. Edwin Nowicki, Ph.D., P.Eng.
- **Award for the Support of Women in the Engineering Profession** – Sherry E. Sparks, FEC, P.Eng.
- **Meritorious Service Award for Professional Service** – Darrel J. Danyluk, FEC, P.Eng.
- **Gold Medal Student Award** – Erica Barnes
- **Meritorious Service Award for Community Service** – Colin E. Smith, FEC, FCAE, P.Eng.

Visit [www.engineerscanada.ca/e/pr\\_awards\\_1.cfm](http://www.engineerscanada.ca/e/pr_awards_1.cfm) for more information about the recipients and the awards program.

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