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Colorado Water Resources Engineer Honored for Contributions to the Erosion Control Industry

Steamboat Springs, Colo. – Paul Clopper, a senior water resources engineer for Ayres Associates, Fort Collins, Colo., has won the 2008 Sustained Contributor Award from the International Erosion Control Association for his 30 years of service to the erosion control industry.

He will receive the award during formal ceremonies at the annual IECA conference, Environmental Connection, in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 19, 2008. The annual Sustained Contributor Award recognizes a person who has demonstrated a significant and long-term contribution to the erosion control industry through education, government involvement, research or development of technology.

Clopper is known for his professionalism and willingness to share his extensive knowledge in helping individuals improve their skills as well as advancing the industry. Throughout his career he has helped promote an understanding and use of sound erosion control practices and products as a designer, researcher, leader, author and educator. In developing and disseminating erosion control design techniques he stresses the importance of a solid hydraulic analysis.

An active member of IECA, Clopper chairs an ASTM task group which is developing standards for performance testing, material quality, design and installation of articulating concrete block revetment systems for controlling erosion. He is vice chair of ASTM subcommittee on erosion and sediment control technology. Also, he developed a quantitative measure of soil loss, now referred to as the Clopper Soil Loss Index, used in an ASTM standard test method to evaluate performance of erosion control products in large-scale test channels.

Clopper is a certified instructor for the National Highway Institute (NHI) and helps develop the curriculum for periodic updates of NHI course materials and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) engineering circulars.

In 1998, the Wisconsin Association of Consulting Engineers awarded him the state's Grand Award for Excellence in Engineering Design for his work in designing the American Excelsior Company's Erosion Lab.

As a researcher, he managed a federal multi-agency project in the late 1980s that involved prototype-scale hydraulic tests of various erosion control materials. He also authored two FHWA publications based on this research.

About IECA

The International Erosion Control Association (IECA) is the world's oldest and largest association devoted entirely to helping members solve the problems caused by erosion and its byproduct – sediment. Founded in 1972, IECA is a non-profit organization that serves as the premier global resource for the prevention and control of erosion.

This is the 17th year of the annual IECA *Awards of Environmental Excellence* program. The Sustained Contributor Award recognizes a person who has demonstrated a significant and long-term contribution to the erosion control industry through education, government involvement, research or development of technology.

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