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Founder of Valued Engineering Outreach Programs Honoured with Citizenship Award

Toronto – (November 22, 2004) – For his significant contributions to the promotion of engineering as a profession, Robert D. Loree, P.Eng., was presented with the Citizenship Award at the annual Ontario Professional Engineers Awards Gala held at the Doubletree International Plaza Hotel in Toronto on Saturday, November 20, 2004.

For more than three decades, Bob Loree has combined his love of teaching and engineering to initiate and promote programs that encourage students to consider careers in engineering. These include Science & Engineering Fairs, Engineering Challenges, Engineering Olympics, job creation programs, Shad Valley and a host of problem-solving and design events.

As special advisor to the Dean of Engineering at McMaster University and as director of Engineering 1, Loree has been a counselor, mentor, consultant and genuine friend to thousands of engineering students. He shows great commitment to the education of future engineers and has contributed to advancing the profession in society.

The multi-media McMaster Engineering FIREBALL Show, created and produced by Loree, visits high schools throughout Ontario to present “Engineering: an Education, a Profession, a Career”. After eight years, FIREBALL teams have made more than 1300 presentations to 450,000 students. A diverse group of organizations have supported the program. A PEO report cites the show as one of the most influential activities encouraging women to enter engineering programs in Ontario.

The Science Can! Foundation, a non-profit program created by Loree “to encourage all school age young people to become more involved in science, technology and the world around them” has received provincial and national recognition.

Much honoured for his dedication to the community and to teaching, Loree’s awards include the Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence, the Hilroy Fellowship Award, the Marshall McLuhan Distinguished Teacher Award, two Conference Board of Canada Awards for Education and Community Partnerships, and the Baden Community Service Award.





Background Information

Presented since 1947, the Ontario Professional Engineers Awards recognize outstanding individuals for engineering excellence and community service. In 2004, the annual awards program is presented by Professional Engineers Ontario and the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers.

The Citizenship Award recognizes a professional engineer's contributions to public service. Those who earn this award have given freely of their time, professional experience and engineering expertise – to the benefit of humanity.

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers is the voice of engineers and the engineering profession in Ontario. The Society works to advance the professional and economic interests of the province's 66,000 engineers by advocating with governments and by offering professional development and valued member services.

Professional Engineers Ontario administers the *Professional Engineers Act* by licensing professional engineers, and setting standards for and regulating engineering in Ontario so that the public interest is served and protected. Rigorously educated, experienced, and committed to a Code of Ethics that puts the public interest first, licensed professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

The Ontario Professional Engineers Awards gratefully acknowledges its awards gala corporate partners: ABB Inc., Autodesk, Canada Life, Celestica, Jordan Engineering, Manulife Financial, ScotiaMcLeod, The Personal, and XL Insurance.

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