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NEWS

H. ALLEN SWANSON RECOGNIZED FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS

AUGUST 5, 2007, WASHINGTON, DC—H. Allen Swanson, president of Swanson Transportation Consultants Ltd. in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, received the Burton W. Marsh Distinguished Service Award at the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) 2007 Annual Meeting and Exhibit, being held August 5-8, 2007 in Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

H. Allen Swanson joined ITE in 1965 while a student at the University of Washington. Al's professional career has included public and private sector employment in a career that has spanned forty-two years and involved working in Canada and the United States.

In 1988, Allen Swanson served as the 49th ITE International President, the second Canadian to serve. He was elected an Honorary Member in 2005. Al has served in all executive positions within the Canadian District including District Director and two terms as President of the Southern Alberta Section. He was first to be awarded the H.R. "Bob" Burton Award for outstanding service to the Canadian District of ITE.

During Al's tenure as International President, efforts were launched to increase the exchange amongst the transportation professional associations around the world. Although the vision was not realized, it served as a positive step in ITE's goal to promote international exchange of transportation issues and solutions.

Allen was also instrumental in the formation of the ITE Parking Council and served as the first Chair. In 2005, he was awarded The Ted Seeberg Award by the Canadian Parking Association, for his outstanding service to the parking industry in Canada.

His community service in Calgary includes 26 years on the Board of Directors of the Calgary Parking Authority, including more than 13 years as Chairman. He has been a volunteer with the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede for 30 years, where he is now Senior Associate and Shareholder. He has also served as President of the Alberta Safety Council.

ITE honors Al Swanson with the Burton W. Marsh Award, its highest recognition of service, for his long-term and continued outstanding contributions. Al is the first Canadian to be so honored. ITE also recognizes his wife, Valerie for her support of Al's participation. We would also like to recognize Kerensa Fromherz, Al and Valerie's daughter, an active member of ITE and a PTOE. ITE looks forward to Al's continuing and dedicated service to ITE and his chosen profession.

The Burton W. Marsh Distinguished Service Award annually recognizes an individual who has contributed to the advancement of ITE over a period of years in an outstanding fashion. Burton W. Marsh was "Mr. ITE." He was a founder, past president and former executive secretary of ITE. For more than 57 years, Marsh was one of the most active ITE members, providing his sage and friendly council.

For a complete listing of all of ITE's 2007 award winners, visit the ITE Web site at www.ite.org.

The Institute of Transportation Engineers is an international educational and scientific association of transportation professionals who are responsible for meeting mobility and safety needs. Through its products and services, ITE promotes professional development of its members, supports and encourages education, stimulates research, develops public awareness programs and serves as a conduit for the exchange of professional education.

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