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Louisville MSD Engineer Wins Distinguished Service Award at 69th Engineers' Convention

(April 26, 2004, Frankfort, Kentucky): Derek R. Guthrie, a professional engineer employed by the Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District as Director of Operations and Engineering and Chief Engineer, received the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers' Distinguished Service Award at the Society's 69th Annual Convention. It was held at the Executive Inn in Owensboro from April 15-17. He is a member of KSPE's Louisville Chapter.

The honor signifies a life-long career of performing his civic and public responsibilities; a positive professional reputation; and consistently having worked for the professional, civic, and technical interests of the engineering profession. Accordingly, he has served KSPE at the regional and state levels, including having held all chapter offices, extensive committee responsibilities, and multiple state Board of Directors positions. He has volunteered for the nationally renowned math education excellence program for middle school students – MATHCOUNTS – for most of the programs 21 years of existence and contributes at both the chapter and state levels of the competition. Some other educational development programs for which he volunteers include: Boy Scouts of America, DiscoverE/Engineers Week, Leadership Management Seminar for College Engineering Majors, and Leadership P.E. – a leadership development founded in part by KSPE. The program works to encourage, strengthen, and build the professional careers and the civic involvement of entry- and mid- to upper-level engineers.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky-College of Civil Engineering, Guthrie has spent his career contributing to a variety of professional and technical groups. He is a member of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers of which he has served as a member of the board of directors for successive years since 1996. He served as KSPE's state president in 2002. In addition, he is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, having held all offices in the Louisville Branch and Kentucky Section; a member of the American Public Water Association, and the Water Environment Federation. He is secretary for the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies, secretary of Future Fund, Inc., a member of the University of Kentucky Civil Engineering Industry Advisory Board, and a board member of the Center for Infrastructure Research at the University of Louisville.

His responsibility is to manage the Engineering Division and MSD's Area Teams – the primary delivery vehicle for the planning, design, and construction of wastewater and stormwater drainage improvements in Jefferson County. He is also responsible for management of private development plan reviews and approvals, Clean Water Act regulatory programs, and the stream water quality monitoring program. As Operations Director, he is responsible for the management of six regional wastewater treatment plants, ten package plants, over 300 pumping stations, 185 employees and a \$35 million budget.

He is the past recipient of several awards including the D.V. Terrell award in 2001, KSPE's Presidential Award in 2000, and the Young Engineer of the Year Award in 1991.

Founded in 1934, the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers is a membership organization for professional engineers (P.E.s), professional land surveyors (P.L.S.s), engineers-in-training (E.I.T.s), and students pursuing careers in these and related areas. The organization is headquartered in Frankfort, Kentucky. It has about 1,500 members and has 13 regional chapters in the state.

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