Deborah D. Keller Receives Dual Lifetime Achievement Awards from ASCE

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Deborah Keller, CEO of Deborah D. Keller & Partners, LLC was recently recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Keller was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by both the ASCE New Orleans Branch and ASCE Louisiana Section for nearly 40 years of practice in civil engineering.

Before opening her own Louisiana licensed engineering company, Keller had a 10-year career at a local engineering consulting firm, followed by a 27-year career at the Port of New Orleans where she successfully executed approximately $1 billion in port construction projects. As Director of the Port Development Division and Chief Engineer at the Port of New Orleans, Keller was responsible for a staff of nearly 100 port employees when she retired in 2014.

The ASCE has been fulfilling its mission to assist in the advancement of civil engineering and serve the public good for over 100 years. Annually, the organization of over 2,000 members, selects professionals from within their field who are exemplary both professionally and in service to their community.

Keller has an extensive background of service to several non-profit organizations and educational institutions. Keller is currently severing as the 2017-2018 Chair of the St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation (SBEDF,) and a board member of the Nunez Community College Foundation. In 2001, Keller was also recognized by New Orleans City Business as one of its Women of the Year and by the St. Bernard Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year.

"SBEDF is incredibly fortunate to have Deborah Keller as our Chair of the Board of Directors," said Andrew Jacques, Executive Director of SBEDF. "These recognitions further validate Deborah's tremendous career and impact on our community."

Presenting the New Orleans Branch's award to Keller is Tonja Koob, P.E., Branch President and presenting the Louisiana Section award to Keller is Brant Richard, P.E. Assigned Director for Baton Rouge Section.