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**McLeod County Engineer John Brunkhorst Awarded the
2018 NACE Rural County Engineer of the Year**

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of County Engineers (NACE) awarded McLeod County Engineer John Brunkhorst, the 2018 Rural County Engineer of the Year award during its Annual Conference held April 14-18 in Wichita, Kansas. Brunkhorst has served as McLeod County Engineer since 2001.

“John has exemplified the very best of our association for many years, I can think of no more deserving candidate to receive this honor.” said Tim Hens, P.E., NACE President and Genesee County, New York Highway Superintendent. “John’s work has improved the safety of his county’s roads and transportation infrastructure and he is regarded as a national authority on concrete overlays.”

In addition to his participation within NACE, Brunkhorst has held many leadership positions in the Minnesota County Engineers Association (MCEA), serving as President in 2014. He has also received the County Engineer of the Year Award from MCEA and a Transportation Advocacy award from the Minnesota Transportation Alliance.

In its 63rd year, NACE is a nonprofit, nonpartisan professional association representing over 2,400 county engineers, public works directors, highway commissioners, road managers, and related professionals in the U.S. and Canada. In the U.S., local roads account for about 75% of highways and roads, or 2.93 million miles. Counties manage 1.74 million miles of those roads while cities and townships account for another 1.19 million miles. Counties also own 231,000 bridges and operate one-third of the nation’s transit systems.

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