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Civil Engineers Grade Texas's Infrastructure *New Report Card Updates Three Infrastructure Categories*

- WHAT:** The Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) will release its *2008 Texas Infrastructure Report Card Update*. The update examines the condition of Texas's roads and highways, bridges and dams in terms of conditions and performance, capacity versus need, and funding versus need. Combined with the 2004 grades for 10 other categories, an overall GPA is determined for our states' infrastructure.
- WHO:** The Report Card Update will be presented by:
Ricky J. Bourque, P.E., Texas Section President
- WHEN:** **Monday, January 5, 2009**
4:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** **South Steps of the Texas State Capitol**
- WHY:** As the legislature faces significant challenges prioritize and fund vital infrastructure projects throughout the state, the Texas Section of ASCE will issue the *2008 Texas Infrastructure Report Card Update* to re-evaluate roads and highways, bridges and dams. These three key areas were updated from the *2004 Texas Infrastructure Report Card*, which addressed these and a total of 13 infrastructure areas – transit, aviation, schools, drinking water, wastewater, solid waste, hazardous waste, navigable waterways, flood control and energy.

This update follows the national *2005 Report Card for America's Infrastructure*, which assigned our nation's infrastructure a cumulative grade of D in 15 infrastructure categories – aviation, bridges, dams, drinking water, energy, hazardous waste, navigable waterways, public parks and recreation, rail, roads, schools, security, solid waste, transit and wastewater. The national assessment shows that our nation's infrastructure continues to deteriorate and Texas is no exception, suffering from aging infrastructure and the need for federal, state and local funds to bring the state's infrastructure to an adequate condition.

Founded in 1852, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) represents more than 146,000 civil engineers worldwide and more than 9,000 civil engineers in Texas. ASCE is America's oldest national engineering society. For more information on the 2008 Texas Infrastructure Report Card Update, visit www.texasce.org/docs/ReportCard.cfm

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