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2007 PSPE Young Engineer of the Year

Presented to

Paul. L. Hoback, Jr., E.I.T.



Paul L. Hoback, Jr., E.I.T. is the recipient of the PSPE Young Engineer of the Year Award for 2007. This award is presented to an individual (no more than 35 years-old) based on his/her scholastic achievements, technical and professional society activities, technical papers and/or patents, engineering experience and accomplishments, and civic/humanitarian activities. It is awarded to a young candidate who is a licensed Professional Engineer or Engineer-In-Training, and is nominated by his/her PSPE Chapter.

Mr. Hoback is a 1997 graduate of Geneva College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, Paul began his professional career working as a Research and Development Engineer for Veka, Inc., a manufacturer of vinyl window and door systems. At Veka, Paul provided maintenance technical support to 45 extrusion lines and was responsible for managing several aspects of the plant's environmental permitting. After a year with Veka, Paul moved on to Paragon Trade Brands, a manufacturer of infant disposable diapers. Paul worked for Paragon for almost two years as a Process Engineer, and was responsible for managing mechanical installations, rolling out corporate line improvements, and providing technical support to four diaper production lines.

After Paragon, Paul moved into his current position with the Allegheny County Airport Authority (ACAA). Paul has been with ACAA for more than six years now, and is currently a Project Manager responsible for managing all mechanical projects at both the Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) in Moon Township and the Allegheny County Airport (AGC) in West Mifflin. Paul is currently in direct charge of over \$110 million in project work at PIT and AGC. Some highlights of Paul's current project work includes the construction of a 10 MGD deicing / stormwater treatment plant at PIT, construction of a new 58,000 square foot Operations and Control Center for US Airways near PIT, construction of a 40,000 square foot snow removal equipment storage building at PIT, and also construction of a new facility that will accommodate an in-line baggage handling system to screen all US Airways baggage with explosive detection system equipment supplied by the Transportation Security Administration. Paul is also certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as a water distribution system operator, and is currently responsible for managing the potable water system at PIT. Paul was recently honored for his exemplary performance at the Airport Authority with the March 2007 Employee Excellence Award.

Besides his numerous professional accomplishments, Paul currently serves as the President of the School Board of the Beaver Area School District. He has been a member of the school board since being elected in 2003, and has served as Vice-President, Chairman of the Facilities Committee, and was the board representative on the 2006-2007 district Strategic Planning Team. Paul is also a member of the Vanport Township Planning Commission, and is a past officer of the Van Buren Homes, Inc. Board of Directors. Paul is also involved as a volunteer in several local charity organizations including the March of Dimes, Wings for Children, and Allegheny District of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Paul was born and raised in Economy Borough, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Amy, and son, Cannon, reside in Beaver. His personal interests include golfing, fishing, taking walks with his family, and reading books or watching programs about American history.