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# News Release

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## **The University of Texas at El Paso is one of only six recipients of the NCEES Award.**

The UTEP College of engineering was awarded a grant from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) to develop sustainable infrastructure management systems for cities.

Joe Cardenas, P.E., President - Moreno-Cardenas, Inc., will present the award on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 11:00 am at the College of Engineering Annex Foyer.

Mr. Cardenas is a former member of the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

A jury of licensing board members, engineering deans and representatives of professional engineering organizations met to judge the entries to the 2011 NCEES Engineering Award for Connecting Professional Practice and Education.

The NCEES jury considered criteria such as the collaboration of faculty, students and licensed professional engineers, along with the benefit to public health, safety, welfare and multidiscipline participation.

The College of Engineering Civil Department was praised for the strong collaboration of students, professionals and city personnel in the practice of engineering. The project focuses on critical infrastructure components for the City of El Paso and includes: drainage, communications and transportation.

Carlos Chang Albitres, Ph.D., P.E. Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering and Principal Investigator for this project, said, "Preserving our infrastructure assets is essential for a sustainable healthy living community. The development of a sustainable Infrastructure Management System for the City of El Paso has benefited the community by providing a safer and healthier infrastructure system while minimizing the impact of undesired events such as flood and communication disruptions."

This project was also made possible with the participation of Raed Al Douri, Ph.D., Director - Regional Geospatial Service Center and Co-Principal Investigator and Johanes S. Makahaube, P.E., City of El Paso Program Coordinator.

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