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Soil Consultants Engineering Certified as a Women's Business Enterprise

59-year old geotechnical firm ushers in a new era with diverse leadership

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA (April 15, 2019) – Soil Consultants Engineering (SCE), a geotechnical engineering firm specializing in on-site testing and inspection of new construction, has received national certification as a Women-Owned Business by the Small Business Administration in their effort to promote diversity among industries where woman-ownership has been historically underrepresented.

The SBA certification for a women-owned business is one of the most recognizable and sought-after of its kind. "The certification from SBA is a rigorous and thorough process," said Jennifer Smith, CEO of **SCE**. "We are proud to be certified as one of the few woman-owned firms in our industry."

Over almost 60 years, SCE has provided engineering services for both private corporations and public agencies throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Public agencies include Fairfax County, Fairfax County Park Authority, WMATA (Reagan National Airport and BWI), Prince William County, Powhatan County, Town of Dumfries, Town of Haymarket, City of Manassas Park, City of Manassas, Town of Warrenton, and the City of Suffolk.

"As one of a very few woman-owned engineering firms in the DC metro area, our certification benefits our clients by helping them accomplish their diversity initiatives by working with an established and experienced firm," added Smith.

The SBA's national standard of certification is designed to confirm the business is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by a woman or women. To help provide a level playing field for women business owners, the government limits competition for certain contracts to businesses that participate in the women's contracting program.

About Soil Consultants Engineering

Founded in 1960 by the Smith family, we're third-generation geologists. Headquartered in Manassas, Virginia, we apply a complete range of engineering and testing services to the land development of Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. We specialize in on-site testing and inspection of new construction, both before and after primary building phases, to ensure your project meets county and state building codes. Learn more by visiting www.soilconsultants.net or by calling (703) 366-3000.

About the Small Business Administration

The SBA was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. For more information, visit www.sba.gov.

