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FIRM UPDATE

Infrastructure Engineering Inc. (IEI) Has Moved



**Chicago Office Open House
June 21, 2018 • 4 - 7 p.m.**



**Indiana Office Open House
August 9, 2018 • 4 - 7 p.m.**

Infrastructure Engineering Inc. (IEI) continues to evolve in ways that will better serve our clients with excellence, and transform the communities we serve. This year, celebrating 20 years in business, we expanded to better serve and further our commitment to our clients, partners and communities. On March 30th, IEI's Corporate headquarters moved from 33 W. Monroe Street to One South Wacker Drive, Suite 2650, Chicago, IL 60606. Our Indianapolis office moved from 2601 Fortune Circle East to 201 South Capitol Avenue, Suite 490.

To commemorate our growth, IEI will celebrate by holding open house in Chicago and Indianapolis this summer; meanwhile, IEI's New York and Peoria offices are planning events to celebrate our 20th anniversary this fall.

We are all excited about the firm's growth and capacity to better serve. To take a walk in our shoes, click [here](#) to preview our "WE'VE MOVED" video from the Chicago office.

IEI Launches New Website

In the spirit of Integrity, Excellence and Innovation, IEI recently launched a newly redesigned website. With the intent of strengthening our online presence, the website was redesigned to stay connected with our valued clients and partners, demonstrate our passion for excellence, and showcase our talent and expertise. Our larger goal, to impact the communities we serve, is best expressed through our new tagline, "Transforming the Built Environment through INGENUITY." The website currently highlights one of our notable and award-winning projects, Chicago Riverwalk, and we are confident it will prove to be a great source for staying connected and discovering our expertise.

The total transformation captures our diversity, presence, culture, and the wealth of experience presented in each of our markets (Chicago, Indianapolis, New York and Peoria-Springfield). It is our INGENUITY...and it is how we work.

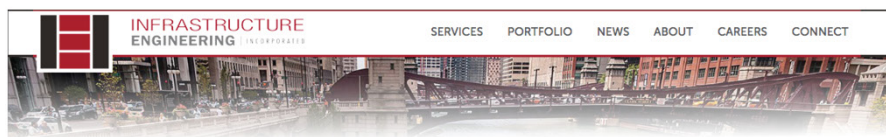
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New Website 2018 Launch



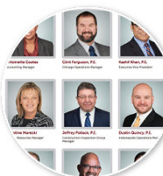
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New Look. Redesigned Navigation.



Home

Our logo has replaced the "Home" button.



Our Team

In "About," visitors can see our team leaders and quickly learn about their impressive backgrounds and interests.



News

"News" has replaced "Announcements."



Timeline

A new graphic timeline provides a quick view of our fast progress.



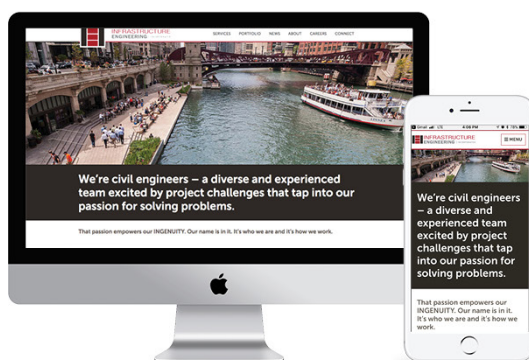
Portfolio

"Portfolio" has replaced "Markets and Projects" with a new gallery page that previews all highlighted work.



Connect

Connect is what we want to do with clients – so it's also the tab where they'll find our contact information.



Versatility

Now resizeable on all devices at any orientation.

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Focus First - One Project At A Time

An exercise in best practice and productivity

On April 4th, IEI's Indianapolis staff shared a fun and enlightening exercise with one of its clients with the intent to share knowledge and a lean management tool. The exercise dealt with multi-tasking, and intended to unveil the many ways in which many corporate leaders, managers and staff often lose productivity and effective time, by constantly switching between tasks.



Dustin Quincy, P.E.
Indianapolis Operations Manager

Leading the exercise, Dustin Quincy asked for two volunteers to approach a white board. Each volunteer was asked to complete separate “tasks” of creating sequential lists of 10 items in three columns. The first column was for numbers starting with “1”. The second column was for letters starting with “A” and the third column was for Roman numerals starting with “I”. The volunteers were told they were being timed by Alex Kline and Nick Bergman, and directed to complete each list sequentially, but must complete the next sequential item in each column before moving down the list (i.e. “1”, “A”, ”I”: “2”, B”, “II”, etc.). The times for each participant were recorded and they were then asked to try it again by completing each individual column before moving to the next (1-10; A-J; then I-X).

Prove it to yourself! Start your timer.

Complete each sequential item across the columns before moving down to the next row.

1	➡	A	➡	I
2	➡	B	➡	II
...	➡	...	➡	...
10	➡	J	➡	X

Write down your time

Restart your timer.

FIRST Complete No. Series	NEXT Complete Alpha Series	LASTLY Complete Roman Numerals Series
↓	↓	↓
1	A	I
2	B	II
...
10	J	X

Write down your time and compare

The results of the exercise showed that it took approximately one-third of the time to focus on completing each individual “task” than it did by constantly switching through processes. Enlightened by the outcome of the exercise, everyone in the room collectively expressed the “Aha” that simply focusing on one project, one task, one email at a time – from start to finish – can significantly increase productivity. Additionally, there is less opportunity for error.

Ultimately, we all have the same 24 hours in each day to manage projects, emails, calls, and deadlines. A slight shift in behavior can recoup time and deliver better outcomes. This best practice is one that IEI leadership has also adopted into its culture and planning efforts and is sharing the knowledge to benefit others.

PROJECT RECOGNITION

Chicago Riverwalk: The Project that Keeps on Giving

IEI and Alfred Benesch & Company (Benesch) jointly received the 2018 Illinois ACEC Eminent Conceptor Award for the engineering project of the year for the completion of the Chicago Riverwalk Project. IEI's Harish Goyal was the civil engineer of record as part of the design team, while Benesch led the construction engineering for the project. The Riverwalk Project also won Diamond Recognition from ACEC New York and national recognition, receiving a Grand Award from ACEC National.

The awards recognize Chicago Riverwalk as a project that provides residents and visitors with a World Class facility for eating, drinking and playing along Chicago's beautifully revitalized downtown riverfront.

The project plays a central role in enhancing the downtown Chicago public experience by giving visitors and residents a place to engage in recreation and leisure in the heart of the city. Creating park space out of underutilized industrial riverfront in a dense urban environment creates a healthier and happier environment for all Chicagoans. It is also part of a larger city-wide initiative to develop dynamic green spaces throughout the city, including recent projects like the 606 trail, Maggie Daley Park, and Navy Pier. These public spaces collectively help to keep Chicago competitive as a beautiful destination city.

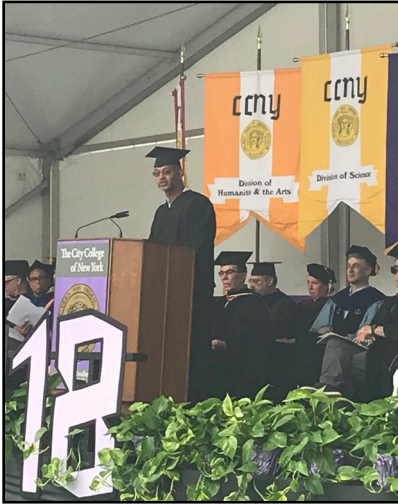


Harish Goyal, Project Manager



Maike Rodriguez, Eleni Daniels, Michael Sutton attending the ACEC New York Gala

IEI President Inspires Young Engineers with Keys to Success



Michael Sutton speaking to the Grove School of Engineering Graduates

IEI President, Michael Sutton, shares wisdom and his personal journey with The 2018 City University of New York's (CUNY) Grove School of Engineering's graduates. On June 1, 2018, many student engineers awaited their final step before launching into the world ahead. Invited as this year's commencement speaker and the school's Advisory Board Member, Michael Sutton acknowledged the honor along with the faculty, staff and the gathering of friends and family that were present to celebrate the event. Both in an effort to inspire and encourage, he spoke of his journey through childhood, his education at Northwestern University, his career as an engineer, and his leap into entrepreneurship. He acknowledged IEI business partner and CUNY alum (1996), Kashif Khan and his work with IEI.

In his speech, Michael credited the book "The Magic of Thinking Big," by David J. Schwartz, Ph.D., and quote "Make No Small Plans," by Landscape Architect, Daniel Burnham, for providing a mindset for his journey of working on projects and building a firm. He encouraged the audience of graduating engineers to apply the same philosophy. Michael recited notable quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Winston Churchill to have a dream and never ever give up!

In closing, Michael took pieces of his own self published booklet "Imagination - The Key To A Better Future" to plant seeds that each student could nurture to achieve their dreams:



- Sustain a strong and excellent self image
- Think and dream big
- Be Innovators
- Seek enlightenment
- Love what you do

Our communities and our world need you - why, because he have some big challenges that you did not cause, yet we need you to correct and improve.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Michael Sutton Inducted into the African American Hall of Fame Museum in Peoria, IL



Michael Sutton, PE President, CEO

Celebrating 30 years, culminating the achievements of African Americans in the Peoria community and nation-wide, the African American Hall of Fame Museum (AAHFM) honored IEL's President and CEO, Michael Sutton, among other notable African Americans that have made a difference.

AAHFM was founded in 1987 to educate, through preserving and promoting art, history and artifacts that highlight the achievements of African Americans.

To honor the legacy of the museum's existence, six distinguished individuals were inducted into the 2018 Hall of Fame. The distinguished honor was given to individuals who have acted with integrity, faith and confidence on behalf of the community, while being a catalyst for positive growth and development. Michael was honored with the William Watkins Jr. Founder Award, a pioneer within the Peoria County community.

INDUSTRY AFFILIATIONS

IEI's Marketing Executive Elected to SMPS Board of Directors



Clarice Lyons-Davidson
Vice President of Marketing, CPSM

The Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) – Chicago Chapter – recently announced the results of its 2018 Board elections. Amongst its seven newly-elected members, Clarice Lyons-Davidson, IEI's Vice President of Marketing, CPSM, was elected Board Secretary for a two year term.

A national marketing organization, SMPS is dedicated to providing education, team building and networking opportunities for developing business opportunities in the A/E/C industry. Comprised of 57 national chapters, SMPS helps industry professionals - responsible for marketing and business development - build relationships for their companies.

[Click here for more Information about SMPS](#)

About Infrastructure Engineering, Inc.

Infrastructure Engineering, Inc. (IEI) is a multi-disciplinary consulting firm that focuses on the delivery of design engineering, program management, and construction engineering and inspection services. IEI cultivates various types of engineering projects from conception and planning through implementation. The firm's goal is to create sustainable infrastructure necessary to build and connect communities, improve quality of life and encourage economic development. IEI is a DBE/MBE certified firm. Visit IEI's website at www.infrastructure-eng.com for more information.

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