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## **City Engineer Zach Johnson Honored with Municipal Engineer of the Year Award**

Lakeville, Minn., February 6, 2024—The City Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM) has recognized Zach Johnson, City Engineer at the City of Lakeville, with the prestigious Municipal Engineer of the Year award. The award was presented at the Annual Conference held in Bloomington on January 31, 2024.

Having dedicated 22 years of service to the City of Lakeville, Johnson's journey began in the role of civil engineer and has since ascended to the position of the City's lead engineer in 2012. His steadfast commitment to municipal engineering has been a driving force during the City's substantial growth and development over the past decade.

"Zach's selection for this esteemed award is a testament to his leadership, strong work ethic and collaborative teamwork," Paul Oehme, the Director of Public Works for the City of Lakeville, expressed respect, noting that Zach's mentorship has had a remarkable impact. "Over the years, many individuals mentored by Zach have successfully transitioned into roles as city engineers and public works directors, highlighting the profound influence of his guidance."

Johnson, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Minnesota, also attended Hamline Leadership Academy, and he further enhanced his skills by completing the Public Works Executive Fellowship.

Johnson's commitment to the field extends beyond his role in Lakeville. He has been actively involved with CEAM, contributing significantly by serving on multiple boards and positions. Additionally, Johnson has lent his expertise to other organizations, acting as a board member and technical advisor on critical matters such as pedestrian safety, interstate solutions and state aid.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Johnson is an active member of the community. In his spare time, he finds joy in serving as a youth sports coach and cherishing moments with his family.

The City of Lakeville congratulates Zach Johnson on this well-deserved recognition. His passion for municipal engineering and tireless dedication to community development make him a deserving recipient of the Municipal Engineer of the Year award.

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Situated in the southern suburbs of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area, the City of Lakeville is the largest city in Dakota County with a population of 73,828.

City Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM) is a premiere professional association for engineers in Minnesota. Their mission is to further the education and welfare of each other, promote the interchange of helpful ideas and information, work constructively toward the advancement and improvement of the engineering profession, and be a greater service to Minnesota.