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**Local Firm Awarded Engineering Company of the Year**

**Parkersburg, W.Va. (March 6, 2018)** – Pickering Associates was recently named Engineering Company of the Year at the 2018 Northeast Oil & Gas Awards in Pittsburg, Pa. The local Architecture, Engineering and Surveying Company was represented by company leadership and clients, who graciously accepted the award for the third year in a row.

The Oil & Gas Awards announced this year’s winners for the Sixth Annual Northeast Oil & Gas Awards at the Industry Summit and Gala Dinner on March 1, recognizing companies for their commitment to the key areas of Health & Safety, Operational Excellence, Innovation, Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Stewardship.

“It’s a great honor to be chosen for this prestigious award,” says Civil and Structural Engineering Manager Mark Welch, PE. “It’s exciting to know that our hard work, dedication to our clients, and the high quality of our designs continue to be recognized as the best in the region.”

Pickering Associates has completed almost 200 projects within the oil and gas industry within the past 9 years, with a broad spectrum of experience with multiple drilling companies developing sites throughout Ohio and West Virginia. From initial selection, site access, topographical and boundary surveying, impoundments, and equipment location to pipe routing, sediment and erosion control methods and environmental permitting assistance, the multi-disciplinary team can provide support throughout every phase of the drilling site development process.

Any additional or necessary structural, electrical, or mechanical engineering services are easily managed through the support of the firm’s in-house engineering team. “Pickering Associates has worked diligently for many years to help bring safe, environmentally friendly, and cost effective design solutions to the oil and gas industry throughout the area,” Mark says.

The Oil & Gas Awards recognize the outstanding achievements made within the upstream and midstream sectors of the North American oil and gas industry. The Awards are a platform for the industry to demonstrate and celebrate the advances made in the key areas of environment, efficiency, innovation, corporate social responsibility and health and safety.

With offices in Parkersburg, Charleston and Fairmont, West Virginia and Athens and Marietta, Ohio, Pickering Associates is a well-aligned team of professional architects, engineers and surveyors with a diverse depth and breadth of knowledge.  Established in 1988, Pickering Associates was founded as an engineering company that has developed into an integrated architecture, engineering and surveying firm providing services to education, government, healthcare, industrial, oil & gas and private sector clients.

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