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**Re: Designation of Engineering as an Essential Service**

Dear Premier Higgs,

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of New Brunswick (ACEC-NB) and our member firms would first like to take this opportunity to express our support for all levels of Government and applaud the outstanding leadership you are all demonstrating in taking measured and appropriate steps to protect the health and safety of residents at what is a difficult and uncertain time.

ACEC-NB and its members across the province want to support the government in its efforts to mitigate the current crisis and to facilitate the recovery ahead. ACEC-NB represents 25 consulting engineering firms in New Brunswick, ranging from large global corporations to employee-owned SMEs, that offer engineering, scientific and other professional services and that are on the front lines of delivering critical infrastructure.

Our members represent critical and essential expertise that New Brunswick will need as we navigate the current crisis and assist with the recovery. We believe the planning, design, construction and operation of important infrastructure should be deemed as essential service by the Province of New Brunswick, as has been done by other provinces. While New Brunswickers are coping with a variety of restrictions as a result of the health crisis, it is essential that they have access to our professionals to build and maintain essential services like transportation, water/wastewater treatment, power and our civic institutions like hospitals. The consulting engineering sector is prepared to continue providing services needed to deliver critical projects in a manner that the health and safety of all involved is appropriately protected.

We request that engineering services be designated as an “essential service” by the Province of New Brunswick for the reasons stated above.

Thank you again for all you have been doing to attempt to contain the spread of this virus. We appreciate your consideration and understanding of the predicaments that many businesses and entire industries now find themselves in and look forward to your continued support. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the above, please don't hesitate to contact us at the coordinates below.



Kind Regards,

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