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The Practice of Structural Engineering Finds a Voice

Chicago, IL -August 11, 2005. [The Structural Engineers Certification Board \(SECB\)](#) has granted its first round of certifications in the practice of Structural Engineering. Over 500 structural engineers were certified in the practice of structural engineering through SECB Grandfathering Provision this July, 2005.

In an effort to promote the public welfare and to aid stakeholders in selecting professional engineers qualified to practice structural engineering, the [National Council of Structural Engineers Association \(NCSEA\)](#) recommends certification of structural engineers as the current solution to the lack of separate licensing of structural engineers. Certification for structural engineers was first proposed and discussed at NCSEA's 1998 Annual Conference in Portland, Maine. An ad hoc committee was formed to research and recommend the framework for a certification program. The program was finally approved at NCSEA's 2003 Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado. With approval of the NCSEA Member Organizations, NCSEA proceeded to form the autonomous Structural Engineering Certification Board.

Engineers across the United States agreed that a certification program for structural engineers would give the profession a much-needed voice in establishing appropriate qualification standards for the practice of structural engineering. As a side benefit, it is

expected that certification will reaffirm that structural engineering is a profession, not a technical avocation; and the profession is expected to continue to grow in stature through the recognition of those qualified to practice. For more information on SECB, please visit www.secertboard.org.

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