



Media Release

Local bridge building competition challenges junior students to think like professional engineers

Mississauga – (February 27, 2012) – The Mississauga Chapter of Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) is excited to announce details of its fifth annual Bridge Building Challenge competition. The event will take place Saturday, March 3, from 8:30a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tomken Middle School (3200 Tomken Road, Mississauga).

Held in conjunction with National Engineering Month and in collaboration with the Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, the Mississauga event is designed to raise awareness of engineering and help middle school students develop hands-on skills through bridge design and construction. Teams of students are provided with materials needed to design and construct bridges that are judged on the basis of presentation, creativity, construction quality, construction technique and aesthetics.

For more information, please visit <http://peo-mc.ca>.

About National Engineering Month

National Engineering Month (NEM) is a cross-country, month-long celebration of engineering where volunteers in each province and territory stage events and activities designed to increase public awareness of engineers and engineering technology. Even more important, it is designed to encourage young people to consider careers in engineering.

About PEO

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 80,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment. Professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names. For more information, visit www.peo.on.ca.

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