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### **Energy East Pipeline Important Opportunity for Canada**

#### *ACEC-Manitoba supports TransCanada in Application for Energy East Pipeline*

(Winnipeg) July 13, 2015 – the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba (ACEC-MB) supports the approval of the Energy East pipeline project, which is beneficial to Canada and Canadians. We believe that pipelines are a responsible and necessary means of transporting oil and energy resources to market.

“The Energy East pipeline will be a beneficial piece of infrastructure for Canada’s economy” said Alana Gauthier, ACEC-MB President noting that “economic and environmental objectives need not be mutually exclusive. Public consultation concerns regarding the safety of energy pipelines can be addressed by expert engineering and careful alignment selection.”

The development of oil and gas resources and the development of alternative and renewable resources are not mutually exclusive and both are important to Canada’s long-term energy security. Pipelines will play an import role in transporting Canadian energy products to markets, both domestic and international.

Canada has safety standards, regulations, and practices in place to ensure that pipelines are safe and reliable throughout their life-time: engineering planning, engineering design, construction, operation and decommissioning. These standards and practices are continually improved and updated to include new technologies and innovative solutions.

The public and private sectors must collaborate to create a business and regulatory climate that encourages responsible growth of Canada’s petroleum sector, helping Canada become a world leader in responsible petroleum extraction and transport. Consulting engineering firms are committed to working with the Canadian energy sector to ensure the safe and environmentally responsible development of oil and gas infrastructure.

“We need to diversify energy exports away from the United States and towards more rapidly growing economies. Energy east can accomplish that.” continued Gauthier. “ACEC-MB supports TransCanada’s Application to the National Energy Board to proceed with approval of the Canada Energy east pipeline as soon as possible.”

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