

# Robert H. Durfee named NH Engineer of the Year

NASHUA -- Robert H. Durfee, P.E., SECB of DuBois & King Inc., consulting engineers, has been selected by a jury of peers from New Hampshire's engineering societies as the 2008 New Hampshire Engineer of the Year.

The award will be presented to Durfee at the annual Engineers Week banquet in Manchester Feb. 21, recognizing his exemplary talent, effort, and involvement in the engineering profession and the community.

The Structural Engineers of New Hampshire nominated Durfee on the quality and depth of his professional work, volunteerism in his community, and his efforts in advancing the field of engineering. Durfee is a founding director and past president for SENH and is noted for his efforts to encourage the training and mentoring of young engineers as an effective way to remedy the chronic shortage of experienced engineers.

Durfee is a licensed professional engineer in eight states and has 30 years of professional experience in transportation and structural engineering. He has been nationally certified by the Structural Engineering Certification Board. He holds a B.S. in civil engineering from Clarkson University and a masters of engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

As a senior engineering manager, Durfee has led the design effort for bridge, highway, roadway, dam, building, and specialty structural projects and has managed transportation projects for state agencies in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York.

Durfee has extensive experience assisting New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts municipalities with roadway and bridge projects and has completed design, rehabilitation, inspection, and evaluation services on well over 100 bridge projects throughout the region.

Durfee is a nationally recognized expert on covered bridges and a noted author of technical papers, publications, and presentations on bridge and structural engineering. Some of Durfee's covered-bridge projects include the Ashuelot Covered Bridge in Winchester, the Cilleyville Bog Covered Bridge in Andover, the Swiftwater Covered Bridge in Bath, and the Haverhill-Bath Covered Bridge, the state's oldest authenticated covered bridge. In 2002, his firm won a national award for his work on the Slate Covered Bridge in Swanzey.

Durfee is active in numerous professional societies. He has been a member of the Structural Engineers of New Hampshire since 1994 and served as New Hampshire's delegate to the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations since 2000. He is also a member of the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, the Covered Bridge Societies in Vermont, New York, and Pennsylvania, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Durfee has been an active participant and coach for youth sports and is a commissioner of the Belknap County-owned Gunstock Mountain Resort. He was a member of the Laconia Little League board of directors from 1991 to 2004.

As vice president and director of DuBois & King's Civil Works Division, Durfee is responsible for management of all ground transportation, water resources, and aviation engineering projects. He lives in Laconia with his family and works in the firm's Nashua office.