



PACE awarded #1 Environmental Services Firm in the 2008 Best Firm to Work For competition sponsored by CE News, a national civil engineering publication.

Fountain Valley, CA – (September 19, 2008) - Pacific Advanced Civil Engineering, Inc. (PACE), a civil engineering firm located in Fountain Valley, was recently awarded #1 in the 2008 Best Firm to Work For competition in the Environmental Services Firm category, a high honor given the competition considers entrants from firms nationwide. PACE was also recognized in four other award categories, including #1 Small Environmental Services Firm, Best Environmental Service Firm Training Program, #4 Small Civil Engineering Firm and #6 Civil Engineering Firm overall.

Empowering creativity within each employee at PACE allows them to be more than what they could be elsewhere and truly fosters happy and satisfied employees. This is a philosophy that transcends directly from the founder and Chairman of PACE, Johan Perslow, on down to all levels of staff. Employees who have worked at other firms often comment on how different PACE is from others they have been exposed to and would not trade the experience. "It's one thing to talk the talk, but we actually walk the walk," says Bruce Phillips, Senior Vice President of Stormwater Management. "At PACE, our goal has long been to offer creative and innovative engineering solutions, so we acknowledge that to be successful in that endeavor we must have a work environment that stimulates the employee so that he/she is not designing the same widget every day."

PACE received recognition for its formal training program, known as PEARL (Pacific Educational Analytical Research Laboratory), a curriculum driven in-house university style program that offers unique instruction in industry-specific technical and non-technical areas. PEARL promotes the firm's strong focus on learning and innovation and the program challenges employees to increase their knowledge and become experts in self-directed areas of focus.

Through hands-on involvement with projects regardless of position-level, exploring and testing new technology applications, asserting creative thinking into project designs, and participating in research projects and physical experimentation/modeling, PACE staff has the unique ability to make a difference with what they do.

PACE, who has 74 employees, is a water resource consulting company formed in 1987 and headquartered in Fountain Valley, CA with a regional office in Phoenix, AZ.

PACE is a civil engineering firm offering advanced water resource services by applying knowledge, creativity and innovative design approaches to develop aesthetic, environmentally sustainable and practical engineering solutions. Our areas of specialization include stormwater management, water / wastewater, and recreational water (manmade lakes, fountains, pools, etc.).