

HNTB Northern California District Leader Darlene Gee Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

Professional engineer and vice president earns national recognition for leadership and commitment to transportation design and construction.

OAKLAND, Calif. ([PRWEB](#)) October 07, 2016 -- The American Road and Transportation Builders Association honored HNTB Northern California district leader Darlene K. Gee, PE, with the Ethel S. Birchland Lifetime Achievement Award for her 35-year-plus commitment to the transportation industry, including the advancement of female leadership. The presentation took place at the ARTBA National Conference in Tucson, Arizona.

Over her career, Gee has been involved in many high-profile Bay Area transportation projects, serving as principal and project manager for clients that include the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, Caltrans, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, the City of San Francisco and the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District. She has served as the principal-in-charge for multiple seismic retrofit design and construction support contracts on the Golden Gate Bridge since 1992, and played a similar role for other major projects including the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge seismic retrofit and the BART Earthquake Safety Program.

Since becoming Northern California district leader four years ago, Gee has elevated the firm's profile and driven its business growth locally. She oversees the operations of HNTB's four regional offices – San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and Walnut Creek.

“Darlene has been a force for positive change in diversity in our industry as well as having demonstrated leadership and expertise in the transportation market throughout her career,” said Art Hadnett, HNTB West Division president. “We are honored to have someone of her caliber, expertise and passion serve as a leader in our firm, and we are incredibly proud to witness her receive such a prestigious award.”

In addition to her work at HNTB, Gee has worked passionately to strengthen and diversify the transportation industry. Currently, she is the Bay Area chapter president of the Women's Transportation Seminar, an organization dedicated to the advancement of women in transportation. She has also devoted considerable time and energy to supporting WTS' youth mentorship program, Transportation YOU, which encourages young women to consider a career in transportation. She also served for many years in leadership roles with ASCE, encouraging the greater participation and advancement of women in engineering.

ARTBA comprises over 6,500 public- and private-sector members that aim to grow and protect transportation infrastructure investment. The Ethel S. Birchland Lifetime Achievement Award, named after a former ARTBA executive director, is awarded to female leaders who demonstrate long-standing dedication to the industry. Gee was one of two recipients of the award this year.

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