

2005 Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award

Donald R. Trim, PE, PS, FACEC

Chairman of the Board, Wade-Trim/Associates, Inc.



Don Trim's commitment and contributions to ACEC can be measured in many ways: length of service, difficulty of assignments undertaken and tasks completed. He has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to ACEC in all of these areas on both a state and national level. During the past 30 years, Mr. Trim has led two committees for ACEC/Michigan and led or actively participated in seven committees/task groups for ACEC.

Mr. Trim has also made significant contributions to the consulting engineering profession, using ACEC as his primary vehicle to deliver these contributions. He led the effort to develop the QBS (Qualifications-Based Selection) Coalition in Michigan, established the partnering process between ACEC/M and MDOT, wrote Design/Contract-Build, spearheaded ACEC's involvement in the adoption of design/build legislation by the US Congress in 1997, and has developed educational programs and publications that will enhance the role of the consulting engineer into the Trusted Advisor concept.

Individual achievements are reflective of Don's hands-on involvement in the project management process as evidenced by serving as Program Executive for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Program Management Services to rehabilitate and upgrade the world's largest single-site wastewater treatment plant in Detroit. He also initiated the partnering process used by the DWSD with their wholesale customers to allocate costs for a \$1.07 billion Long Term CSO Control Plan.

Don's contributions to society have been undertaken with the engineer in mind. Under his guidance, Wade-Trim initiated scholarship programs to assist minority and/or female students living in the Detroit and Flint areas who are interested in pursuing a degree in the surveying or engineering technology fields. Wade-Trim now offers scholarships at nine different education institutions totaling \$35,000 to date.