



## ***Hobson is Honored by American Academy of Environmental Engineers***

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Keith L. Hobson, P.E. and principal with FOX Engineering Associates, Inc. in Ames, Iowa has been granted certification in the specialty of Water Supply and Wastewater and inducted into the American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE). The Academy's Board of Trustees has conferred the distinction of Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE).

AAEE executive director, David A. Asselin, stated "... that you are among the Best of the Best." Through the certification program of the Academy, the BCEE credential is given only to those individuals who are motivated through personal commitment and support of the employer to continuing professional development and advancement, and to ethical engineering practice and professionalism.

This brings to three the number of BCEE's at FOX. David M. Fox, Board Chairman, and Dale Watson, PhD., President, are also Board Certified Environmental Engineers specializing in Water Supply and Wastewater. No other Iowa-based firm is able to make this claim.

Mr. Hobson is active in his community serving on the Nevada, Iowa Economic Development Commission and at the district level of Rotary International. He participated in and lent his expertise to a project in Xicotepec, Mexico with Rotary and Water for People. He holds a degree from Iowa State University – a B.S. in Civil Engineering (with distinction) and a Masters in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He was nominated for and is currently participating in Leadership Iowa. He is involved in a number of activities at the Nevada United Methodist Church. Mr. Hobson is married and has two daughters.

The environmental engineering profession remains one of the more complex fields of practice, integrating engineering and science in the development of solutions to complex problems. The range of complexity of problems to be addressed by the environmental engineer varies from advanced wastewater treatment plant design to design of combined sanitary sewer over-flow control systems as well as the equally weighty challenges found in water supply and treatment, solid waste management, and air pollution control.

The American Academy of Environmental Engineers is a group of highly qualified professional engineers who have imposed self-testing and review for entry qualification. Each Diplomate, or member, has not only the standard prerequisites for specialty certification but also has passed written and oral examinations and reviews by an admissions panel of the Academy. The Academy's certification program is accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards.

The Academy is an active participant in the accreditation of environmental engineering curricula. Through this process, the Academy ensures that educational standards are responsive to the needs of the professional and that tomorrow's engineers will meet the needs of the profession. The Academy further organizes multi-disciplinary teams of Board Certified Environmental Engineers (Diplomates) to participate in concept study groups. These groups seek solutions to major environmental problems. Once developed, the Academy provides these solutions to key policy makers in industry and government.