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PARSONS' HASTINGS BRIDGE PROJECT NAMED MIDWEST BEST PROJECT OF THE YEAR BY *ENR*

PASADENA, CA (September 24, 2014) – Parsons is pleased to announce that the $120 million Hastings Bridge design-build project has been named by *Engineering News-Record* (*ENR*) magazine as the 2014 Midwest Best Project of the Year in the Highways/Bridges category. The bridge—designed by Parsons—will now compete against nine other regional projects for *ENR*'s prestigious National Best Project of the Year award.

"We are proud to have been a part of this major project for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), and we are honored that *ENR* has recognized it for innovation, teamwork, quality, and safety—some of the ideals upon which Parsons is built," said Todd Wager, Parsons Group President.

Opened to traffic in June 2013 and hailed for its innovative design and erection scheme, Hastings Bridge—over the Mississippi River in Hastings, MN—is the longest freestanding tied-arch bridge in North America with a main span of 545 ft and a total length of 1,938 ft. Built for MnDOT in a joint venture between Lunda Construction of Black River Falls, WI, and Ames Construction of Burnsville, MN, this record-setting bridge was erected on land, moved onto barges using self-propelled transporters, and slid between the main river piers. It was then lifted 70 ft into place using 1,200-ton strand jacks. To date, this marks the heaviest bridge move in the United States. Already a recognizable landmark in the historic city of Hastings, the bridge was designed by Parsons with the natural setting in mind. The bridge also has a 100-year lifespan and features freestanding vertical steel arch ribs that eliminate the need for traditional bracing by using an internally stiffened box design.

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The Hastings Bridge design-build project recently received an award from the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois as part of its 2014 Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards competition. For more information about *ENR*'s Regional Best Projects Awards competition and the Hastings Bridge design-build project, read the November 17, 2014, edition of *ENR Midwest*.

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