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Christie Named Chair of ACEC National Energy & Environment Committee

Aurora, CO – April 12, 2011 – Ralph W. Christie, Jr., PE, Chair, president and CEO of Merrick & Company, has been named the 2011-2012 chair of the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) National Energy & Environment Committee. Christie assumed the role on April 1 for ACEC, the 5,000-company member organization.

ACEC's National Energy & Environment Committee's purpose is to develop industry-wide consensus positions and national leadership on a wide range of issues important to engineering firms in the United States. The committee also undertakes a proactive legislative and regulatory advocacy program, develops public and private market informational programs of interest to membership, and communicates with ACEC members on vital environmental and energy issues that will affect their businesses.

Christie served as chair of the energy sub-committee for the past two years. Currently, he is an advisory council member for the Civil and Environmental Engineering College of the University of Cincinnati and is a past member of the Leadership Council for the University of Colorado at Denver's Engineering College. Christie is also a director on the Colorado State Bank Board.

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