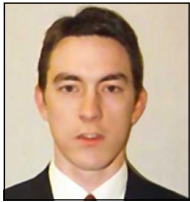


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## MCEER Welcomes New Program Officer



■ *Michael Higgins*

MCEER welcomes Mr. Michael Higgins, P.E. as Senior Program Officer. Mr. Higgins will assume responsibility for coordinating the center's Highway Project, sponsored primarily by the Federal Highway Administration.

Mr. Higgins joins MCEER from ASCE's Civil Engineering Research Foundation (CERF), where he served as Project Manager for the Highway Innovative Technology Evaluation Center (HITEC). He managed the independent product evaluations of over 30 innovative technologies for the bridge and highway industry, and was responsible for overseeing the work of expert panels, hiring consultants, and obtaining test and research facilities necessary to complete these evaluations. Prior to joining CERF, Mr. Higgins was a project manager and engineer at Watts Engineers, Buffalo, NY.

Mr. Higgins was selected as CERF's 1998 Employee of the Year and was the recipient of the 1996 "Young Engineer of the Year" award by the Erie/Niagara Section of NYSSPE. He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University at Buffalo in 1993. ❖