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ACEC/M Office
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**Re: 2012 Engineering & Surveying Excellence Awards
Call for Entries**

Ladies & Gentlemen:

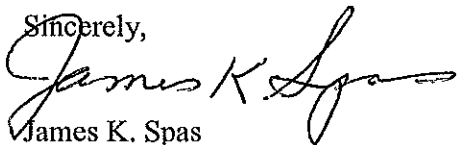
The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. (MSG) has been the Frenchtown Charter Township Resort District Authority (FCTRDA) engineers for over a decade and continue to service our community with fine engineering expertise and with sound and economical engineering judgment. The FCTRDA highly endorses the Frenchtown Township Seawall Rehabilitation project for submittal to ACEC/M for the Engineering and Surveying Excellence Awards. As Director for the FCTRDA, I am well pleased with the efforts of MSG to develop an outstanding set of construction plans and specifications for this very challenging project.

There were many unique elements to this project including the fact that all work had to be conducted on construction easements procured from individual shoreline residents and beach associations. This involved many meetings with groups of shoreline residents as well as individual meetings with homeowners. I coordinated this work with MSG and we were able to successfully negotiate and obtain all necessary easements for the project.

The entire FCTRDA Board is also very pleased with the outcome of this long awaited project as well as the engineering efforts of MSG. We continue to receive compliments from residents and the beach associations since the project not only is aesthetically pleasing, but also cleaned up and removed dead trees, old concrete walls and other shoreline debris. New concrete steps were placed within the flood protection structures within the beach association park areas to facilitate access to the beach with uniquely designed stop planks to prevent breaches during periods of high water.

The final project has clearly exceeded our expectations and project needs. Please accept this letter as the FCTRDA's strong endorsement of this project.

Sincerely,



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