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TIGHE & BOND PUBLISHES CENTENNIAL BOOK ON FIRM'S HISTORY AND PEOPLE, DOCUMENTING A CENTURY OF SERVING NEW ENGLAND

Westfield, Massachusetts – November 3, 2011 – To commemorate its 100th anniversary, Tighe & Bond recently published *Engineering a Century of Progress, The Evolution of Tighe & Bond*. The book brings to life the firm's rich history, people and a century of dedication to providing civil engineering and environmental consulting services to public and private clients throughout the Northeast. The firm intends to distribute these commemorative books to key clients, employees and local historical associations.

Headquartered in Westfield, Tighe & Bond is a household name for many municipalities, as well as numerous other public and private organizations throughout New England. The firm has worked on numerous high profile projects – including drinking water supplies, wastewater systems, and roadways that the public uses on a daily basis. Tighe & Bond has also provided services to many New England universities, schools, hospitals, industries, electric utilities, and private developers.

James Tighe, an Irish immigrant, began working as an engineer for the Holyoke Water Department in 1892, later becoming the city engineer. In 1911, after his service with the city, Tighe established his own private engineering practice in the Caledonian building on High Street in downtown Holyoke. In 1926, Tighe formed a partnership with Philip Bond, who added expertise in municipal engineering. After weathering the Great Depression, Tighe & Bond began expanding its workforce. Today, Tighe & Bond has more than 200 employees in six offices that span three states: Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire.

Other Centennial Celebration Events

As part of Tighe & Bond's 100th anniversary celebration, the firm also established *The Centennial Project* to identify two worthy projects for non-profit agencies in need of Tighe & Bond's services. This past October, Tighe & Bond awarded \$100,000 of pro bono engineering and environmental services to two non-profit organizations. The dollar amount of the services – which will be split between the Boys & Girls' Club of Greater Holyoke, Inc. and the Big Pond Preservation Association/Horizons, Inc. of Connecticut – is earmarked to support a specific noteworthy project for each group.



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In addition to *The Centennial Project*, Tighe & Bond hosted client appreciation events in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire. The firm also sponsored a weekend employee event at the White Mountains in New Hampshire as part of its centennial celebration.



“This auspicious year also has afforded Tighe & Bond numerous successes in our expansion, growth in new markets, awards, and recognition as a great place to work”, comments David Pinsky, the firm’s president. “At its annual *Best Firms to Work for Summit* in San Diego in September, ZweigWhite recognized Tighe & Bond as one of the best civil engineering firms to work for in the nation. We ranked second among mid-size firms and eighth overall.”

This past May, the *Engineering News-Record* once again ranked Tighe & Bond among the top 500 design firms in the nation. And in January, Tighe & Bond acquired Appledore Engineering, a highly regarded, 23-year-old civil engineering firm located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. This has provided Tighe & Bond with greater opportunities for expansion into New Hampshire and Maine markets, as well as more opportunities to better serve its clients.



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Founded in 1911 and celebrating 100 years in business this year, Tighe & Bond is one of the most experienced engineering firms in New England, with offices in Westfield, Worcester and Pocasset, Massachusetts; Middletown and Shelton, Connecticut; and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Engineering News Record annually ranks Tighe & Bond among the top design and environmental engineering firms nationally. The firm provides engineering and environmental services for clients in government, industry, healthcare, education, real estate and water/wastewater markets.

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