

Dennis Corporation assists with Award Winning ASCE Paper

Columbia, SC – Tim Strickland, a student at Clemson University, has received first place in the April 2007 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Carolina's Conference. Each year the ASCE holds the Carolina's Conference for the North and South Carolina region. The competition was hosted by the Georgia Institute of Technology. Tim interviewed Dennis Corporation President, Dan Dennis, to gain insight into the role of an expert witness in land condemnation cases.

The winning paper was titled "The Path to Ethical Responsibility and Eminent Domain." Its main focus was on how ethics are fundamental to the engineering profession and how the United States Supreme Court ruling in the *Kelo vs. City of New London, Connecticut* case will affect eminent domain in the future. Papers were judged by a panel of three judges from the local chapter of ASCE and the host school, Georgia Institute of Technology. Presenters were allowed ten minute presentations, five minutes to speak and a five minute question and answer period.

Tim has worked at a co-op, through Clemson University, for three semesters in Charleston, SC. Through his co-op experience, Tim was able to contact professionals in the field of Civil Engineering and gain insight into an engineer's role in eminent domain. Dan Dennis, president of Dennis Corporation, played an intricate role in explaining and providing examples of these ethical issues. Concerning Mr. Dennis's references in his paper, Tim stated that "with Mr. Dennis's insight and practical experience, my paper was well rounded and accurate."

After completing his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering in December 2007, Tim plans to earn his Master's degree.

