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BAXTER & WOODMAN ONE OF TOP 50 TRENCHLESS DESIGN FIRMS

Baxter & Woodman, Inc. Consulting Engineers has been recognized as one of the Top 50 Trenchless Design Firms in North America for 2008. The results came from an annual survey conducted by Trenchless Technology magazine, which tabulates statistics on overall billings, trenchless billings, number of trenchless professionals and total projects the firm has completed for the past five years.

Trenchless construction is an alternative to open-cut methods of pipe installation for water and sewer mains. It reduces disruption to the construction site and neighboring areas, increases safety, is faster and quieter than open-cut methods, uses less fuel, reduces hauling of materials to and from the site, minimizes tree damage/loss, and reduces vibration and potential for damage to adjacent buildings. The types of pipe installation or rehabilitation methods considered trenchless are: cast-in-place (CIPP) lining of existing pipelines; slip-lining of existing pipelines; pipe jacking (of casings and carrier pipes); pipe ramming (of casings); pipe tunneling (manned entry method); pipe microtunneling; pilot tube microtunneling; and horizontal directional drilling (HDD).

“Trenchless projects can offer a cost-saving and environmentally-friendly alternative to traditional open-cut methods,” said Lyle Hammer, Baxter & Woodman’s Water Infrastructure Department Leader.

Baxter & Woodman, Inc. is an employee-owned Engineering News-Record Top 500 Design Firm which provides planning, design, construction and technology services for water, wastewater, stormwater and transportation facilities for municipalities, counties and state agencies. Environmental, geographic information systems (GIS), water and wastewater operations, and advanced technology needs complement the firm’s civil engineering expertise. Clients are served from 10 regional offices in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin

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