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### **Civil Engineers Assess Georgia's Infrastructure** *New Report Card Will Grade 12 Infrastructure Areas*

- WHAT:** The Georgia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) will unveil its 2009 Georgia Infrastructure Report Card, an assessment of 12 infrastructure areas vital to economic prosperity and quality of life in Georgia: aviation, bridges, dams, drinking water, energy, parks and recreation, roads, school facilities, solid waste, stormwater, transit and wastewater.
- WHO:** Tim Bricker, P.E., M.ASCE, Georgia Section President  
Rebecca Shelton, P.E., M.ASCE, Chair, Georgia Infrastructure Report Card  
Adjo Amekudzi, Ph.D., P.E., M.ASCE, Vice-chair, Georgia Infrastructure Report Card
- WHEN:** Tuesday, January 13, 2009  
9:30 a.m. ET
- WHERE:** Capitol Building 206 Washington St Atlanta, Georgia  
Committee Room 403
- WHY:** Since the release of the 2003 Georgia Infrastructure Report Card, our nation has invested unprecedented resources to improve and maintain our aging infrastructure. Despite increases in both federal and local infrastructure funding for areas such as transportation and schools, Georgia's infrastructure remains in peril as population growth continues to outpace infrastructure investment. Shortfalls in funding of wastewater and stormwater treatment facilities continue to degrade the conditions of Georgia's rivers and the demand for clean drinking water continues to increase. Georgia's residents will be forced to make tough funding decisions as the state struggles with interstate water conflicts, overflowing sewers, muddy rivers, severe traffic congestion, dangerous smog alerts, leaking landfills and homeland security. The state can no longer afford to wait and play "catch up." Georgia must build for the future now.

The Georgia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) represents more than 2,800 civil engineers in the state of Georgia. Founded in 1852, national organization of ASCE represents more than 146,000 civil engineers worldwide and is the nation's oldest engineering society. For more information on the Georgia Infrastructure Report Card, visit [www.ascega.org](http://www.ascega.org).

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