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**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS 2003 CONFERENCE**  
**COMES TO BIRMINGHAM**

*Birmingham To Host Over 3,000 Delegates and Students*

(Birmingham, AL) – The annual 2003 Society of Women Engineers (SWE) conference, “Supporting the World Through Engineering,” will be held in Birmingham, AL October 9 – 11. Over 3,000 attendees are expected including professionals from every facet of the engineering profession and a large number of engineering students and educators.

“The national conference is a wonderful opportunity for students to network among some of the leading professionals from across the country in our field and to attend several professional development programs aimed specifically at those about to embark on their career,” said Jennifer Gray, president of Birmingham’s chapter of Society of Women Engineers. “There will also be a job fair during the conference which gives students two days to meet 200 prospective employers and get a real life feel for the opportunities available to them.”

The topics of Enterprise, Environment and Education comprise the three major areas to be covered in the conference. A separate keynote speaker will address each of these subjects and the programs will focus on the launching point into the profession, centering on equipping young women to begin an engineering career.

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## **Society of Women Engineers 2003 Conference – add one**

Engineering students can attend sessions such as:

**How To Work A Career Fair** – helping students prepare to obtain the maximum benefits as they speak with recruiters at career fairs;

**Finding Scholarships** – tips on using SWE and other professional societies to maximize their success at funding their education;

**Building Your Resume** – planning activities throughout their undergraduate program so that they can develop skills employers are looking for.

There will also be session on “Salary Negotiation,” “Choosing a Graduate School,” “Selecting a Job Offer,” and “How to Prepare For The Fundamentals of the Engineering Exam.”

A mentoring banquet will be held at the McWane Center prior to the Student Awards Ceremony. Students will be matched to practicing engineers with similar professional interests, providing a wonderful networking opportunity.

The Society of Women Engineers is a non-profit educational service organization dedicated to making known the need for women engineers and encouraging young women to consider an engineering education. For more information on SWE and the annual conference, visit [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org).

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