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Members of the Society of Women Engineers

Nominated for Awards

Birmingham, Ala. -- When the Engineering Council of Birmingham announced the nominees for its annual engineering awards, three members of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) were among those honored.

Penny Manuel, the director of human resources for the Southern Company Generation and Energy Marketing, has been nominated for the Engineer of the Year Award. As a SWE member, she serves on the 2003 SWE National Conference committee as volunteer coordinator. She is also a board member of the Alabama Information Technology Association, a member of the United Way Visiting Allocations Committee, and on the UAB Materials Engineering Advisory Board. In 2002, the Birmingham Business Journal ranked her among the "Top 40 under 40."

A nominee for the Distinguished Service Award, Michelle Ballew is the information technology manager for Christy/Cobb, Inc. She is also active as co-chair of SWE's 2003 National Conference committee which is coordinating the annual meeting in

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Birmingham. A mother of twins, Michelle is active in both Girl Scouts and Girl's, Inc. She is also known for the support and time she has given to the Greystone Elementary PTA and St. Peter's Church in Hoover.

A project manager in the infrastructure department of Sain Associates, Inc., Jennifer Gray has been nominated for Young Engineer of the Year. Serving as President of the Birmingham Section of SWE, she is also active in the American Society of Civil Engineers. She is a board member of All Saints Episcopal Day School and an advisor for the UAB School of Engineering Leadership Program.

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. The 2003 SWE National Conference, "Supporting the World Through Engineering" will take place in Birmingham, Ala. October 8-11, 2003. For more information on SWE and the annual conference, visit www.swe.org.

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