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LOCAL ENGINEERING FIRM RANKS IN NATIONAL BEST FIRM TO WORK FOR CONTEST

(MODESTO, CA) – NorthStar Engineering Group, Inc. is celebrating a major accomplishment, but it's not the type of honor they typically enjoy for executing a great project. The local civil engineering firm was ranked #29 in the 2006 Best Civil Engineering Firms To Work For Contest, and was named to the Top 20 in the 2006 Best *Small* Civil Engineering Firms To Work For Contest, ranking eleventh.

Winners were announced on September 28, at an awards presentation during the Best Firm To Work For Summit. Firms on the list are honored for achieving high levels of employee satisfaction and a great workplace. This year, 157 firms competed in the thorough evaluation and comparison of their culture, benefits, performance/recognition practices, compensation, professional development programs, recruiting and retention efforts, and more.

NorthStar Engineering Group, Inc. is committed to creating a positive work environment for their staff and takes pride in knowing their employees have a great place to go to work each day. Receiving recognition for achieving an excellent workplace is a meaningful honor to the firms' principles and staff.

Founded in 2002, NorthStar Engineering Group, Inc. is a California State Certified Small Business providing consulting services for public works, land development, land planning and land surveying. Located in Modesto with strong ties to the community, NorthStar is one of the fastest growing firms in the Central Valley.

This ranking was developed six years ago by CE News to provide the industry with a meaningful ranking concerning human resources issues in the civil engineering industry, as well as to assist firms in their recruiting and retaining activities. Many people in the industry believe it has helped "raise the bar" of firms' workplace practices nationwide.

An article in the October issue of CE News provides more information about the ranked firms and the competition in general. The article, along with links to the top 50 firms and the honorable mentions are available online at www.cenews.com. (<http://www.cenews.com/article.asp?id=1291>).

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