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Civil Engineering Student Nicole Smith Returns to USF with More Insight into Professional Engineering

*Internship at Environmental Engineering and Consulting Firm
Gives Students Real-World Experience*

CHICAGO, September 17, 2012 – Nicole Smith, a senior engineering student at the University of South Florida School of Engineering, returned to classes this fall with a better understanding of professional engineering after a 12-week internship at Greeley and Hansen, a leading firm specializing in practical engineering, architectural, and management solutions for complex water, wastewater, and infrastructure challenges.

The interns had an opportunity to work on a diverse range of assignments and projects in a variety of areas, including: design, feasibility studies, master planning, construction management and much more. These real-world situations help sharpen their skills in engineering, leadership and business.

Greeley and Hansen is committed to offering interns learning and development opportunities that enhance their overall internship experience. Each intern is matched up with a Mentor Engineer, hand-picked by senior leaders, and works alongside their mentor on real projects throughout the summer, according to **John C. Robak**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

“Greeley and Hansen’s internship program offers students the opportunity to contribute to the firm’s passion for delivering engineering solutions that sustain valuable water resources and create better urban environments,” said Robak, “We believe our internship program provides a unique blend of hands-on experience and mentoring in a professional work environment.”

As part of the internship program, Smith, who holds a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the school’s varsity track team, participated in Greeley and Hansen’s award-winning Designing Your Future Leadership Conference. This highly interactive, two-day conference held in the company’s headquarters in Chicago focuses specifically on career management and leadership development for future engineers. The



conference showcases several industry experts presenting a wide-range of topics designed to educate engineering students on how to best manage their future careers and take ownership of their career path. Specific training is offered in foundational leadership skills, navigating conflict and change, learning to set goals, and teaching students how to build rewarding, challenging, and exciting technical careers while creating a healthy balance around work, home, and community. Greeley and Hansen Chief Executive Officer **Andy Richardson** personally engages and interacts with participants during the conference. The conference concluded with Smith receiving a certificate of completion.

About Greeley and Hansen

Greeley and Hansen is a leader in developing innovative engineering solutions for a wide array of water, wastewater, and related infrastructure challenges aimed at improving public health, safety, and welfare. Headquartered in Chicago since its founding in 1914, Greeley and Hansen has a staff of more than 300 in 18 locations across the U.S. The firm provides services for all phases of projects ranging from master planning and feasibility studies through design, construction, and start-up. Greeley and Hansen has consistently been recognized by the National Association for Business Resources as one of *Chicago's 101 Best & Brightest Places to Work* and by the Chicago Tribune as a *Top Workplace in 2011*. The firm was also selected as a *Principal 10 Best Company for Employee Financial Security* by the Principal Financial Group and has been consistently recognized for engineering excellence by the American Council of Engineering Companies. For more information, please visit www.greeley-hansen.com.

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