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### **Local engineer receives national recognition as a “Rising Star of Civil Engineering”**

**FRESNO, CA:** John Schaap, a principal engineer and vice president at Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, was nationally recognized as a “2013 Rising Star of Civil Engineering” by the Civil Engineering News (CE News) magazine.

The organization’s “Rising Star of Civil Engineering” award recognized 15 individuals throughout the United States who are 40 years old or younger that have demonstrated exceptional technical capability, leadership ability, effective teaching or research, and/or public service benefiting the civil engineering profession, their employers, project owners, and/or society.

With over 15 years of civil and agricultural engineering experience, Schaap has consulted on design projects and environmental/regulatory compliance projects for agricultural operations. In 2009, Schaap was also awarded the “Engineer of the Year Award” by the American Society of Agricultural & Biological Engineers (ASABE), California-Nevada Section.

“John is an exceptional project manager and leader for Provost & Pritchard and our clients. John has continuously demonstrated the qualities that are honored through the Rising Star award”, shared Dale Melville, president of the firm. “His innovative ideas, attention to detail, and leadership qualities have been a key factor in successfully addressing our clients’ projects and issues.”

Schaap, a resident of Visalia, is both a licensed civil and agricultural engineer; John graduated from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo with a bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Engineering and a masters degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering from the University of California, Davis.

Established in 1968, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group has a strong tradition of engineering and consulting excellence throughout California. With office locations in Fresno, Clovis, Visalia, Bakersfield, Modesto, and Los Banos, the firm features a mix of seasoned professionals, complemented by younger staff with fresh ideas. Provost & Pritchard specializes in civil and agricultural engineering, environmental and land use planning, hydrogeology and geology, surveying, and construction management services in the areas of water resources, municipal infrastructure, agriculture, site development, and environmental compliance. For more information, visit [www.ppeng.com](http://www.ppeng.com) or email [info@ppeng.com](mailto:info@ppeng.com).

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