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RINA and the City of Evanston Win ACEC Illinois Special Achievement Award for Evanston Main Street Improvement Project

December 12, 2024 – Springfield, Illinois – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois awarded RINA North America (former Patrick Engineering Inc.) and the City of Evanston, Illinois, a Special Achievement Award for the Evanston Main Street Improvements - Maple Avenue to Hinman Avenue project.

The project revitalized the Main Street Central Business District corridor, addressing pedestrian safety, pavement conditions, streetscape appeal, traffic signals, street lighting, green infrastructure, and underground utilities. These improvements enhanced accessibility and safety for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

RINA served as the design and construction engineer, using innovative techniques to meet ADA design criteria and manage stormwater with permeable pavers. The project also improved traffic flow and promoted bicycle safety. New sidewalks, brick banding, tree grates, and landscaping further enhanced the streetscape.

Strong community engagement ensured stakeholders' needs were addressed. The project was recognized for sustainable design, including permeable pavers and tree preservation.

Completed under budget at \$8.4 million, the project secured over \$2.8 million in grants, reducing financial costs for the City of Evanston. It was finished ahead of schedule, demonstrating the engineering team's dedication and efficiency.

Sat Nagar, Senior Project Manager with the City of Evanston Public Works Agency, said, “The Evanston Main Street Improvement Project exemplifies the positive impact of thoughtful engineering and community collaboration, making the area safer, more accessible, and vibrant for all Businesses and residents.”

RINA, leading certification and engineering company, provides a wide range of services across the Energy, Marine, Infrastructure & Mobility, Certification, Industry and Real Estate sectors. In December 2023, alongside the majority shareholder Registro Italiano Navale, Fondo Italiano d'Investimento SGR entered the shareholding structure guiding a pool of co-investors. With revenues in 2023 of 797 million euros, 5,800 employees and 200 offices in 70 countries worldwide, RINA is a member of key international organizations and an important contributor to the development of new legislative standards.

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