

2005 Engineer of Distinction



E. Ray Morris

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Citation

E. Ray Morris graduated with a bachelors degree in Civil Engineering from Tennessee Technological University in 1959. He is the founder of Venture Construction Company in Norcross, Georgia. Venture Construction Company completes 400-500 contracts each year, retains a General Contractor's license in 45 states, operates from branch offices in six cities and employees 290 people. Venture is active in 15-20 states on a regular basis, with geographic coverage from Miami to Detroit and from New Jersey to Louisiana, Texas, Missouri and Arizona.

Prior to founding Venture Construction Company, Mr. Morris worked as a Structural Design Engineer for 4 1/2 years. Mr. Morris is a past president and director of the Associated General Contractors, Georgia Branch and past member of National Board of Directors where he is currently a member of the Private Building Owners Committee. He is a past arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and a member of the American Institute of Constructors since 1976, where he is a past national director.

Morris has served as a member of the Bethel College Board of Trustees in McKenzie, Tennessee for 18 years. He is also a past director of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Buckhead Optimist Club, as well as the 1986 Housing Committee of the American Heart Association, Georgia Affiliate.