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(Hoover, Ala.)*

Two Neel-Schaffer engineers will be part of a prestigious program being launched this year by the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

Jonathan Kiser (Jackson, Miss.) and Becky Malenke (Hoover, Ala.) are two of 30 engineers from across North America selected for the inaugural class of Leadership ITE, a nine-month program aimed at developing leadership skills and building professional networks.

“The program is a strategic opportunity for ITE to fortify our profession with leaders who can confidently lead, communicate and engage with multidimensional stakeholders required to build and maintain vibrant communities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” said Thomas W. Brahms, executive director and CEO for ITE.

Neel-Schaffer president Hibbett Neel, a longtime advocate of ITE, is the international vice president of the organization this year. He sees the selection of Kiser and Malenke as a big win for all involved.

“This shows that they are already leaders and they are willing to take the next step to become leaders at a higher level,” said Neel. “This experience will not only expose them to all of ITE’s initiatives but will also give them an opportunity to learn more about the federal government and how transportation projects are funded. I feel they and Neel-Schaffer will benefit greatly from this year-long experience.”

The nine-month program begins with a kickoff workshop set for Nov. 7-9 in Washington, D.C. Workshops also are set for March 8-12 in Miami, Fla., and Aug. 9-13 in Seattle. Kiser and Malenke will also participate in webinars and team projects during the program.

“I am honored to be selected for such a unique program,” said Malenke. “I hope to broaden my understanding of the transportation profession at the national level and ultimately share my experiences with my coworkers and ALSITE colleagues.”

Malenke, who currently serves as the president of the Alabama section of ITE, joined Neel-Schaffer in 2006 and has 14 years of experience as a transportation engineer.

Kiser, a past president of the Deep South section of ITE, joined Neel-Schaffer in 2000 and has 20 years of experience as a traffic engineer. He is a vice president with the firm.