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### **ARDOT Engineers Recognized For Career Achievements**

**FAYETTEVILLE (5-03)** – The University of Arkansas College of Engineering honored two ARDOT employees for career excellence during events held on Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer Lorie Tudor was inducted into the Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineers. She is one of 30 ARDOT engineers honored by the Academy and the Department’s first female inductee. The University of Arkansas Academy of Civil Engineers is an accomplished group of civil engineering alumni who have shown exceptional merit.

Tudor has over 34 years of service with ARDOT. She graduated from the University of Memphis with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering in 1997. She is a Registered Professional Engineer in Arkansas. She has held various titles in the Planning Branch, including Assistant Division Head and Division Head of Programs and Contracts before becoming Assistant Chief Engineer for Planning in 2011. In November 2014, she was named the Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer for ARDOT. This position is responsible for overseeing all operational activities of the Department. Tudor is an active member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

Transportation Planning and Policy Division Head Jessie Jones received the University of Arkansas College of Engineering Early Career Alumni Award. She is ARDOT’s second engineer to receive this award and the Department’s first female recipient. The Early Career Alumni Award is presented to College of Engineering graduates who are achieving distinction in their fields and show significant promise for professional leadership in state, national, and international activities. Those considered for this award have served in their industries for 15 years or less.

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Jones oversees transportation planning activities, including long-range transportation planning, transportation performance management, public transportation, and traffic safety. She has held various positions in design, planning, and research prior to her current position. Jones is an active member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Transportation Research Board. She graduated from Arkansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 2001 and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas in 2003. She is a Registered Professional Engineer in Arkansas.



