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## **ATC Associates Inc. Celebrates 30th Anniversary**

**LAFAYETTE, LA (JANUARY 25, 2012)** – ATC Associates Inc., a nationally-recognized professional engineering and environmental consulting firm specializing in geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing, special inspections, industrial hygiene, and environmental engineering services, is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

“ATC was built upon one principle – people helping people. That principle continues to drive every aspect of our business and has been the key to our success,” said Bobby Toups, CEO of ATC Associates Inc., who was instrumental in the decision to relocate ATC’s corporate headquarters to Lafayette in 2009. “We are excited to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary here in Lafayette and we will continue to serve the community in years to come.”

Since opening its headquarters in Lafayette, ATC provides an estimated \$2.6 million annually in new payroll dollars to the local economy. ATC has maintained a branch office in Lafayette since 1997, and further expanded in 2010 by establishing a fully-operational geotechnical and construction materials testing laboratory here that helps serve the Gulf Coast Region.

Throughout the nation over the last three decades, ATC has worked behind the scenes seamlessly and discreetly for hundreds of Fortune 500 companies and was on the scene within hours of several national disasters. From working with the WTC recovery and redevelopment efforts to environmental testing in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita as well as providing geotechnical services and construction materials testing on hundreds of major capital improvement projects across the country, ATC has served as a one-stop resource for leaders in petroleum, real estate, retail, manufacturing, financial services, insurance, construction, telecommunications, education, government and hospitality.

“ATC continues to experience significant growth as the economy improves, and as we capitalize on our diverse service lines in order to help clients achieve their objectives in Louisiana and the entire country,” said Toups. “We are proud to be a Louisiana company, and we are always looking for more talent to enhance our offerings.”

With 90 percent of its business generated from client referrals, it’s no surprise why ATC consistently ranks among *Engineering News-Record’s* top consultants nationwide.

ATC was founded in 1982 in Sioux Falls, SD as an analytical laboratory. The company's initial services included water quality, lake restoration and general analytical testing. As demand for ATC's services grew, it added drug screening for the dog and horse racing industries as well as agricultural consulting and informational research. Readily adapting to an evolving market, ATC began conducting asbestos analyses and air monitoring services in the same decade, birthing a new direction for the growing company.

"Asbestos management was a hot topic in the early 1980s," said Don Beck, one of ATC's first employees, now a Senior VP overseeing the North Region's 30 offices. "In response to EPA regulations, asbestos abatement gained momentum, changing the face of our company from an analytical lab to environmental consulting firm."

Driven by contractor and clients requests, ATC continued to expand its reach and opened several offices nationwide including New York City, Denver, Lincoln and Omaha, NE, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City and Los Angeles. During the 1990s, to increase geographic influence and to continue to satisfy its diversified client base, ATC acquired more than 10 companies and 50 additional offices nationwide.

Today with more than 71 offices in 39 states, ATC generates more than \$200 million in services annually and employs over 1,600 professional, technical and support personnel nationwide. ATC is one of the largest companies headquartered in Lafayette Parish and the state of Louisiana.

**ATC Associates Inc.** is a nationwide consulting, engineering and testing company. We help clients manage and respond to Environmental, Occupational Health & Safety and Construction-related issues. Services include Environmental Consulting, Geotechnical Engineering, Construction Materials Testing & Inspection, Industrial Hygiene, Laboratory Analyses and Environmental Health & Safety Training. Our nation-wide network of 1600 professionals has resolved thousands of projects in our 30-year history. We thrive on delivering creative, effective, cost-saving and safety-oriented solutions. ATC has served as a one-stop resource for leaders in Petroleum, Real Estate, Retail, Manufacturing, Financial Services, Insurance, Construction, Telecommunication, Education, Government and Hospitality. Learn more at [www.atcassociates.com](http://www.atcassociates.com)