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**SEPI Engineering Group President Appointed Chair Of  
International Affairs Council Board Of Directors**  
*Sepi Asefnia To Promote Understanding Of World Affairs  
For International Organization*

RALEIGH, N.C. – Sepi Asefnia, president of SEPI Engineering Group, has been named chair of the Board of Directors for the International Affairs Council (IAC) of North Carolina. As board chair, Asefnia will lead the efforts for promoting the understanding of world affairs, citizen-to-citizen diplomacy and the recognition of North Carolina as an international center of education, culture and business. The IAC is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that fulfills its mission by planning itineraries for visiting international dignitaries and professionals interested in business development, education, and other topics, as well as hosting a series of events that bring seasoned, high-profile speakers to the Triangle community. For the last several years, IAC has hosted more than 600 international visitors in the Triangle, ranking the Board as six out of 96 similar community-based organizations in the United States.

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## Quotes:

“I am privileged to be able to serve as chair for the Board of Directors for the International Affairs Council of North Carolina,” said Asefnia. “The IAC plays a very important role in the promotion of North Carolina as an international center of education, culture and business.”

## About Sepi Asefnia:

A licensed Professional Engineer (PE), Sepi S. Asefnia is founder and president of SEPI Engineering Group, which provides transportation engineering and planning services to private and public sector clients across the southeast. Asefnia serves on the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is a member of the Cary Chamber of Commerce, the Cardinal Club, and the Regional Transportation Alliance. Asefnia maintains memberships in national organizations such as the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), the

National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), and the Women Presidents' Organization (WPO). Asefnia has been featured in national publications such as *Entrepreneur Magazine* and many local magazines and newspapers. Among her awards are the North Carolina WTS Chapter "Employer of the Year" award and the YWCA 2004 Academy of Women Award in Science & Technology. In 2004, she was recognized by the *Triangle Business Journal* as among the "Top 25 Women Business Owners in the Triangle." Asefnia was named 2006 North Carolina Small Business Person of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA), and she represented North Carolina at National Small Business Week in Washington, D.C.

About SEPI Engineering Group:

Sepi S. Asefnia is President of SEPI Engineering Group, which provides civil engineering and planning services to private and public sector clients across the southeast. SEPI Engineering Group is a certified Women Business Enterprise in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Since its establishment in 2001 the firm has worked on projects in both the private and public sectors. Their experienced team of engineering professionals provides clients with planning, traffic engineering operations and construction management. The SEPI engineering specialists also manage wetland mitigation, the analysis of natural resources and permitting for projects, as well as civil and structural design and public involvement services. For more information about SEPI Engineering Group please call 919-789-9977 or visit the Web site <http://www.sepiengineering.com>.

About the International Affairs Council of North Carolina (IACNC):

The International Affairs Council (IAC) is an independent, nonpartisan organization that promotes understanding of world affairs, citizen-to-citizen diplomacy, and the recognition of North Carolina as an international center of education, culture and business. The IAC is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that fulfills its mission by planning itineraries for visiting international dignitaries and professionals interested in business development, education, and other topics; by hosting a series of events that bring seasoned, high-profile speakers to the Triangle community; and by supporting the internationalization of K-12 curriculum through innovative programming. IAC is successful due to the support and involvement of 2,000 local professional resources, 400 organization members, and dozens of volunteers. For the last several years, IAC hosted more than 600 international visitors in the Triangle, ranking the Board as six out of 96 similar community-based organizations in the United States. For more information, please call (919) 838-9191 or visit <http://www.iacnc.org>.

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