



### **Josif Bicja, P.E., Named New Hampshire's 2014 Young Engineer of the Year**

MANCHESTER – Josif Bicja, P.E., has been selected by a jury of his peers from New Hampshire's engineering societies as the 2014 New Hampshire Young Engineer of the Year. This distinguished award will be presented February 20<sup>th</sup> at the annual Engineers' Week banquet in Bedford, NH. Structural Engineers of New Hampshire (SENH) nominated Josif based on his record of professional accomplishments, service to the profession and promoting engineering, activity in the community, and dedication to his family.

Josif is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire where he received both his BS (2003) and MS (2006) in Civil Engineering. He maintains professional licensure in New Hampshire and is active in a number of professional associations including the Structural Engineers of New Hampshire, National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges and Vermont Covered Bridge Society.

Josif's professional experience spans 10 years in the design, rehabilitation and inspection of numerous steel and concrete bridges as well as covered bridges. He has served as a structural design engineer, construction inspector and construction administrator on bridge projects for NHDOT, MassDOT, VTrans and NYSDOT and has extensive experience and familiarity with the latest load resistance factor design methods.

While Josif has extensive experience with all typical bridge types, he has become a leading technical authority on covered bridges having provided inspection, design, analysis or construction inspection for 13 covered bridges. He has shared this knowledge with the engineering community and general public through 5 presentations to date on the subject at local and national conferences.

Josif and his wife Poli reside in Manchester, NH with their two daughters Olivia and Elena. He is a devoted father and often spends his evenings 'engineering' dollhouses or other toys for his girls.