One hundred years old and going strong, BCM Engineers, Incorporated, has operated in Alabama for six decades, resolved to do whatever it takes to meet the needs of the firm’s clients. Setting its sights on work that was difficult and technically challenging, BCM Engineers became a leader in environmental engineering. The firm’s accomplishments have included finding solutions to the many asbestos abatement problems in our state. During the past ten years, BCM has earned the reputation of Alabama’s premier asbestos-removal firm. Nationwide, BCM employs more than one thousand people, over three hundred in Alabama.

BCM’s technological contributions can be found at sites around the nation. Five of the firm’s projects to date have received Alabama State Awards for Design Excellence (ACEC-A): its asbestos abatement project in Mobile County schools; the wastewater management facility it built on Dauphin Island; a wastewater treatment facilities upgrade in Tallassee; a waste impoundment closure at CIBA-GEIGY Corporation in McIntosh; and its solid waste management plan and landfill design for Dougherty County, Georgia. Each of these award-winning projects demonstrated an environmental engineering advance—from innovative sludge solidification at CIBA-GEIGY to developments in wastewater treatment efficiency that saved the city of Tallassee over one million dollars.

In 1987 BCM was ranked twelfth among the “Consulting Engineering Giants” by Consulting-Specifying Engineer; in 1989, the firm was ranked sixty-third among American engineering firms. Alabama’s largest employee-owned consulting firm, BCM is an active member of the American Consulting Engineers Council, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Society of American Military Engineers, and other professional organizations. BCM employees serve in leadership positions in many of these organizations.

In 1988, BCM conducted a five-plant fugitive emission study for several companies in south Alabama. Findings of the study are currently being applied nationwide by the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry and the Chemical Manufacturing Association. BCM personnel are leading seminars across the country to discuss the application of their findings to industry.

Much involved in education and training, BCM has made the development of innovative, effective training programs a priority. These advances in training benefit BCM’s employees and have also been shared with the firm’s industrial and public clients. In addition, BCM Engineers recently endowed annual scholarships for engineering students at The University of Alabama and Auburn University. A manifestation of the firm’s commitment to excellence, the scholarship endowments help ensure—for BCM and for the profession at large—that the quality of the Alabama engineer will continue strong.