

# THE FIRST WORD

August, 2012

## August Board/General Membership Meeting Set For August 30th With Secretary of Transportation Gary Ridley

ACEC OKLAHOMA's August General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 30th beginning at 11:45am.

Secretary of Transportation Gary Ridley and other senior ODOT Staff will update the membership on the state of the current program as well as the recently passed federal highway program.

The ACEC OKLAHOMA Board of Directors will meet at 9:00am, prior to the General Membership Meeting.

**NEW LOCATION FOR THE MEETING!!!!** As the "big" conference room at the ACEC OKLAHOMA office is no longer available, we will be having the August meeting at the

new offices of the Oklahoma Association of General Contractors (AGC).

If you are not aware, the recently moved from their old location adjacent to I-44/Lincoln to a new building just off of Lincoln on 41st Street, directly behind the Jim Thorpe Museum. The address is 636 N.E. 41st Street. They have a beautiful facility with a large conference area and ample parking.

Registration information will be coming out shortly, so mark your calendars for this important and informative meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on August 30th!!!!

## Welcome New Members

ACEC OKLAHOMA is excited to welcome six new member firms to the organization.

**ADOBE TESTING SERVICES** of Tulsa is a 2-person firm offering Geotechnical, Construction Inspections, and Construction Management services. Byron Labadie heads up the office which is a branch of Palmerton & Parrish of Springfield, MO.

**FRANKFURT-SHORT-BRUZA ASSOCIATES** in Oklahoma City is a 92-person full-service Architectural/Engineering firm. Gary James, Bill Frankfurt, Glenn Short, Alan Brown, Rick Johnson, Phillip McNayr, Fred Schmidt, Laure Majors, and Steve Shrum lead this long-established Oklahoma City firm.

**GROSSMAN & KEITH ENGINEERING COMPANY** is a 7-person firm headed by Brad Donwerth, Don Farris, and John Johnson. The Oklahoma City firm offers Civil/Structural engineering services.

**INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERS, INC.**, of Oklahoma City is led by Gregg Hostetler, and is a branch office of a South Carolina based national firm offering Road/Bridge design, Bridge Inspections, Structural Inspections, and Construction Management.

**Re2C, LLC**, of Lawton is a Structural, Electrical, Construction Management, Investigations firm. Principals of the firm are Alan Spencer, Derek Dippon, and Andreia Dippon.

**STOVER & ASSOCIATES** of Stillwater is a 15-person Environmental Consulting firm. Enos Stover is the firm's principal.

Full information on these and all ACEC OKLAHOMA member firms can be found in our online Membership Directory at [www.acecok.org](http://www.acecok.org).

ACEC OKLAHOMA welcomes all of these firms, and looks forward to having them as active members of the Council!!!!

## ACEC OKLAHOMA Surpasses Nears 60% Mark of ACECPAC Fundraising Goal

Halfway through 2012, ACEC OKLAHOMA members have pushed well past the 50% mark in the fundraising efforts for ACECPAC, the national political action committee. As of June 30th, members had contributed \$6,700.00 (58% to date), leaving only \$4,800 yet to be raised during the current election cycle.

Our sincere thanks to the following who have made 2012 contributions!

Hollis Allen, Walter P. Moore  
Keith Angier, MacArthur Associated Consultants  
Lance Benham, SAIC  
Jim Benson, Poe & Associates  
John Bocox, Zahl-Ford, Inc.  
Bret Cabbiness, Cabbiness Engineering  
Brandon Claborn, Meshek & Associates  
Jim Cobb, Cobb Engineering  
Todd Cochran, Thge Schemmer Associates  
Joe Davis, Triad Design Group  
Jerry Edgin, Poe & Associates  
Doug Glenn, Cobb Engineering  
Tom Hendrick, Wallace Engineering  
Mike Homan, Terracon  
Elli Johannsson, Crafton Tull  
Steven Johnson, Cobb Engineering  
Sri Koneru, Koneru Consulting Services  
Jason Langhammer, Garver  
Stacy Loeffler, BKL, Inc.  
Syam Mannava, SAI Engineering  
Nick Millard, SAIC  
Chuck Mitchell, Crafton Tull  
Susan Mobley, Digital Mapping  
Dennis Morris, Poe & Associates  
David Neuhauser, C P & Y  
Sam Pappas, MacArthur Associated Consultants  
Aaron Peck, Guy Engineering Services  
Stan Rankin, SAIC  
David Raymond, ACEC National Staff  
Scott Rodehaver, Wallace Engineering  
Brent Schniers, Garver  
Ryan Smith, Poe & Associates  
Robert Smith, Poe & Associates  
Alan Soltani, SAIC  
Jim Stewart, PSA Consulting Engineers  
Brandon Wall, Wall Engineering  
Michael Wilson, C. H. Guernsey & Co.

Not on the list???? Make your contribution to ACECPAC today, and help ACEC OKLAHOMA reach our 2012 goal!

## ACEC Fall Conference Set for Boca Raton, FL

The ACEC 2012 Fall Conference will be held October 14-17 at Boca Raton Resort, Boca Raton, FL and we hope you will join ACEC members from across the country for an outstanding lineup of great speakers and topics.

The program at this year's ACEC Fall Conference is top-notch and relevant to your firm. Here are Ten Reasons Why You Should Attend:



1. Rich Karlgaard, Forbes Columnist & Publisher on "Challenge of Private vs. Public Growth – Central Issue of Our Time"
2. Ron Insana, CNBC Senior Financial Commentator, on "America's Coming Economic Boom"
3. 29 Powerful concurrent sessions offering 21.5 PDHs
4. CEO Outlook on Energy, Water and Transportation featuring Jack Hand, CEO of POWER Engineers; Patrick McCann, CEO of Weston Solutions; and Brian Reed, CEO of RS&H
5. Stu Rothenberg, Rothenberg Political Report Editor and Publisher, on "Handicapping the November Elections"
6. 2013 Industry Economic Update
7. CIO Council Symposium: Prioritizing Technology Investment Today
8. CFO Council Symposium: The CFO and the Future of Finance
9. 2012 CASE Convocation
10. Sales and Marketing Forum

For more information, to view the Fall Conference Brochure, to register, and/or to book your room at Boca Raton Resort, visit with ACEC website at: [www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org)

Discounts on Conference Registration and Hotel Rooms will end on Wednesday, September 12. Register by September 12 and you will save \$100 off the registration fee. First time Fall Conference registrants also receive an additional \$145 discount if registered before September 12.

## Thanks For Your Confidence in ACEC OKLAHOMA!

We want to give a special "THANKS" to the fifty three (53) ACEC OKLAHOMA member firms and five Associate Member firms who have renewed their membership for the 2012-13 year. ACEC OKLAHOMA's programs and initiatives are only made possible through the strength and support of the member firm's.

ACEC OKLAHOMA is YOUR association, and your Board of Directors appreciates the "Vote of Confidence" shown through your renewal in the Council's efforts. Renewing firms to date include:

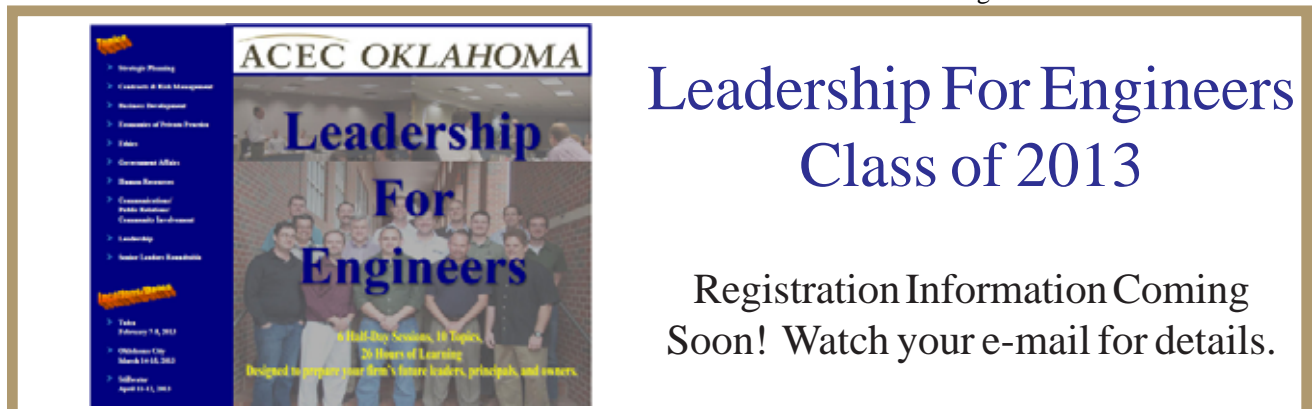
### MEMBER FIRMS

Adobe Testing Services  
 Apposite Engineers  
 Atkins North America  
 Bebee Engineering  
 BKL, Inc.  
 CP & Y  
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 Cobb Engineering  
 Consulting Engineers, Inc.  
 Crafton Tull  
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 Dewberry Engineers  
 EST, Inc.  
 Frankfurt-Short-Bruza & Associates  
 Garver  
 Gonzalez - De La Garza & Associates  
 Graham  
 Grossman & Keith Engineering  
 Guy Engineering Services  
 JGVE Engineers  
 Kleinfelder  
 Koneru Consulting Services  
 Lee & Brown Consulting Engineers  
 Lochner  
 Logic Leaders  
 MacArthur Associated Consultants  
 Meshek & Associates  
 MKEC Engineering Consultants  
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 Nicholls Consulting  
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Professional Engineering Consultants  
 PSA Consulting Engineers  
 Re2C, LLC  
 Red Rock Consulting  
 Russell Engineering  
 SAIC  
 Service & Technology  
 Shafer, Kline & Warren  
 SMC Consulting Engineers  
 Smith-Roberts-Baldischwiler  
 Stover & Associates  
 Terracon  
 The Schemmer Associates  
 Triad Design Group  
 Trumble Dean  
 Wall Engineering  
 Wallace Engineering  
 Walter P Moore  
 White Engineering Company  
 White Hawk Engineering  
 Wilson & Company  
 Zahl-Ford, Inc  
 ZRHD, Inc.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ACEC Business Insurance Trust  
 ACEC Life/Health Trust  
 Digital Mapping Associates  
 Foster CM Group  
 Redbud Marketing



The graphic features a blue sidebar on the left with a list of topics: Strategic Planning, Leadership & Risk Management, Business Development, Economics of Practice Growth, Ethics, Government Affairs, Human Resources, Construction/Trade Awareness, Community Development, Leadership, and Senior Leaders Executive. The main area shows a group photo of the class members with the text "ACEC OKLAHOMA Leadership For Engineers". Below the photo, it states "a Half Day Session, 18 Topics, 25 Hours of Learning" and "Designed to prepare your firm's future leaders, principals, and owners."

## Leadership For Engineers Class of 2013

Registration Information Coming  
Soon! Watch your e-mail for details.

# PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY UPDATE

August 1, 2012

David Raymond, President & CEO

Last month when I sent you this report it was 100 degrees here in Washington. It still is. And as we approach the upcoming election, the political heat is turned up also – accentuating the importance of our PAC and its growing influence. The outcome of the election will have significant implications for our industry; the September-October issue of *Engineering Inc.* will highlight the stakes. The election will also be a major topic at our upcoming Fall Conference, October 14-17 in Boca Raton, Florida, discussed by noted political analyst Stuart Rothenberg, CNBC financial analyst Ron Insana, *Forbes* magazine publisher Rich Karlgaard, and others. We've also got the new head of the Army Corps of Engineers, Lieutenant General Tom Bostick, who will talk about the Corps' partnership with our industry; and top CEOs from member firms addressing the market outlook. This will be a great conference that you won't want to miss!

## Highlights

- Attended White House signing ceremony for the two-year \$105 billion surface transportation program (MAP-21) that includes: (1) protection of current levels of transportation investment plus adjustment for inflation; (2) consolidation of some 110 programs into five main categories to give states more flexibility in using federal funds; and (3) streamlined environmental approval process including exclusion of a broader scope of projects from full environmental reviews.
- Defeated effort to weaken Thomas Amendment by enabling the Corps of Engineers to bypass the private sector in providing levee inspection services directly to state agencies.
- ACEC/North Dakota became the fifth state to meet its PAC fundraising goal for 2012.
- Launched ACEC Young Professionals Forum – which will hold its first meeting at the fall Conference in Boca.

## Government Affairs

- Urged Senate to extend the wind energy production tax credit for two more years beyond its scheduled expiration at the end of 2012.
- Supporting extension of the Bush tax cuts for another year so we don't fall off the "fiscal cliff" and so that Congress will have opportunity to tackle comprehensive tax reform in 2013 regardless of election outcomes.
- Hosted congressional fundraisers for Senator Scott Brown (R-MA), House Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI), House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Representatives Jimmy Duncan (R-TN), Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO), Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ), and Bill Shuster (R-PA).
- Director of Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment described for ACEC's Federal Agencies Committee Air Force plans to consolidate procurement and contract administration of design and construction services; and FEMA Chief Procurement Officer announced a beefing up of his group to speed up and improve quality of the procurement process.
- ACEC delegation met with the GSA OASIS acquisition initiative leadership to emphasize the need for addressing A/E services and QBS compliance as the agency develops a government-wide contracting vehicle that spans multiple professional services.
- Participated in AASHTO Audit Subcommittee conference focusing on the need for uniform interpretation and application of Federal Acquisition Regulations and consistent use of the AASHTO Audit Guide.

