

THE FIRST WORD

October, 2013

Leadership For Engineers

**6 Half-Day Sessions, 26 Hours of
Learning Covering 10 Topics
Designed to Prepare Your Firm's
Future Leaders, Principals, & Owners.**

**THE CLASS IS ALREADY OVER
HALF-FULL, so if your planning on
sending someone from your firm
...DON'T DELAY!!!!**

Registration is now well underway for **Class #5** of the critically acclaimed *Leadership for Engineers* program beginning in February, 2014. The program is designed to prepare your firm's future leaders, principals, and owners for the challenges and opportunities of leading your design consulting firm.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 REGISTRANTS!

The **Registration Deadline will be December 13, 2013** and only one individual from a member firm will be allowed. Tuition will include all meeting materials, professional development hours, and meals/breaks as appropriate. **Tuition does not include lodging or travel expenses.**

Registration information has been sent to all member firms, and is also available on the ACEC OKLAHOMA website, www.acecok.org

Leadership for Engineers -- ACEC OKLAHOMA helping your firm prepare for the future!!!!

PSMJ Project Managers Bootcamp

**Earlybird Deadline is
October 14th..Save \$100**

On November 14-15 in Oklahoma City, ACEC OKLAHOMA will host the acclaimed **PSMJ PROJECT MANAGERS BOOTCAMP**, a two-day, in-depth seminar which compresses a lifetime of experience and insight into two days.

Attendees will gain an understanding of the techniques and strategies of today's most successful projects managers to: **Improve your personal project management skills and success; Provide a focus and dynamic approach your whole firm can put into action immediately; Strengthen your technical skills including negotiation, budgeting, scheduling and risk management; and, Refine your "people skills" including marketing, communication, and leadership.**

Registration information can be found on the ACEC OKLAHOMA website (www.acecok.org).

Lunch & Learn Webinar

**If You Haven't Planned It,
You Can't Control It**

12:30pm-2:00pm

**Wednesday, October 16th
Oklahoma City and Tulsa**

(Registration Info has been e-mailed)

President's Report

October, 2013
David Raymond, ACEC President

As we continue to work with business community allies to urge lawmakers to avoid a government shutdown (which now appears only hours away), I wanted take a moment to share with you some accomplishments from the month of September.

The Securities and Exchange Commission released a revised “municipal adviser” rule that reflects ACEC’s input and may help to spare our members onerous filing requirements.

In addition, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed its first major infrastructure initiative – a new Corps of Engineers water projects bill (WRDA). We expect the House to take up the bill in mid-October, and Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) has asked for ACEC’s help as he brings the bill to the House floor. Expect to hear from us soon for your help in weighing in with House offices in support of the bill.

Fundraising for ACEC/PAC continues at a record pace, which is critical as educate lawmakers on the need to protect federal infrastructure accounts and other priorities in continuing budget deliberations.

Our Fall Conference in Scottsdale later this month will have large attendance, as current registration is already exceeding last year’s numbers. See you in Scottsdale!

General

- The SEC approved a final municipal advisor registration rule that broadens the engineering exemption to include feasibility studies and cash-flow modeling reflecting ACEC’s recommendations to the commission.
- At the annual convention of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) in Barcelona, ACEC Chairman Gregs Thomopoulos led the U.S. delegation in promoting QBS and other industry best practices; former ACEC Chairman Bill Howard was elected to the FIDIC Executive Committee.
- ACEC/Nebraska became the seventh state to meet its PAC fundraising goal for 2013 and ACEC/PAC crossed the half million dollar mark in fundraising for the year, the earliest ever.
- Secured passage in the House Transportation & Committee of the ACEC-backed Water Resources & Reform Development Act (WRRDA), which authorizes new Corps of Engineers water projects and makes numerous reforms in the project review and delivery process.
- Submitted testimony for the Senate Environment & Public Works committee hearing on the need to invest in the nation’s infrastructure and preserve federal transportation funding.
- Submitted comments to FASB expressing concern that its revised accounting standard on leases would have significant financial implications for firms subject to the FAR.
- ACEC/PAC hosted congressional fundraisers for Reps. Vern Buchanan (R-FL), Mike Capuano (D-MA), Bob Gibbs (R-OH), John Mica (R-FL), Steve Stivers (R-OH), Nick Rahall (D-WV), Larry Buschon (R-IN), Rodney Davis (R-IL), Greg Harper (R-MS), Randy Hultgren (R-IL), John Kline (R-MN), and Senators Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and Pat Roberts (R-KS).

Government Advocacy

- ACEC, joined by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and a coalition of business organizations, urged congressional leaders to pass legislation to head off a shutdown of federal agencies.

