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THE FIRST WORD

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Leadership For Engineers

6 Half-Day Sessions, 26 Hours of Learning
Covering 10 Topics

ACEC OKLAHOMA is excited to announce that registration is now open for **Class #8** of the critically acclaimed *Leadership for Engineers* program beginning in February, 2017.

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.

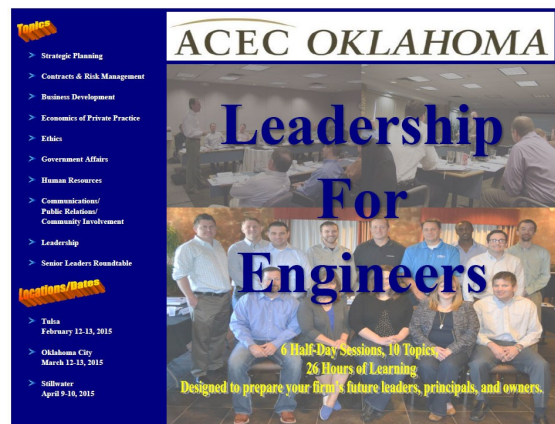
ACEC OKLAHOMA's *Leadership for Engineers* is targeted to all rising industry professionals who are committed to developing their leadership and management skills and abilities, and identified by your firm as a "future leader" of your business. This may include design firm business and administrative coordinators, marketing managers, HR managers, project managers, new principals and middle managers.....anyone interested in developing solid management skills.

A distinguished faculty from both inside and outside the engineering profession has been put together to address a variety of management topics including:

Leadership	Human Resources/Managing People
Ethics	Strategic Planning
Government Affairs	Economics of Private Practice
Business Development	Risk Management/Contract Language
Communications/Public Relations	

The class is limited to 15 people which makes for a small, intimate group and leads to not only teambuilding, but life long friendships.

Registration info is being sent to all members, and is also on the ACEC OKLAHOMA website: www.acecok.org



Welcome New Member

ACEC OKLAHOMA is excited to welcome our newest member firm.....**ADG, Inc.** of Oklahoma City.

ADG, Inc. is a full service architectural and engineering firm. The 60+ employee firm is lead by Tom Wilson, Steve Von Tungeln, and Scott Dedmon, ACEC OKLAHOMA Past President/Chairman Tony Dark is the firm's Director of Business Development.

We welcome **ADG, Inc.** to ACEC OKLAHOMA and look forward to having the firm as an active member of the Council.

Mark Your Calendar!!!!

ACEC OKLAHOMA
Board & General Membership Meeting
9:00am Board / 11:45am Luncheon
Thursday, November 17, 2017
Tulsa

Registration Information Coming Soon!

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2016 Engineering Excellence Awards

Entries are now open for the 2016 ACEC OKLAHOMA Engineering Excellence Awards competition, which showcases the top engineering projects in Oklahoma.

Entry deadline for the competition is **Friday, November 4th**. Entry information for the ACEC OKLAHOMA 2016 Engineering Excellence Awards has been sent to all member firms and is also available for download on the ACEC OKLAHOMA website: www.acecok.org.

All member firms are encouraged to enter the competition which is a prelude to the ACEC's 2017 national Engineering Excellence competition.

This is a great way for ACEC OKLAHOMA member firms to showcase their top projects, and we hope that everyone will seriously consider submitting an entry.

The recipients of the Grand Conceptor Award and one of the four Honor Awards in the ACEC OKLAHOMA competition are eligible to enter ACEC's national competition. Deadline for submission to the national competition is January 6, 2017.

We look forward to receiving your entries, and to another exciting competition.



ACEC Working For You At ACEC's Urging, U.S. Department of Labor Improves Sick Time Rule

Many times we get questions from members. "What has ACEC National done for me lately." Well, here's a great example which saves every firm a lot of time and money....

In response to concerns raised by ACEC, the U.S. Department of Labor has significantly reduced the reporting requirement in its final "Sick Time" rule.

DOL had proposed that federal contractors report accrued sick time for their employees on a weekly basis. ACEC noted that most firms have two-week or monthly payroll cycles and would incur significant compliance costs in switching over to a weekly system. Citing the Council's input, DOL agreed to ease the reporting requirement to bi-weekly, semi-monthly or monthly in the final rule.

Consulting Engineers PAC

Distributions Authorized Candidate Meetings Occurring

Consulting Engineers PAC, ACEC OKLAHOMA's state political action committee, met in mid September to discuss candidates for the Oklahoma House of Representatives and State Senate, and to consider contributions to certain campaigns.

ACEC OKLAHOMA's Lobbying Team....Pat Hall, Jim Dunlap, and Luke Martin....presented a list of races for Consulting Engineers PAC to consider and which would be beneficial to ACEC OKLAHOMA's legislative advocacy program.

After discussion by the PAC Trustees and Voting Members, the following distributions, \$500 per candidate, were approved:

House of Representatives:

Carol Bush, (R), Defeated Incumbent, Tulsa
Bruce Smith (R), Open Seat, Oklahoma City
Rep. Leslie Osborn (R), Incumbent, Mustang
Rhonda Baker (R), Open Seat, Yukon
Mike Osburn (R), Open Seat, Edmond
Tammy West (R), Open Seat, Bethany
Kevin West (R), Open Seat, Moore
Rep. Elise Hall (R), Incumbent, Oklahoma City
Rep. Scott Inman (D), Incumbent House Minority
Leader, Midwest City
Jason Lowe (D), Open Seat, Oklahoma City

State Senate:

Sen. Greg Treat (R), Incumbent, Oklahoma City
Adam Pugh (R), Open Seat, Edmond
Joe Newhouse (R), Open Seat, Broken Arrow
Dave Rader (R), Open Seat, Tulsa
Sen. Dan Newberry (R), Incumbent, Tulsa

As a side note, during the summer Consulting Engineers PAC made a \$1,000 contribution to Adam Pugh's primary campaign as well as a \$1,000 contribution to Senator Newberry's reelection campaign. With the two contributions noted above, the PAC has made a total of \$1,500 in contributions to the Pugh and Newberry campaigns respectively.

For your information, since the PAC was formed in late 2014, ACEC OKLAHOMA membership have contributed just over \$23,000 to the PAC, and with the above expenditures, will have contributed \$15,000 to candidates.

Following the November elections, Consulting Engineers PAC will assess the election results to see if any additional expenditures are necessary and/or appropriate.

Thanks to all who have contributed to Consulting Engineers PAC. And, if you haven't yet and would like to be involved, you may contribute via credit card on the ACEC OKLAHOMA website: www.acecok.org

PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY UPDATE

October, 2016

David Raymond, President & CEO

The Council enjoyed a good month on Capitol Hill as the Senate and House both cleared separate versions of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), a key ACEC priority. This sets the stage for conference negotiations and possible final passage in the lame duck Congressional session following the election. Our successful efforts with these bills are fueled by our ACEC/PAC activities; fundraising reached new heights as we are well on our way to \$1 million for the year. In just a few weeks, we've got another great Fall Conference, with registered attendance already over 800. I look forward to seeing all of you there in Colorado!

General

- ACEC/Nevada, ACEC/Illinois, ACEC/New Mexico and ACEC/Metro D.C. blasted through their 2016 ACEC/PAC fundraising goals in September, joining Indiana, Hawaii, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Tennessee, Montana, Delaware, Connecticut, and Idaho; ACEC/PAC passed the \$700,000 mark in total receipts for the calendar year – the earliest this milestone has been met.
- Awarded a Minuteman Fund grant to ACEC/Oregon to support a major public advocacy campaign for passage of new transportation funding in 2017.
- Both the Senate and House approved the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) as ACEC published a full-page advertisement in Politico (newspaper most widely read on Capitol Hill) urging lawmakers to address our urgent infrastructure needs.
- At the just concluded Annual FIDIC conference (this year in Morocco), ACEC member firms and Council leadership actively lobbied for both QBS and improved international procurement and integrity management practices.
- Signed-on to an industry letter to the President urging an end to administrative actions delaying permits and easements for the Dakota Access Pipeline.
- Testified before the House Small Business Committee highlighting the Council's concerns over recent regulatory actions such as the new "blacklisting" rule and proposed sick time rule.
- Urged Congress to take action on a number of tax provisions that will expire at the end of December, including the Section 179D energy-efficient commercial buildings tax deduction and incentives for certain forms of renewable energy.
- Provided support to ACEC/Kentucky to defeat a proposed repeal of QBS in state transportation regulations.
- Joined a broad business coalition asking the Secretary of the Treasury to withdraw proposed estate tax regulations that would negatively affect family-owned firms.
- Organized a briefing for ACEC member firms on energy issues and market opportunities in Mexico.

Government Advocacy

- The Senate-passed Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which authorizes funding for new Corps of Engineers projects, assistance for communities faced with lead in the drinking water, also includes an expansion of Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS); similar legislation cleared by the House now sets the stage for conference negotiations and a vote after Election Day.
- ACEC/PAC co-hosted fundraising events for U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH) and Representatives Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Mike Bost (R-IL), Kevin Brady (R-TX), John Delaney (D-MD), Devin Nunes (R-CA), Erik Paulsen (R-MN), Ted Poe (R-TX), Fred Upton (R-MI) and Don Young (R-AK).

