



WHAT ACEC DOES FOR ITS MEMBERS

- ACEC’s “full court press” in Congress on the stimulus bill helped yield \$100 billion in new infrastructure and facilities; ACEC has launched an “Economic Stimulus Resource Center on its website (www.acec.org) for easy access to bill summaries, legislative text, ACEC advocacy and other materials related to the stimulus effort;
- Successfully challenged the use of “cascading set aside” procurements for A/E services by the U S Army Corps of Engineers;
- Helped to secure passage of energy legislation that promotes new construction of power plants and extends federal liability protections for member firms;
- Actively promotes legislation in Congress to boost federal funding for the nation’s water infrastructure needs;
- Secured passage of brownfields legislation which will result in more work for ACEC member firms;
- Promoting Association Health Plan legislation to lower health care costs and enhance firm access to quality health insurance coverage;
- Fights for its members at the state level through the Minuteman Fund - a financial "war chest" that supports state and regional legal and legislative actions of national importance to the engineering industry;
- Helped to halt effort to impose a devastating professional services sales tax in several states;
- Collaborates with other associations such as AASHTO, AGC, NSPE, ASCE, AIA, to deliver the best possible work climate and resources for engineering companies;
- Provides the highest quality business practice resources and educational programs to the engineering industry;
- Delivers business management programs and indispensable business tools that enable member firms to practice successfully and expand their business opportunities;
- Through its Organizational Peer Review Program, enables design firms to cost-effectively review and improve their management practices;
- Harnesses the creativity and know-how of its broad membership in the development of policies and programs to benefit the engineering industry;
- Annually recognizes the "best" engineering projects in the nation through its "Academy Awards of the Engineering Industry" – the Engineering Excellence Awards;
- Uses its award-winning communications tools to advance the Council's political and business mission;
- Through its cutting-edge weekly newsletter, *Last Word*, delivers news on the latest legislative initiatives and business services;
- Through its award-winning magazine, *Engineering Inc.*, delivers thought-provoking articles on advocacy and the business interests of ACEC members to both internal and external audiences;
- Works with reporters, editors, publishers, and broadcasters to provide engineering spokespersons, legislative and policy views, and feature articles on ACEC's advocacy and business interests and the contribution of private engineering to the quality of life.