



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Tennessee*

## **What ACEC of Tennessee Does For Its Members**

ACEC of Tennessee is active at the state level advocating for the interests of engineering firms before the Tennessee General Assembly, the State Board of Architects and Engineers, the Tennessee Department of Transportation, and the Tennessee Department of Conservation and Environment. Some of our accomplishments include:

- successfully fought legislation that would eliminate the need for an engineer to design fire protection systems – worked with the State Board of Architects and Engineers and other interested parties to revise the Standard of Care and develop a workable policy on the design of fire protection systems
- worked with the State Architect on the development of a policy on alternative delivery systems for state projects
- educated Shelby County Government about the implications of proposed purchasing requirements for consulting services; representatives from ACEC Memphis and ACEC State met with the County for clarification of the new policies and seek a compromise that would allow professional services firms allowances based on realistic employee demographics.
- successfully fought legislation to expand the power of energy acquisition corporations
- blocked legislation requiring state agencies to use state universities for consulting services
- blocked legislation to permit use of prototypical drawings for state park facilities
- blocked legislation that would remove the requirement that an engineer or architect prepare plans for renovation of an existing building, no matter what size
- fought efforts to raid the Highway Fund
- blocked efforts to impose a sales tax on engineering services
- fought legislation to allow an EIT to sit for PE exam, whether he met minimum qualifications at the time or not
- blocked legislation to permit a company to use the word "engineering" in its name, even though it does not employ an engineer
- continues to work closely with the State Board of Architects and Engineers on issues affecting the practice of engineering.
- established a State Minuteman Fund to fight legislative and legal battles that have statewide importance

More information about ACEC of Tennessee is available on our web site – [www.acectn.org](http://www.acectn.org)

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