

ACEC NEW YORK PRESIDENT AND CEO JOHN T. EVERS ANNOUNCES FY2026 ANNUAL REPORT

*Outlines Past Year's Achievements Including New Funding for Local Infrastructure and
More than 200 Policy Meetings with Elected Officials Statewide*

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NEW YORK — (August 18, 2026) American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC New York) President and CEO John T. Evers, PhD., today announced the issuance of the FY2026 Annual Report, a detailed summary of the organization's efforts throughout the past year. The 37-page report details a variety of accomplishments for one of the state's leading trade associations, including dozens of policy meetings with elected officials, hundreds of bills tracked and a host of signature events across the Empire State. As the unified voice of New York's engineering community, ACEC New York represents 300 of the top engineering firms in New York and strives to create new opportunities that improve the built environment and enhance the quality of life for all New Yorkers. In the past year, the organization welcomed more than 20 new full and affiliate members.

"From the construction of new underground tunnels to the repairs of our water systems, engineering firms play a critical role in enhancing the quality of life for millions of New Yorkers," **said President and CEO John T. Evers, PhD.** "All of the designing, calculating and planning is quietly performed, rarely noticed by the general public, but absolutely essential to the success of any major infrastructure project. And that's where ACEC New York comes in. Our role is to ensure engineers are at the forefront of the conversations that matter most, and this Annual Report is a part of that critical effort. Thank you to all of our member firms who have made this report possible, and we look forward to another successful year of showcasing the work that fuels the economic engines of the Empire State."

"With rising operational costs, the threat of harmful legislation and the uncertainty of government funding, New York's engineering firms are facing historic challenges today, and this Annual Report outlines the efforts to address those issues as our members reshape and reimagine the built environment around us," **said Nancy Clark, P.E., Chair, Board of Directors.** "This 105-year-old organization brings together the leaders of the state's largest and most active engineering firms so they can share new ideas, identify emerging trends and determine the paths needed to ensure continued economic growth."

During FY2026, ACEC New York staff engaged with policymakers during more than 200 meetings and hosted more than 20 high-profile events, including the Fall Conference,

Winter Conference and Engineering Excellence Awards Gala where industry leaders gathered to celebrate the most innovative engineering projects, discuss the latest design and construction trends and meet with key decision makers in government, business and communities statewide. Over the past 12 months, ACEC New York tracked and monitored more than 500 pieces of legislation, provided more than 50 weekly updates to its member firms and distributed over \$106,000 in college scholarships to local students. In concert with its industry partners, ACEC New York led the charge to secure an additional \$50 million for the CHIPS program, a New York State program that provides local funding for the repairs and reconstruction of roads, bridges and related infrastructure, while advocating against a number of proposals designed to raise taxes on New York businesses.

Each year, ACEC New York recognizes exemplary individuals for their leadership, commitment, innovation and service to the consulting engineering industry and the greater New York community. This year's honorees include:

- **Engineer of the Year:** Maria Lehman, PE, NAE, NAC, F. ASCE, Executive Advisor; Director, U.S. Infrastructure | GHD;
- **New Principal of the Year:** Leo A. Fernandez, PE, PMP, DBIA, CMQ/OE, Associate Vice President, Project Director – Transportation | TYLin; and
- **Young Professionals of the Year:** Laura Christie, PE, Project Engineer | CHA Consulting and Timothy D'Agostino, PE, Project Manager | P.W. Grosser Consulting.

The Annual Report also highlights ACEC New York's focus on education, both of its current members and members of the next generation. In the past year, 34 PDH programs were offered statewide, and more than 1,800 professionals received advanced training in various fields of engineering. To encourage college students to pursue careers in engineering, ACEC New York administers a statewide scholarship program, distributing more than \$1.5 million to more than 480 college students since 2002.

In 2026, 27 students across New York State received scholarships, including two top winners who received \$10,000 each:

- **Mallory Thomas of Columbia University;** and
- **Gregory Pepin of Cornell University.**

All scholarships are funded by ACEC New York member firms, reinforcing the organization's commitment to educating the industry leaders of tomorrow.

About ACEC New York:

ACEC New York is a proactive coalition of 300 firms representing the leading engineering firms in the United States, including every discipline of engineering related to the built environment — civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, environmental, geotechnical — and affiliated companies. With more than 33,000 employees represented by our member firms, our shared goals are to further the business interests of our membership, enhance the quality and safety of the environment we live and work in, and help ensure the vitality of our communities. For more information, visit www.acecnyc.org.

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