

ACEC NEW YORK ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF FIRST-EVER STATE OF ENGINEERING REPORT DURING NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

*New 76-Page Report Highlights Industry Recommendations to Improve New York State's
Infrastructure and Challenges Facing Business Leaders Today*

Report Designed and Created by New York's Leading Engineering Firms and Stakeholders

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NEW YORK (February 25, 2026) – The American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC New York) today announced the release of its *State of Engineering* Report, the first report of its kind in the 105-year history of the organization. As the unified voice of New York's engineering community, ACEC New York is dedicated to advocating for its nearly 300 member firms, who design, improve and maintain all key components of New York State's infrastructure, including its transportation, water and energy systems, as well as its network of roads, bridges, tunnels and major structures. Designed and authored by ACEC New York members and stakeholders, the 76-page report is designed to provide a detailed overview of the engineering community in New York State, a look at the most important projects being conducted today, as well as the challenges facing industry leaders and the areas of the built environment where more resources are needed. The report was released as a part of National Engineers Week, an annual industry effort to promote the benefits of the engineering profession among young people.

"This report can serve as a detailed roadmap for future infrastructure improvements across the Empire State, while highlighting areas where additional government and stakeholder resources can be directed," **said Nancy Clark, P.E., ENV SP, Chair of the Board of Directors, ACEC New York.**

"As licensed professionals, we have a responsibility to educate New Yorkers about the evolving conditions of the built environment, and we have a duty to work with our partners in government to communicate our findings and our solutions. This report is a solid step forward in understanding the state of engineering in New York today,"

"For New York State to continue to grow, we must work closely with our government partners to find ways to increase our talent pool, reduce unnecessary costs and encourage innovative building methods that accelerate safe development," **said John T. Evers, PhD., President and CEO, ACEC New York.** "This report is designed to summarize and document our progress together, as well as the challenges on the road ahead, and we believe its content will inform and inspire a wide range of decision-makers—in and outside of the industry."

The *State of Engineering* report was unveiled at ACEC New York's Winter Conference at the Albany Capital Center, an annual event that brings together hundreds of engineers, government leaders

and industry stakeholders to share new ideas and the latest trends. As a part of the new report, ACEC New York has presented seven recommendations to further safeguard and improve New York's current infrastructure conditions including:

- **Expand Talent Pool.** Expand the number of engineers and engineering students by facilitating access to engineering studies and reducing obstacles for foreign professionals who seek to work in the United States;
- **Increase Education Focus.** Increase educational focus in New York State's high schools and colleges to further encourage the next generation of students to pursue careers in engineering, such as expanding targeted curriculum, hosting industry career fairs and increasing access to industry materials;
- **Establish Sustained Funding Streams.** Establish reliable funding programs to ensure our roads, bridges and tunnels are better protected as the heavy demand on our infrastructure continues to grow and our economy relies on safe and improved transportation networks;
- **Streamline Construction Process.** Accelerate the construction process by reducing unnecessary oversight, expand the responsibilities of licensed professionals and eliminate obstacles to safe, affordable and efficient construction operations;
- **Reduce Unnecessary Costs.** Seek legislation reform to identify, reduce and/or eliminate unnecessary construction-related costs, including liability insurance costs, that present challenges to the growth of the construction industry;
- **Support Government Recruitment.** Facilitate the hiring of qualified and experienced engineers in key government agency roles to manage and oversee important infrastructure projects and work with the members of the private industry; and
- **Encourage New Building Methods.** Support the implementation of innovative building methods, such as design-build and modular construction, to accelerate construction timelines, reduce overall costs and increase productivity.

The *State of Engineering* report outlines major improvement projects among the state's highways and bridges, tunnels, utilities, water systems, transit and rail systems, aviation and engineering safety, as well as current challenges facing the industry such as an ongoing shortage of available professional engineers and the need for long-term funding for repairs and maintenance. This report follows the release of ACEC New York's first-ever Annual Report in June 2025 that showcased the organization's efforts to highlight the importance and impact of its members. Among the statistical highlights contained in the *State of Engineering* report are:

- 65% of New York State's bridges are in fair or poor condition;
- 40% of New York State's 35,000 miles of sewers are over 60 years old;
- 89% of engineering firms nationwide have at least one job opening; and
- More than \$1.4 million in college scholarships distributed to New York students.

About ACEC New York:

ACEC New York is a proactive coalition of nearly 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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