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ACEC Texas commits considerable resources year-round to advocating for the interests of engineering firms. In recent legislative sessions, the application of these resources helped achieve:

- Limitations of uninsurable duty to defend and standard of care provisions in most government contracts.
- Limitations on the ability of private and public owners to require engineering firms to indemnify owners against the owners’ negligence.
- Requirement for a certificate of merit in lawsuits against design professionals.
- Repeal of the $200 per licensed engineer occupational tax.
- Constitutional amendments that increase highway engineering and construction spending by over $3 billion per year by reallocating portions of oil and gas severance taxes, general sales taxes, and motor vehicle sales taxes.
- A constitutional amendment providing for a $2 billion transfer from the state’s Rainy Day Fund to a water infrastructure investment fund.
- Support for $3 billion in university facility construction.
- Protection of Qualifications-Based Selection against numerous attacks.
- Limitations on the release of firm’s proprietary information under the Public Information Act.
- Creation of a process for and limitations on state agencies’ ability to recover the costs of consultant errors and omissions.
- Political and policy support for limitations on government competition with the private sector, including significantly expanded use of the private sector by the DOT and other agencies.
- Alternate project delivery statutes that protect the value of engineering judgment.
- Opposition to a number of proposals, such as licensing of construction managers, mandatory errors and omissions insurance, licensing of stormwater professionals, consolidation of licensing agencies, sales tax on services, exemptions for engineering oversight of street cut repairs by telephone utilities, and more.

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