National and state PACs contribute to critical candidates

ACEC National PAC spent nearly $2 million dollars to help provide critical campaign funds for pro-business candidates to the U.S. House and Senate across the country and including Indiana. To see a full list of candidates National ACEC supported, click here.

Upcoming challenges facing our profession include:

- Annual appropriation of the FAST ACT for highways, transit, and TIGER grants.
- Re-authorization of comprehensive, long-term funding for FAA programs.
- Passage of the next water resource WRDA Program comprising $12 billion for U.S. COE projects and mandated selection by QBS.
- Seek passage of Tax Rate “parity” while lowering tax rates; eliminate the double layer of tax on corporate income levied on C corps and on the dividends paid to shareholders.
- Pass comprehensive Energy legislation and ensure assignment of the Section 179D tax deduction to engineering firms.

ACEC State PAC more than doubled its typical spending in this critical election year, contributing nearly $50,000 to legislative candidates.

Please save the date Thursday, Jan. 12 for ACEC Indiana’s Annual Legislative luncheon to hear from leaders in the Indiana General Assembly.

ACEC Indiana along with highway/road funding partners will continue to push for additional long-term funding this legislative session. Be prepared to take action on key bills, both good and bad, that may impact your firm. You can help by becoming part of our Grass Roots network; all you need to do is update your personal profile from the ACEC Indiana website to ensure we can contact you for assistance with your representatives.

ACEC launches QBS promotions

ACEC revitalized its collateral materials for QBS (see below). Members distributed materials and information to local officials at the IACT Conference and will likewise share with officials at the IACC Conference. If you would like materials to provide to clients, please contact: staff@acecindiana.org.

Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS)

Want to gain maximum value for your project? Use QBS because it reduces costs, improves quality, and encourages innovation.

As a public official, this process is competitive, transparent, and fair. QBS is a competitive negotiated process to select the most qualified design professional for your project.

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(Left- Right) Sanjay Patel, Hans Peterson, Shelby Swango, Michael Rowe, Congressman Larry Bucshon (R- 8th District), Gary Pohl, Mike Hinton, Chris Jensen and Carl Camacho.

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