The 2020 Legislative Session is About to Begin!

The “short” session of the Indiana General Assembly will begin on January 6th and several high priority issues of member firms are expected to be on the agenda. Speaker of the House, Brian Bosma, has announced that he will not seek re-election in 2020 so a “speaker elect” will be chosen by the GOP caucus soon, to serve alongside Bosma during this session. Target date for session to end is March 11th due to NCAA basketball tournament starting March 12th. Even though it’s a short session, hundreds of bills will be filed and your Government Affairs Committee, along with ACEC Indiana staff and lobbyists, will meet weekly during the session to review them to determine any with potential impact on professional consulting engineering firms.

As we reported in the November Short List, Storm Water-related infrastructure reform is needed to finish the “package” that was passed in 2019 addressing similar issues on Wastewater and Drinking Water infrastructure. ACEC Indiana will push for this legislation.

Professional Licensing is back in the spotlight with the unveiling of the Indiana Chamber’s legislative priorities to “reduce or eliminate unnecessary professional licensing requirements that can hinder talent attraction, especially those from out of state or the country.” Although not specifically targeting A/E professionals, ACEC Indiana along with AIA has engaged to ensure that education, work experience and testing ensure competency to practice, so that life, health and safety are the top priority.

PVC/Plastic Pipe Materials issue proponents remain on the hunt, still trying to “mandate” its use on water-related projects. ACEC, along with AWWA, AIM and others, have opposed this concept in the past; instead, we intend to continue to work together to retain local decision-making with engineering expertise on these infrastructure systems based on best life-cycle value.

Along with the Build Indiana Council (BIC), ACEC will defend the historic investment in state highway and local road funding passed in 2017, ensuring no diversions to other needs in the state.

Attend the Annual Legislative Luncheon on Jan. 9th to hear about these important issues, and more! Are you registered yet?

ACEC National PAC plays an essential role in the success of ACEC’s advocacy program, supporting federal candidates on a bipartisan basis who support the engineering industry’s agenda in Congress. With your help, ACEC plans to complete its National PAC goal of $23,800 by Jan. 1, 2020!

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TMap Update

1) 28/35 firms engaged thus far. Trending up.
2) 6 candidates presented
4 candidates with interest from firms. Resulting in 10 interviews with member firms.
3) December 2019 Outlook
TMap is targeting 3-4 candidate presentations per week. Please make sure you are checking communications from TMap to see if candidates presented fall into your subscribing roles or if general pool of candidates. TMap’s current marketing channels are resulting in fewer P.E. candidates; with only two of the six candidates presented thus far hold a P.E. license. TMap is responsive to that need and is doubling efforts to increase volume at the P.E. level moving forward.