IN FOCUS

Moving forward has been a theme of your association recently and the first annual Spring Conference will be no different. Scheduled for May 1-2, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, the Spring Conference promises to be a time of educational sessions, business resources and networking opportunities for you.

With education being the focus of the Spring Conference, we planned sessions that will provide the most value to our members and move our association forward. The topics of the sessions focus on trends, such as crisis communications and cyber security, that are impacting the engineering industry right now. There’s a topic and session for everyone at the conference.

General and breakout sessions will give guests the chance to choose the topics that most interest them. Through many of the sessions, attendees will dive into key issues in the engineering industry, including human resources, women in leadership, and tips for working with municipal authority partners.

One of the highlights of the event will be the three featured keynote speakers: Leslie Richards, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; Dennis LaRue Jr., author, mentor and U.S. Air Force retiree; and Steve Hall, vice president of government affairs at ACEC National Headquarters. Each will share insight into their fields and their involvement with the engineering industry.

As a reminder, the deadline register for the conference is April 25. Reserve your overnight room by April 20 at a rate of $114 per night plus applicable taxes. Please call (717) 763-7117 to reserve.

I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks. As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Leeann Sherman
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First Lady Frances Wolf Hosts Girls and Women in STEM Roundtable Discussion at the Governor’s Residence
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Conference
Monday, Tuesday, May 1 – Wednesday, May 2
Join us for this two-day event with a variety of educational sessions, business resources and networking. Hear from key government and business professionals who will provide invaluable insight and resources to help your business grow and move forward. To view the conference agenda, visit the Spring Conference page on the website here.
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Monday, June 11- Wednesday, June 13
Located on Goat Island and surrounded by the Narragansett Bay, this full-service resort has everything you or your family need for some time away! The 2018 annual meeting will offer three days of exceptional educational and networking opportunities for you and our industry partners and guests. To view more about the annual meeting, click here.
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10th Annual Transportation Construction Law & Regulatory Forum
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National Work Zone Awareness Week
Each year in the spring, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in work zones…Read more

U.S. Department of Transportation announces half a billion dollars in infrastructure investments to 41 projects in 43 states
The U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) today announced the list of 41 recipients of nearly $500 million in discretionary grant funding for road, transit, maritime and rail projects through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program…Read more

RESOURCES

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LaBella Associates Promotes Martin Gilgallon, PG
LaBella Associates regional environmental manager for Pennsylvania, Martin Gilgallon, PG, has been appointed to vice president of the company. Throughout his 30 years of experience, Martin has specialized in environmental assessments, geology, site remediation, and hydrogeology in Pennsylvania. Recent projects include Vamco Fuels remediation and redevelopment of the southern tier plastics state brownfields. Martin lives in Jermyn, Pa.

ACEC/PA Needs Your Help

- Do you have committee news to share or know of a colleague/firm making a difference? We’d want to share that news! Please send ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman the information for inclusion in an upcoming edition of forward.

- We want to communicate with you. Please take a moment to update your profile with us so you don’t miss any important news or events.

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