IN FOCUS

Members,

What is a citizen lobbyist? Are you part of the industry grassroots efforts?

Maybe you have a passion for government affairs or have experience in the realm of advocacy, but not everyone has these attributes:

- YOUR voice is the voice of the industry;
- Together we are one voice;
- We need YOU to be involved; and
- We need YOU to contact your legislator and be part of the ACEC/PA advocacy movement.

You may be saying to yourself that you don’t have experience in advocacy or aren’t familiar with the legislation activities, especially enough to talk to a legislator. Do not worry; we can help you through all of this and prepare you for our Legislative Day events next month.

ACEC/PA was instrumental during Act 89 and has continued to be the voice of the industry. We have worked closely with our partners and coalitions to educate our legislators. We have held evening receptions and various other events. This year, we will be hosting the March 19-20 Legislative Day activities. We have a full schedule of events and need each of you to work as one voice. For more information and to register for the Legislative Day events, please visit https://www.acecpa.org/page/LegislativeDay.

Support the Legislative Reception, Freshman Breakfast and other events by sponsoring our 2019 Legislative Day activities. We can’t do it without you!

For questions or information, please don’t hesitate to contact me directly.

Leeann Sherman
Paying for police coverage is again an issue
In his annual budget address this week, Gov. Tom Wolf has once again proposed that the Commonwealth charge a fee to Pennsylvanians who rely on State Police coverage in their communities rather than a local or regional police force…Read more

Appropriations Bill Holds Line on EPA, Superfund Funding
In legislation signed by President Trump today, the Environmental Protection Agency will receive nearly $8.1 billion for fiscal 2019, close to what was enacted for the agency in fiscal 2018…Read more

New Study Explores Attracting & Retaining Women in Transportation
Women tend to steer from transportation construction careers due to a misalignment of industry goals and
a lack of female role models or mentors, Mineta Transportation Institute researchers say in a new report…Read more

**Congress OKs border deal, but braces for fight over Trump plan to declare emergency**
Congress lopsidedly approved a border security compromise Thursday that would avert a second painful government shutdown, but a new confrontation was ignited — this time over President Donald Trump’s plan to bypass lawmakers and declare a national emergency to siphon billions from other federal coffers for his wall on the Mexican boundary…Read more

**Administration Publishes WOTUS Replacement Rule**
The Trump administration Feb. 15 published its new “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) proposal in the Federal Register. Comments on the rule are due April 15…Read more

**FY 2019 Spending Bills Are Finally Law**
The House and Senate Feb. 14 overwhelmingly approved the final seven FY 2019 spending bills after nearly five months of short-term extensions and the longest government shutdown in U.S. history…Read more

**Senate Committee Examines Infrastructure Needs**
Members of the Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee Feb. 13 began the process of enacting major infrastructure legislation this year with a kick-off hearing to look at the needs for transportation and broadband…Read more

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

ACEC/PA Diamond Awards Gala
Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019
Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
Register now!

We would like to thank our sponsors (as of  Feb. 14 2019).

Diamond

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March Western Chapter Meeting  
Friday, March 8  
Cefalo's Restaurant

March Government Affairs Breakfast with former Congressman Charlie Dent  
Wednesday, March 13  
Hershey Country Club  
Read more  
Register now

March Central Chapter Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13  
West Shore Country Club

March Eastern Chapter Meeting with Rina Cutler, Senior Director Major Stations Planning and Development, Amtrak  
Tuesday, March 19  
The Desmond Hotel  
Read more  
Register now

ACEC/PA Legislative Day: March 19-20, 2019  
PA State Capital  
Learn more here

SAVE THE DATE
April Western Chapter Meeting with Rich Fitzgerald, County Executive
Friday, April 5
Cefalo's Restaurant

ACEC/PA Spring Conference: April 16-17, 2019
Hilton Harrisburg
Learn more here

ACEC Convention
May 5 - 8, 2019
Learn more here

ACEC/PA Annual Meeting
May 19 - 21, 2019
Kimpton Aertson Hotel, Nashville, TN

You Are ACEC/PA
We have 22 different committees looking for your leadership and expertise. Check out the committee page to see which one is for you. Those interested in learning more should contact the ACEC/PA office at (800) 651-1946 or ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman.

Don’t forget to check out the minutes of various ACEC/PA committees to learn about all of the happenings.

ACEC Advocacy Center
View is here

ACEC Discount Programs
Learn more here

ACEC Education FAQs
Read them here

ACEC to Promote Firms and Member Organizations’ Engineers Week Activities
Learn more here

RESOURCES
The New 20% Passthrough Tax Deduction is Final: What You Need to Know to Claim Your Benefit
Wednesday, Feb. 27 ● 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Register now

Breaking Down the New Code: 2018 IECC Commercial Training for Design Professionals
Thursday, March 14 ● 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Register now

How to Value Your Engineering Company
Thursday, March 20 ● 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Register now

Emerging Technologies for Engineers
Tuesday, March 26 ● 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Register now

PSPE - Ethics: The Principles of Conduct Governing an Individual or a Group
Read the article here

SHARE-INSPIRE-HIGHLIGHT

Congratulations to WTS Pittsburgh's 2019 Award Winners
WTS Pittsburgh honors those who support WTS and the advancement of women, through major impacts to the local transportation industry and the chapter, as well as notable projects that have advanced the region…Read more

TPD Celebrates Milestone Anniversary: 30 Years in Business
TPD, an award-winning transportation engineering firm serving the eastern United States, is pleased to announce its 30th anniversary in business…Read more

Project Manager Promoted to Senior Project Manager
Modjeski and Masters, Inc. (M&M) is pleased to announce the appointment of Lee R. Lentz, PE to Senior Project Manager…Read more

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.
Did You Know?
STEM jobs are projected to grow 13 percent.

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