IN FOCUS

“If you want to improve the organization, you have to improve yourself and the organization gets pulled up with you.” – Indra Nooyi, Pepsi CEO

“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.” – Ronald Reagan, former U.S. President

“You don’t have to hold a position in order to be a leader.” – Henry Ford, founder of the Ford Motor Company

What do these quotes all have in common? Leadership and being a leader has been defined by many. It is hardly ever about what we say but more about what we do (or don’t do). Being a leader takes courage, understanding that you will create enemies and willing to do first what you ask of your team to do...lead by example.

I once read a quote that said, “a great conductor must turn his back to the audience to make the most angelic sounds.” A great leader sees success through the eyes of their team as you are only as good as you your weakest link. Build your team up for success while ensuring they have the tools and resources to get there. Someone taught you what you know whether through experience, peer to peer connections, job responsibilities or mentoring.

We expect to lead and be led. In the absence of orders I will take charge, lead my teammates and accomplish the mission. I lead by example in all situations.
- Navy SEAL Creed

I recently read an amazing article by Brent Gleeson that I would like to share with you. It is worth the time you take to read. Be a great leader because someone needs you to be like someone was for you.
Stay on top of issues pertaining to transportation and other legislative matters.

- **Transportation Recap** - Read it [here](#)
- **Capitol Recap** - Read it [here](#)
- **Bill Tracker** - Read it [here](#)

**Pennsylvania GOP endorses slate of statewide candidates**
The Republican Party of Pennsylvania will go into the spring primary season with an endorsed slate of candidates for the three elected state offices of treasurer, auditor general and attorney general…[Read more](#)

**Senate Environmental Resources and Energy and Senate Transportation Committees**
*1/29/20, 9 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building*

The committees held a joint public hearing on the impacts of Pennsylvania’s participation in the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI):

Yassmin Gramian, acting secretary, Department of Transportation (PennDOT), testified, “In the United States, as well as in the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast region of the country, carbon emissions from transportation are now the leading source of greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution, surpassing both power generation and industrial activity…[Read more](#)

**U.S. Supreme Court declines to hear OOIDA’s appeal of toll ruling**
The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear a case petitioned by the Owner-Operator
Independent Drivers Association (OOIDA) involving the group’s battle against what it considers to be excessive tolls on the Pennsylvania Turnpike…Read more

Redistricting advocates warn legislators time is running out for change
As the decennial U.S. Census kicks off, advocates for redistricting reform in Pennsylvania are warning state lawmakers that time is running out to act on legislation that would hand over the power of redrawing electoral maps to an independent commission…Read more

Public comment period for PennDOT’s Statewide Public Participation Plan now open
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced that it will hold a 45-day public comment period on proposed updates to its Statewide Public Participation Plan, which will begin today and conclude on March 11…Read more

Mark Compton: Safety drives every decision at turnpike commission
Despite the best efforts of the transportation industry nationally working together to reduce fatal and serious-injury crashes, nearly 40,000 people die each year in highway-related incidents; on average, 15 of those occur on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Every year, dozens of roadway workers, first responders and tow-truck operators are killed; we have felt the loss of 45 employees since opening in 1940…Read more

Mars’ water may have been packed with minerals and salt, possibly supporting life, study says
NASA has already found evidence of an oasis on Mars, but a new study notes that ancient waters on the Red Planet had the right conditions to support life…Read more

Pennsylvania on track to expand overtime pay eligibility
Gov. Tom Wolf’s administration is on the brink of making Pennsylvania one of a handful of states to expand eligibility for overtime pay beyond federal thresholds, winning a final vote Friday from a state regulatory board…Read more

CMMC version 1.0
The Department of Defense released CMMC version 1.0. The CMMC v1.0 model, and other related materials, can be found at the CMMC homepage. These materials
include:

1. CMMC Model v 1.0 Briefing
2. CMMC Model v 1.0
3. Consolidated Appendices
   Appendix A: CMMC Model v 1.0 in Tabular Form
   Appendix B: Process and Practice Descriptions and Clarifications
   Appendix C: Glossary
   Appendix D: Abbreviations and Acronyms
   Appendix E: Source Mapping
   Appendix F: References

Ellen Lord, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment held a press briefing regarding the release of the CMMC model. You can access a video of the briefing here. The cybersecurity contracting requirements will focus initially on companies that deal with nuclear modernization and missile defense. 20 contract solicitations requiring cybersecurity certification are expected to be issued this year; all contractors will be subject to certification before contract award by fiscal 2026.

Next steps include selecting third-party vendors, a rulemaking and completing an MOU with the CMMC Accreditation Body (AB).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Western Chapter Meeting with Jason Zang, P.E. and Shane Szalankiewicz, P.E. PennDOT District 11-0 executives
February 7 ● Cefalo's

Government Affairs Breakfast with Yassmin Gramian, P.E., Secretary of Transportation
February 12 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East
Register here
Central Chapter Meeting with Pret Lytle, P.E., Hersheypark Engineer
February 12 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East
Register here

Eastern Chapter Meeting with Michael Venuto, P.E., PLS, Chief Engineer, DRPA
February 18 ● Desmond
Register here

Diamond Awards
February 27 ● Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square
Register here
*Sponsorships opportunities can be found here

Western Chapter Meeting with District 12-0 executives Joseph Szczur, P.E.,
District Executive; Rachel Duda, P.E., Asst. DE for Design; Robert Dean, P.E.,
Asst. DE for Maintenance and William Kovach, P.E., Asst. DE for Construction
March 6 ● Cefalo's
Register here

Central Chapter Meeting with Gary Graham, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer, PA
Turnpike Commission who will discuss the Capital Plan and status of an initiative
to improve the quality of bid documents and Joe Sutor, P.E., Planning &
Environmental Manager discussing the status of PennSTART (state of the art
training facility at Penn State).
March 11 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East
Register here

Eastern Chapter Meeting with Chris Kufro, P.E. (District 5-0), Timothy Stevenson,
P.E. (District 6-0) and Chris Drda, P.E. (District 8-0)
March 17 ● Desmond Hotel
Register here
ACEC/PA Legislative Day
April 6-7 ● Capitol, Harrisburg
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ACEC/PA Spring Conference
May 11-13 ● Hilton Harrisburg
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ACEC/PA Annual Leadership Meeting
June 7-9 ● Park City, Utah
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COMMITTEE NEWS

ACEC/PA Energy Committee
Many of our member firms have an affiliation with energy. The opportunities come in various shapes and sizes. Energy is not a “stand alone” discipline. Energy is made up of countless disciplines across the engineering spectrum. Whether you specialize in civil, structural, mechanical, MEP engineering or geotechnical testing or construction management/inspection, Spatial Data, surveying, environmental planning, cultural resources, etc. Engineering services are very important to the vitalization of the industry. Once wood, then coal, natural gas now a focus on renewables. Without you, the engineering consulting world, these ideas could not grow into sustainable solutions. The ACEC/PA Energy Committee is interested in hearing for you. What’s going well, what’s causing concern, what roadblocks limiting you from providing better, more efficient engineering services and energy development? These are some of the many things our committee needs to know if we are to advocate and help the Engineering community. Please help us help the industry by providing feedback.

Opportunity rarely falls into our lap. Opportunity takes effort to set goals, inspire to succeed and advocate to accomplish those goals. Typically, this comes in the form of a “team.” An assembly of individuals from various disciplines working together to accomplish a common goal. The ACEC/PA Energy Committee is no different. To advocate for opportunity and change, we need the inspiring minds of multi-disciplinary individuals working together for our common goal. Currently the committee consists of a Chair and two active member participants. This is far less than we need to develop goals and carry out a plan to execute. Please consider joining the Energy Committee if
you feel the passion and desire to make a difference.

Wes Carson – ACEC/PA Energy Chair

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.

ACEC National Update
I want to update you on two communications wins for ACEC. The first is a response letter authored by Linda that was just published in The Hill’s Congress Blog titled “Let engineers make engineering decisions on local infrastructure projects.” It can be read here: https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/politics/480866-let-engineers-make-engineering-decisions-on-local-infrastructure.

The second is a podcast that just went live with Rep. Cheri Bustos (IL-17). Rep. Bustos is a member of the House Appropriations Committee, the House Ag Committee and is the Chairwoman of the DCCC. Our conversation can be heard here: https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-8dhfb-d1ab8a

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RESOURCES

5 CEOs Share 5 Leadership Tips for a Successful 2020
The beginning of a new decade is a critical time for business leaders and executives to switch things up and enhance their leadership approach to be more successful in 2020…Read more
Three Sneaky Cybercrime Tactics to Watch Out For
Being savvy about cybersecurity doesn’t mean just knowing the big trends… [Read more]

T.Y. Lin International Hires Paul G. Archibald, P.E., PTOE, as Project Director – Transportation for East Region
T.Y. Lin International (TYLI), a globally recognized full-service infrastructure consulting firm, announces that Paul G. Archibald, P.E., PTOE, has been hired as Project Director - Transportation for TYLI’s East Region… [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 Leean 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?
Did you know a bear has 42 teeth!

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