Professional Engineers Legislative Agenda – 2020 Session

The Practice of Engineering – DEFEND the practice of engineering.

- **SB 1124/HB 707** Legislative Review of Occupational Regulations
  SUPPORT streamlined government, **OPPOSE** the inclusion of sunsetting F.S. Chapter 471 Engineering.
- **SB 1214/HB 1127** Engineers
  SUPPORT a structural engineering (SE) license in addition to the professional engineering (PE) license pending clarifications in the House version on definition and grandfather clause.

Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) – SUPPORT the CCNA Act, a competitive procurement approach that emphasizes consultant qualifications rather than “low bid.”

- **SB 506/HB 441** Public Procurement of Services
  SUPPORT increase threshold amounts for continuing contracts **OPPOSE** changes to the language of firms bidding against each other. FES/ACEC-FL is working with stakeholders to remove this change in the bill.
- **SB 1518/HB 257** Acquisition of Certain Professional Services
  **MONITOR** - Provides that Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act may not be construed to prevent cooperative purchasing between governmental agencies if certain criteria are met “Piggy Backing”.

Water Infrastructure and Environment – SUPPORT protecting Florida’s water future by supporting science-based infrastructure investments and initiatives that allow our state to grow while protecting our natural resources and streamlining state processes.

- **SB 712/HB 1343** Water Quality Improvements
  **MONITOR** – FES/ACEC-FL supports protecting Florida’s water resources using proven, science-based solutions.

Transportation Infrastructure – SUPPORT a transportation plan that meets the following goals: safety, infrastructure condition, mobility, economy and the environment. The goals are all interrelated and together create Florida’s transportation future.

- **SB 1090/HB 829** Express Lanes
  **MONITOR** – Prohibits express lanes and tolls on a specified state road; requiring the Department of Transportation to remove all existing express lanes and the imposition of tolls, etc.

FES/ACEC-FL has expressed our concern that the bill, as written, would have significant negative financial impact on the Miami-Dade transportation system by eliminating express lanes and tolling on SR 826 without plans for an alternative funding source. We support the reevaluation of the imposed lane distribution to address the deficiencies that have been identified by the public and will continue working with the stakeholders to find a viable solution.

A complete list of bills FES/ACEC-FL are monitoring can be found at - [https://www.fleng.org/page/SessionReports](https://www.fleng.org/page/SessionReports)