OPPOSE capping design and CEI fees on FDOT projects to 5% of the estimated construction cost.

- **SB 2502** Implementing the 2021-2022 General Appropriations Act.
  The final version of the bill removed the language capping design and CEI fees in favor of a review by FDOT to examine trends in the design and CEI costs related to the total percentage of project costs and also project size. The language reads:

  From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation XXXX, the Department of Transportation shall conduct a review of consultant design service and construction engineering and inspection (CEI) service charges related to construction projects. The review must analyze the trends in design and CEI services as a percentage of total project costs as well as the trends of such costs in relation to the size of the project, the need to meet federal highway safety standards, and any potential for cost savings realized due to a change in the construction design and scope initiated after the execution of the contract. Based upon the review and a study of relevant federal laws, the department must make recommendations for the application of limitations on design and CEI services as appropriate or necessary and must submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 15, 2021.

SUPPORT liability protection for engineers and architects that volunteer to serve on Urban Search and Rescue teams during times of emergency

- **SB 1060/HB 891** Limitation of Liability for Voluntary Engineering Services Bradley/Tuck
  This bill passed both the House and Senate and awaits action by the Governor. Once it is sent to the Governor, he will have 15 days to take action.

MONITOR repeal of the M-Cores program

- **SB 100** Highway Projects - MONITOR Harrell
  This bill also passed both the House and Senate. The bill repeals the M-Cores program but retains the money from that program in the Transportation Trust Fund for use in extending the Suncoast Parkway to Madison County and extending the Florida Turnpike to the Suncoast Parkway. The bill awaits action by the Governor once it is received.

OPPOSE amendment that would limit firms that offer private provider services from growing and expanding.

- **HB 401** – Florida Building Code Fedderoff
- **SB 1146** – Florida Building Code Brodeur
  A late amendment to this bill would have required an engineering firm providing private provider services (plan review and inspection) from qualifying in jurisdictions where they had not provided
such services in the past. FES/ACEC-FL were successful in having the amendment removed before the bills passed. These bills also await action from the Governor.

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

**OPPOSE** exempting state universities from F.S. 287.055, the Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act
- **HB 1131** University Construction Management Truenow
- No Senate Companion Bill has been filed
The House bill died in the Appropriations Committee. The issue was never addressed in the Senate. While we thought we would see amendments to the higher education bill or possibly the budget, no such amendment ever materialized.

**SUPPORT** a structural engineering (SE) license in addition to the professional engineering (PE) license
- **SB 572/HB 931** Engineers Baxley/Toledo
- **SB 574/HB 933** Fees/Professional Structural Engineer Licensing Baxley/Toledo

**SUPPORT** reviewing the PE License in 2025 **OPPOSE** Sunset of the PE License in 2025
- **SB 344/HB 471** Legislative Review of Occupational Regulations Diaz/Rizo

**OPPOSE** reduction in Surveyor’s education requirements
- **SB 1342/HB 821** Licensure Requirements for Land Surveyors and Mappers Perry/Mariano

**OPPOSE** limiting funds from the STTF for certain projects
- **SB 1364/HB 729** Transportation Projects Brodeur/Gregory

**Energy** – **SUPPORT** proactive legislative and regulatory advocacy on energy by developing industry-wide consensus on a wide range of energy issues
- **SB 136** Energy 2040 Task Force Brandes
- No House Companion Bill has been filed