Message from the President

William E. Wilson Jr., PE
2019-20 ACEC-FL President

First, a brief personal note – the photo shows me holding my first grandchild – Nora Ann Pierson. I have a new t-shirt that says, "Promoted to Grandpa". I am certainly enjoying this promotion more than any I received during my work career!

This is a bittersweet moment for me with ACEC-FL – my last President’s Message. I know we all look forward to a “return to normal” whatever that means post-COVID. Most expect that more of us than before will work from home after the pandemic. I certainly enjoy the convenience, but as mentioned in past columns, I miss the team interactions in the office. For the same reason I really look forward to future in-person FES/ACEC-FL conferences and meetings. I truly value the personal and professional relationships I have developed through attending these meetings, and especially from serving in leadership positions over the years.

Although we had to cancel the Annual Conference this year (replaced by upcoming online education opportunities) we still plan a virtual ACEC-FL board meeting in August including officer installation. I have great confidence that President-Elect Shahin Hekmat and our other officers Peter Partlow, Scott Martin and Tom Hayden will provide strong leadership next year. I look forward to my role as Past President, helping with the FELI class and watching our organization continue to serve and protect the consulting engineering industry in Florida.

As mentioned before, ACEC-FL continues to lobby for infrastructure investment as part of economic recovery. ACEC National has also been lobbying Congress on infrastructure. I continue to encourage everyone to contribute to the state FEPAC and national ACEC PAC to assist these lobbying efforts.

From all of us at FES/ACEC-FL, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions about our lobbying efforts or about upcoming events. Also, ACEC-FL and ACEC National continue to provide resources during the crisis – see fleng.org and acec.org/conferences/coronavirus/.

Hopefully, the pandemic will be over soon, and we can return to meeting face to face. I look forward to seeing you at our next in-person conference. In the meantime, be safe!

William Wilson, PE

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates and Info
During the COVID-19 crisis, you can find daily updates regarding Florida engineers, engineering related services, and much more on the FES/ACEC-FL homepage: www.FLENG.org.

The following are links to various sources of information related to the COVID-19 virus. Please email us at covid19@fleng.org if you have additional information needs, or if there is anything else we can do to help you.

---Your FES/ACEC-FL Staff

**ACEC Coronavirus Resource Center**

Includes information related to the CARES Act and other Federal Government actions

**New Information**

- Trump Signs Executive Order To Speed Up Project Approvals
- Full Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery - Executive Orders Referenced Click Here
- Re-Open Florida Task Force Final Report
- FES/ACEC-FL Infrastructure Letter to the Governor

**Webinars from ACEC National**

- Click here for access to ACEC National’s Webinars

*Please visit www.fleng.org for more news and information.*

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## Upcoming ACEC-FL Events

Please Join Us for the final part of a three-part FECON PROJECT SAFE Webinar Series on the following date:

- **July 22, 2020**: FECON Project S.A.F.E Webinar 3: Prevention thru Design  
  Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

*Questions? Contact Meridith Glass mglass@fleng.org*

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**Invitation to Virtual FES and ACEC-FL Board of Directors Meeting, August 5**

FES/ACEC-FL invites all members to attend the virtual Board of Directors meeting August 5.

- ACEC-FL Board and Officer Installation: 8:00am - Noon
- FES Board and Officer Installation: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Members are to RSVP to this event shobbs@fleng.org to participate.

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### 2020 Annual Conference Webinar Series

8 Part Webinar Series

**Webinar 1**: Don’t Let Public Opposition Derail Your Progress!  
- Tuesday, July 28th at 10:00 am - 11:00 am
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Webinar 4: **Developing a Smart City Masterplan and Roadmap for the City of Orlando**
- Thursday, August 20th at 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

**View the Full Registration Package HERE**

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**2020 Annual Conference Webinar Series Sponsorship Opportunities**

*Maximize Your Company's Exposure and Become a Prime or Supporting Sponsor Today!*

The 2020 Annual Conference Webinar Series is scheduled to run late July through September (approximately 8 weeks).

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**Deadline:** *Sponsorships will be accepted through Friday, July 24, 2020 as the first webinar begins Tuesday, July 28, 2020*

**Secure Your Sponsorship Today!**

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**Legislative News**

**Notice of Development of Rulemaking -Rule No.: 61G15-19.004**

Department: Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Division: Board of Professional Engineers
Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to update the rule text.

[Read the Full Amendment to Rule No.: 61G15-19.004 Here.]

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**Governor Ron DeSantis Signs the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget - 6/29/20**
Governor Ron DeSantis signed the **state budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**. The budget totals $92.2 billion, provides over $350 million in tax relief and includes more than $1 billion in vetoed spending.

“Despite the present challenges Florida faces due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget ensures the state’s priorities are protected and funded,” said Governor DeSantis. “Our current economic landscape is vastly different since the Legislature passed this budget in March. As Governor, I must remain a mindful steward of taxpayer dollars. This budget reflects a steadfast commitment to Floridians by safeguarding important investments in key areas including education, the environment, infrastructure, public safety and more. As we move forward with our Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery, we will overcome the adversities before us and emerge stronger than before.”

### Budget Highlights

### Veto List

**HB 0441 Public Procurement of Services (DiCeglie) - Signed by Governor June 29**

The bill increases the maximum limits for continuing contracts covered by the CCNA from an estimated per project construction cost of $2 million to $4 million. The bill also increases the maximum limit for procuring a study using a continuing contract from $200,000 per study to $500,000.

**HB 0441 Public Procurement of Services**

**Update on the Clean Water Act - Brought to you by – ACEC-FL Lad Development Committee**

Did you miss this informative webinar?! - **Watch it Here on Demand**

**ACTION ALERT:**

**Urgent Senate action needed on infrastructure**

ACEC member action is requested to engage Senators to act on major infrastructure legislation in July to support the nation’s economic recovery.

**Click Here to Contact Your Senators**

Now that the House has approved a comprehensive infrastructure funding package, ACEC and other industry stakeholders are launching a joint effort to push the Senate to act on companion legislation. The centerpiece of the agenda in the Senate is bipartisan legislation to reauthorize and expand the nation’s surface transportation programs, with the FAST Act set to expire in September. Other infrastructure initiatives on water, broadband, and additional sectors may be included as well.

ACEC is also seeking fiscal relief for state and local governments hard hit by pandemic response actions. This includes immediate funding to state departments of transportation and transit agencies whose revenues have declined precipitously. This funding backstop will preserve critical services and keep projects from being cancelled or delayed.

This two-part agenda will kickstart a long-term economic recovery, but time is of the essence. Please urge your senators to work with Senate leaders to move these bills now.
ACEC-FL CCNA Letter Campaign

ACEC-FL directs an educational letter campaign to educate public entities regarding the Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA). This campaign is driven by ACEC-FL members who anonymously send Request for Proposal (RFP) to headquarters. This method ensures that the government agency does not know which firm filed the complaint. ACEC-FL staff in return corresponds with government officials in an effort to educate them on the CCNA law and encourages them to amend their RFP process. This has been a successful program and we encourage all members to participate.

If you see an RFP that may be violating the CCNA law, please email Samantha Hobbs. If a member firm or licensed engineer within a member firm knowingly violates CCNA, ACEC-FL believes you may be in violation of Chapter 61G15, rules and regulations.

CCNA Letter Catalog

Get to Know your State Legislators

Chapters are encouraged to hold local meetings with their State Legislators. FES and ACEC-FL members are urged to begin educating and re-establishing relationships in personal meetings. FES has prepared a tool kit to help in this process.

Other News from ACEC-FL

ACEC College of Fellows to Induct Two New Florida Members at the Fall Conference

Mr. Andrew Cummings, PE, Senior Vice President & Project Manager, Connelly & Wicker Inc. and Mr. J. Scott Gombar, PE, Senior Vice President, Eisman & Russo, Inc. will be inducted into the College of Fellows this October at the ACEC National Fall Conference in San Diego, CA.

“I would like to personally congratulate Scott Gombar and Andrew Cummings from their recent induction into the College of Fellows. The College of Fellows is a group of distinguished and recognized leaders within both ACEC and their individual communities. The Candidates are nominated by peers through ACEC state member organizations based on demonstrated personal commitment, service, and leadership. Currently there are 153 Fellows within ACEC with 5 from the State of Florida. As Chair of the COF, I would like for the number of Fellows in Florida to increase to be commensurate with the size and strength of the State. Fellows are encouraged to volunteer as spokespersons for the engineering profession at local civic events, schools and other venues to promote our industry and enhance the public image of the consulting engineering profession.”
COVID-19 Business Impact Survey Wrap-Up

The ACEC Research Institute's Business Impact Survey Executive Summary is now available to download.

The summary provides an overview of the seven survey waves conducted between March and May 2020.

Click Here to Access the Summary on Our Website.

ACEC-FL Energy Liaison Committee met with the Florida Energy Office (FOE) June 16. Tony Morgan-Deputy Director and Alexander Mack-Administrator along with ACEC-FL Energy Committee Leadership and the FES Energy Chair. This partnership will allow ACEC-FL and FES to assist FOE with technical knowledge and to quickly disseminate the Office of Energy direction throughout the industry.

Get involved today in the ACEC-FL or FES Energy Committees contact shobbs@fleng.org.

Don’t Miss Out on Another RFP or RFQ Again!

Sign up for the Florida Register Today to Get Weekly RFPs and RFQs in Your Inbox!

The Florida Register is a weekly email that includes public announcements from every region of Florida.

Our search covers ALL engineering disciplines as well as design-build projects and surveying projects.

The COMPLETE proposal is presented for each RFP so that you have all the information that you will need to get started!

Each ACEC-FL member firm receives two copies of the Florida Register included in it's annual dues.

Email Chloe Drexler for more information.

The Florida Engineering Society offers Newsletter Banner Advertising!

Place a banner ad in the FES EngiNews today and reach over 3,300 decision-makers, including professional engineers, project managers, government engineers, and policy-makers. Or advertise in the ACEC-FL Update, and maximize your company’s exposure by reaching over 350 engineering firms representing over 19,000 full-time employees!

Choose from a top, middle, or bottom-page banner ad, and the number of months to best
Call for Volunteers who Focus on Whole-Building Engineering Design

Our Structural Engineering Committee is currently being re-aligned to focus on whole-building engineering design as the Vertical Support Committee. We are currently soliciting committee members from all firms that practice structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection and other engineering specifically related to buildings.

In addition to the issues that affect all Florida engineering companies that ACEC-FL monitors, we expect that the Vertical Support committee with specific focus on issues surrounding the Florida Building Code, local Florida permitting agencies, and interface with other building specific trade organizations such as the AIA and AGC. Typically, this committee meets by phone once a quarter, and meetings usually don’t last more than an hour.

If you or a member of your firm is interested in joining this committee, please contact shobbs@fleng.org.

Call for Action - Support of M-CORES (Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance)

Connecting Florida is a coalition focused on infrastructure needs for Florida’s future, which includes connecting rural communities to the world commerce and our world-class destinations to tourists, providing efficient interstate and intrastate commerce and safe evacuation routes, while protecting and enhancing our precious natural resources.

Connecting Florida supports the creation of multi-use corridors of regional economic significance and the mission to prioritize critical infrastructure enhancements and other connectivity services for the benefit of the State of Florida and all Floridians.
Hires, Promotions, Awards, & Other Firm Member News

COLLIERS COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF LEADING ENGINEERING SERVICES FIRM

Further Diversifies Revenues with Highly Valued Consultancy Service Offering

Leading global commercial real estate services and investment management firm Colliers International (NASDAQ and TSX: CIGI) today announced it has completed its previously announced acquisition of a controlling interest in Maser Consulting P.A. ("Maser"), one of the leading multi-discipline engineering design and consulting firms in the U.S.

Maser’s senior leadership will remain significant shareholders of the business under Colliers’ unique partnership model. The business will be rebranded as “Colliers Engineering Services” by the first quarter of 2021. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Headquartered in Red Bank, New Jersey with more than 1,000 professionals operating from 34 offices across 12 states, Maser provides design engineering and consulting services to multiple end markets including site civil, survey/geospatial, geo-environmental, transportation, infrastructure, water and wastewater, telecommunication and energy. The company generated 2019 revenue of $167 million.

“Our investment in Maser is another step forward in our strategy of adding more highly valued, essential services to our private and public real estate and infrastructure clients,” said Jay Hennick, Global Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Colliers International. “The transaction establishes us as a major player in the engineering design and consulting sector in the U.S., providing us with another important engine for growth. We see tremendous potential in this segment of the market and expect to leverage our proven track record, acquisition expertise and global brand and platform to grow this business into new markets, as well as cross-sell services to our combined client base.”

“Maser’s long and impressive record of growth in multiple real estate and infrastructure end markets, together with its special entrepreneurial culture, made it a perfect fit with Colliers,” said Elias Mulamoottil, Head, Strategic Investments | Global of Colliers International. “With the expected push to rebuild and upgrade aging infrastructure in the U.S., Maser’s portfolio of service offerings, long-term contractual projects and diverse client mix provide us with significant new opportunities for growth in a segment with stable revenue streams over all economic cycles.”

“Our partnership with Colliers – the first in our industry – is the next evolution of our business,” said Richard Maser, Maser Founder and Chairman. “Colliers’ enterprising culture, decentralized management style, significant insider ownership and proven track record were important factors in choosing our strategic partner.”

“Without question, our new partnership strengthens our capabilities and provides us with specialized market knowledge and deep client relationships that will accelerate our growth in the future,” said Kevin Haney, Maser CEO and President. “Our entire team could not be more pleased by this move.”

In connection with this transaction, AEC Advisors acted as financial advisor and Sidley Austin acted as legal advisor to Colliers.

Hanson selects four employees for leadership positions

Hanson Professional Services Inc. has named four employees to leadership roles.

Michael Flatt, P.E., S.E., PMP, LEED AP®, has been promoted from assistant vice president to vice president and to the role of chief project management officer. He will oversee the company’s project controls, governance, administration functions and team and will lead project management training. Flatt, who previously worked for Hanson for 10 years before rejoining the firm in 2006, works at the Springfield, Illinois, headquarters. He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in structural and geotechnical engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a member of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers. He is a licensed professional engineer in several states, including Illinois; a structural engineer in Illinois and Alaska; a certified project management professional; and a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design accredited professional (LEED AP®).
Mina Biggs has been given the new title of chief people officer. Biggs, who also is a vice president at the company, joined the firm’s Springfield headquarters in 2015. She brings over 25 years of experience, leading all aspects of Hanson’s people and culture agenda, including talent planning, leadership development and the execution of strategies that enhance cultural and organizational transformation. She earned a bachelor’s degree in management from Northern Illinois University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

John Coombe, P.E., S.E., F.ASCE, has become the corporate quality assurance officer and will be responsible for directing the company’s quality assurance programs and protocols. Coombe, who joined the company in 1978 and works at the Sarasota, Florida, office, also is a senior vice president and a senior principal consultant. He earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a master’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is a licensed professional engineer in Florida and Illinois and a licensed structural engineer in Illinois. He is a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member of the Florida Engineering Society and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Dennis Hollahan, a vice president and Hanson’s general counsel, has taken on the additional role of chief risk officer. Hollahan, who joined the company in 2008 and works at the headquarters in Springfield, will maintain the firm’s risk assessment and management policies and procedures. As general counsel, he leads corporate strategic and tactical legal initiatives, provides senior management with advice on company strategies and implementation and oversees the work of outside counsel. He earned a bachelor’s degree in economics and political science from Yale University and a Juris Doctor from Notre Dame Law School. He is an Illinois licensed attorney at law and a member of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Mead & Hunt, a national architecture-engineering consulting firm, is further expanding its Transportation CEI Services in the southeast region. New CEI Department Manager Mike Ruland, PE, brings extensive experience working with clients throughout Florida to the team. He will be based out of our Port Orange, Florida office. Mead & Hunt also has offices in Tampa and Tallahassee, Florida.

As Mead & Hunt continues to expand their Transportation CEI services in Florida, Mike’s skillset is a tremendous asset. He brings more than 27 years of diverse experience in Transportation CEI work. Mike will be responsible for the assessment and growth of Mead & Hunt’s technical capabilities, further establishing the firm’s position as a leader in the Transportation CEI industry.

According to Jeff Burkett, Mead & Hunt Vice President and Southeast CEI Business Unit Leader, “The transportation industry continues to face an aging highway infrastructure, and we must respond to increased public concern over the roads and bridges we travel every day. We expect continued fast-paced growth as we help our clients overcome these challenges.”

Mead & Hunt has recently focused on growing its Transportation CEI capabilities within the Southeast market. Mike is ready to help, saying, “Florida represents an important and growing market for Transportation CEI; owners are struggling with funding shortages and the construction industry is facing staffing challenges. By increasing our Florida CEI capabilities, we can help clients meet the changing needs of the industry.”

WGI Announces the Merger of Team Better Block into its National Mobility, Complete Streets, and Urban Design Team

National engineering design and professional services firm WGI, Inc. is proud to announce that Andrew Howard and his Dallas, Texas-based Team Better Block joined forces with the West Palm Beach, Florida-based WGI team. The merger takes effect immediately and will bring together the leadership and expertise of both organizations to deliver comprehensive, innovative solutions to clients in the Southeast region and beyond.

Team Better Block specializes in urban design, complete streets, and mobility solutions, with a focus on creating vibrant, walkable communities. The merger with WGI will expand the team’s capabilities in these areas, offering clients a wider range of services and expertise.

“Team Better Block brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team,” said WGI President and CEO Nick Laux. “With their focus on creating sustainable, walkable communities, they align perfectly with our mission of delivering innovative solutions to complex engineering and design challenges.”

Andrew Howard, the founder and CEO of Team Better Block, added, “We are excited to join forces with WGI and bring our expertise in urban design and complete streets to a broader client base.”

The merger will allow both organizations to leverage their strengths and expertise to provide clients with comprehensive solutions for transportation, mobility, and urban design projects. Together, they will continue to deliver innovative, sustainable, and community-focused solutions that address the challenges facing modern urban environments.

“All of us at Team Better Block are excited to join forces with the team at WGI and look forward to working with our new colleagues,” said Howard. “Together, we will provide our clients with the best possible solutions to their transportation and urban design needs.”
Florida-based company that has offices in eight states. WGI is a nationwide leader in providing technology-based solutions for the planning and design of public infrastructure and private land development projects.

Founded in 2010, Team Better Block is led by Howard. It gained national recognition for performing pop-up pedestrian-scale projects that earned awards and recognition for their placemaking and community revitalization efforts. Over 200 cities around the world have used Team Better Block’s “design recipes” to rapidly illustrate and execute the conversion of auto-dominated urban areas into vibrant community and business spaces. Long-time clients of Team Better Block include the American Association of Real Possibilities (AARP), National Association of Realtors®, Massachusetts Development Authority, and City of Norfolk, Virginia.

Team Better Block will retain its branding in the marketplace as Team Better Block, powered by WGI. Howard will continue leading the Team Better Block practice at WGI, joining an integrated firm that is leveraging tomorrow’s technology, today. WGI’s significant and forward-thinking investments in national thought leaders and tools that support its work across the spectrum, from placemaking and new mobility to heavy infrastructure, is part of a strategic corporate plan for continued growth and success.

WGI’s Chief Strategy Officer Michael L. Davis, architect of the WGI-TBB deal, said, “I am very excited that Andrew and Team Better Block are joining the WGI Mobility, Complete Streets, and Urban Design team. Recent events call on each of us to focus on making our communities safer, healthier, and more equitable.

“Andrew’s ability to effectively engage and visually demonstrate opportunities to all citizens on the streets where they live and the parks where they play provides WGI, our clients, and our communities a profound resource.”

The combination of WGI and Team Better Block expand into multiple facets of WGI’s wide range of services and markets – beyond the initially obvious. As Team Better Block integrates into WGI, its unique approach will pop up in civil engineering, transportation planning, land planning, landscape architecture, structural engineering, and more.

Also welcoming Team Better Block is Dan Hennessey, who is responsible for WGI’s Mobility Planning Department. "The WGI Mobility team looks forward to adding Andrew and his international street-planning and placemaking experience. I have admired his successful work for many years and how he helped make communities safer and better through innovative 'tactical pop-ups.'”

For Andrew Howard’s part, the excitement is also unmistakable. “You’ve seen what a small Team Better Block can accomplish. Now, as part of a multi-disciplinary firm of 600 — hold onto your handlebars! WGI already feels like home, as they embrace developing community informed projects and focus on infrastructure that can heal places with equality, sustainability, and more fun! I look forward to scaling the Better Block process to the variety of services WGI offers.”

Team Better Block clients are also excited about what lies ahead for the combined firm. Said John Land, Deputy City Manager of Farmers Branch, Texas: “Congratulations! Our city looks forward to having two great consulting firms become one. I have no doubt your commitment to community-based solutions will only enhance WGI's fantastic work.”

“I am so glad you are expanding the support for the Better Block Mission. I can’t wait to see what you come up with now,” said AARP’s Livable Communities Director, Danielle Arigoni.

WGI’s rapid and continued ascent most recently made news with the acquisition and integration of Austin, Texas-based BIG RED DOG Engineering in 2019. The WGI – BIG RED DOG combination joined the fastest-growing professional services firm in Florida with fastest-growing firm in Texas since 2013. The result is a diverse organization of 600 talented associates serving an active client base in over 30 states.

After six years of consulting, Howard’s Team Better Block co-founder, Jason Roberts, anchored himself in Dallas as the founding director of the non-profit Better Block Foundation he created. The 501(c)3 educates, equips, and empowers communities and their leaders to reshape and reactivate built environments to promote the growth of healthy and vibrant neighborhoods.

“Congratulations, Andrew! You going to WGI is an affirmation of what we bootstrapped ten years ago,” Roberts said. “Once a fringe topic, better block is now a formal planning process in cities around the world.”
Announcing: ACEC/PAC Summer and Fall Sweepstakes!

Click on each image to download the submission forms for your chance to win big!

2020 Summer Sweepstakes

GRAND PRIZE $1000
1st Prize $500
2nd Prize $250
3rd Prize (4) $100

$25/Ticket

Drawing to be held Tuesday, September 8, 2020 in Washington, D.C.
LIMIT 40 TICKETS/PERSON. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

2020 Fall Sweepstakes

Enter to win one of 15 prizes at the ACEC Fall Conference in San Diego, Calif.
October 28-31
Drawing at the PAC Breakfast October 30 at 8 AM

You don’t need to be present to win!

$200/ticket

GRAND PRIZE $10,000
TWO 1ST PRIZES $5,000
TWO 2ND PRIZES $2,500
TEN 3RD PRIZES $1,000

FES / ACEC-FL / ACEC Political Advocacy

As engineers, it is important that we engage in the political process. The rules are made by those who show up and get involved. Without involvement, the rule making process is left to those who may not completely understand or care about the issues of our profession. As such, there would be a risk that not only our profession would be harmed but ultimately the public for whom we serve. In addition to your personal individual activity, there are several ways that we can collectively support this process. Outlined below are four such opportunities. We ask that you take the time to invest in your future and your profession and get involved!
Florida Engineering Political Action Committee (FEPAC) is a political action committee that solicits voluntary contributions from ACEC-FL member firms or individual FES members interested in effective engineering legislation. Funds raised are used to research, select and support the election of state candidates who are supportive of engineering concerns and to initiate or defend against legislation that affects the engineering profession. One FEPAC contribution check is presented to the candidate by a ACEC-FL or FES Representative.

Consulting Engineers Legislative Council (CELC) was created to provide targeted pro-engineering legislative candidates with special funding to assist in their efforts to run a successful campaign. CELC members pledge contributions totaling $1,000 annually to pro-engineering state candidates located throughout Florida. Contribution checks are made payable directly to the candidate and mailed to CELC. These checks are then presented to the candidate by a ACEC-FL Representative on the contributor’s behalf.

ACEC/PAC is the engineering industry's primary tool for political engagement at the national level. Supported by engineering professionals from across the country who work for member firms, the sole purpose of ACEC/PAC is to elect candidates to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who support policies and legislation favorable to the engineering industry.

ACEC/PAC is overseen by a committee of PAC Champions made up of engineering firm executives from all the ACEC member organizations and is regulated by the Federal Election Commission (FEC). ACEC/PAC is currently the largest federal PAC in the design industry, having grown more than 500% in 10 years. It supports candidates on a bipartisan basis and may give up to $5,000 to a federal candidate per election, and up to $10,000 per candidate for their federal election cycle. In the last election cycle, ACEC/PAC's winning percentage was 97%.

To learn more about ACEC/PAC, please contact Dave Bender, Vice President, Political Affairs or Jennifer Pugh, Political Director, or log on to visit the ACEC/PAC site here.
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