**Message from the President**

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

We had a very successful PE Legislative Days earlier this month with over 150 attendees – the most we have had in 10 years. Congratulations to Past President Rick Baldocchi, PE, who was awarded the ACEC-FL 2019 Governor A.W. Gilchrist Award at the event. Browse the **photos from PE Legislative Days** on our Facebook page, where you can view my presentation of the award’s eagle symbol to Mr. Baldocchi.

Updates on **HB 707/SB 1124 Sunsets Professional Engineering License:**
- ***February 10, 2020 Update*** **HB 707** has been removed from the Appropriations committee. The bill will now move to the House Floor.
- ***February 7, 2020 Update*** **HB 707** passed in the second committee Health & Human Services Committee with a vote counts of 12 Yeas, 4 Nays on February 6, 2020.
- The Florida Engineering Society and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida feel strongly about the importance of engineering licensure and the accountability of the engineering profession, will oppose the inclusion of Chapter 471 F.S. and engineering licensure in this bill, and will work diligently to remove those provisions from the bill.

Lots of news about upcoming ACEC-FL education and networking events:
- **2020 Winter Water Seminar** takes place tomorrow in Orlando, FL at the Wyndham Orlando Resort. You can still register on-site and earn up to 8 PDHs while learning up-to-date water education, news, and legislation.
- FECON’s **Project S.A.F.E.** (Safety Awareness For Engineers) kicks off in Jacksonville on March 10th. Earn 4 PDHs and learn how to increase your personal and your firm’s safety initiatives --- Register online today!
- Lastly, **GMEC Conference** attendee registration is now open. The conference is headed back to Daytona, FL and will be held April 15-17, 2020. Don’t miss your chance to attend this premier Geotechnical event held in Florida.

As always, I encourage you to consider attending the **ACEC Annual Convention** in Washington, DC. This April 26-29, 2020 event in DC is an outstanding opportunity to learn more about the business of consulting engineering.

I recently registered for the **ACEC-FL Transportation Conference** in Orlando, May 6-7, 2020. Lots of opportunities to network with your peers and clients this year – register today.

Sincerely,
Upcoming FES/ACEC-FL Events

Winter Water Seminar 2020
February 18-19, 2020
Wyndham Orlando Resort

On-site registration will be available during the seminar. For specific times and location of this event, visit our website.

Winter Water Seminar 2020
February 18-19, 2020 | Orlando, FL

Earn Up to 8 PDHs and hear from Florida’s FIRST EVER Chief Resiliency Officer, Dr. Julia Nesheiwat, and Chief Science Officer, Dr. Thomas K. Frazer!

This advanced seminar is designed primarily for technical staff, within and outside of government, including Public and Private sector Professional Engineers, Geologists, Scientists and Consultants whose practice areas involve water resources.

Questions? Email Meridith Glass at mglass@fleng.org

Only 3 Exhibit Tables Left!

Send your geotech engineers and they’ll earn 10 PDHs along with plenty
Who Needs to Attend?
Firms that provide engineering laboratory services and practice geotechnical engineering, including members of the Geotechnical and Materials Engineers Committee (GMEC) who are employed by ACEC-FL member firms.

There's still time, your firm can be an exhibitor or sponsor at the 2020 GMEC Conference!

Meet with top Florida geotechnical engineering executives by sponsoring or exhibiting at the 2020 GMEC Conference April 15-17, 2020 at The Shores Resort & Spa in Daytona Beach, Florida.

As a sponsor or exhibitor of the conference, your company has the opportunity to meet your next clients and gain valuable recognition before and throughout the conference.

Deadline to Secure Vendor Spot: March 6, 2020

Questions? Contact Meridith Glass at mglass@fleng.org

2020 GMEC Award Nominations

The GMEC Award is given to an individual who has, by virtue of his/her service, had a significant positive impact on the geotechnical and materials engineering profession. Nominees for the GMEC Award must have a consistent record of service over a period of at least ten years.

The 2020 GMEC Award Recipient will be recognized at the 2020 GMEC Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida this upcoming April.

To view the award criteria and procedures, please click the link below.

Nomination Deadline: February 28, 2020

Questions? Contact Meridith Glass at mglass@fleng.org

Registration Now Open!
Jacksonville, FL | March 10, 2020
Earn 4 Professional Development Hours and learn how to increase your personal and your firm's safety initiatives!

Online registration available until 2/26. On-site registration available after 2/26.

Please visit fleng.org for more information on this and other events as they are updated.

Online Registration Rates
(Prices increase after April 12th)
Member: $325
Non-Member: $425
Government Employee: $150

Register Online Today & Save!
Who should attend?
Public and Private sector Professional Engineers, Planners, FDOT policymakers and Consultants whose practice areas involve transportation.

Why attend?
- Learn more about major projects underway or being planned in the Florida
- Get up-to-date information about state policies and initiatives that are shaping your profession
- Network with other professionals in transportation, development, and infrastructure
- Interact with FDOT decision makers from all districts
- Earn Professional Development Hours and Continuing Education Credits

For the most up-to-date details on the 2020 ACEC-FL Transportation Conference and all other FES Events, please visit www.fleng.org.

2020 ACEC-FL Outstanding Project Awards (OPA) Program

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida (ACEC-FL), annually recognizes outstanding achievement by its member firms in accomplishing the Florida Department of Transportation studies and projects. Firms are nominated for awards in seven project award categories:

- Outstanding Major Project
- Outstanding Design-Build or CM at Risk Project
- Outstanding Roadway Project
- Outstanding Bridge Project
- Outstanding PD&E / Planning Project
- Outstanding Environmental Project
- Outstanding Special Project

Nominations for each award category may be submitted annually by each of the seven FDOT Districts, Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise and by the Central Office. The ACEC-FL OPA Committee comprised of FDOT and ACEC-FL representatives and hereinafter called “the Committee,” will select the winner in each of the seven project categories.

Deadline for submission: February 21, 2020

Questions? Contact Cherie Pinsky at cpinsky@fleng.org

Program Procedure  Nomination Form
Program Info  2019 Recipients
**Legislative News**

**Legislation to Sunset PE License Referred to House and Senate Committees**

*** HB 707 / SB 1124 ***
February 10, 2020 Update

**HB 707** has been removed from the Appropriations Committee. The bill will now move to the House Floor.

**SB 1124** Referred to 3 Committees:
- Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee
- Rules Committee
- Appropriations Committee

*FES and ACEC-FL are continuing to work with legislators to have engineers removed from the bill and will keep you informed of any updates and calls to action.*

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**HB 707/SB 1124 to Sunset Professional Engineering Licenses**

Legislation has been filed to sunset Chapter 471 F.S., and the Professional Engineers license effective July 1, 2024. The legislation, House Bill 707, sunsets all occupational and professional licenses under the purview of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation beginning July 1, 2021. The bill was filed in the House Wednesday evening (Nov. 20), and the Senate version Senate Bill 1124 was filed Thursday evening (Dec. 5).

The bill requires a systematic review of each license to determine whether final repeal will occur, but does not provide detail as to how that review will occur.
The Florida Engineering Society and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida feel strongly about the importance of engineering licensure and the accountability of the engineering profession, will oppose the inclusion of Chapter 471 F.S. and engineering licensure in this bill, and will work diligently to remove those provisions from the bill.

We will provide regular updates as they occur via our website [www.fleng.org](http://www.fleng.org), Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter with instructions for you to be personally involved in our effort to protect engineering licensure.

- [Governor’s Press Release](http://www.fleng.org)
- [HB 707](http://www.fleng.org)
- [SB 1124](http://www.fleng.org)

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**SB 712 to Advance Recommendations of Blue Green Algae Task Force**

Senate Bill 712 – Water Quality Improvements by Senator Mayfield, also known as the Clean Waterways Act, addresses several of the Blue Green Algae Task Force recommendations and other legislative priorities and is moving through committee. The content of the bill is consistent with one of the Governor’s stated legislative priorities, to advance the recommendations of the Blue Green Algae Task Force, and is therefore being supported by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Governor’s office.

- [Read Full Memorandum Here.](http://www.fleng.org)

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**Special Inspectors of Threshold Buildings License**

**DS2014-061/HB 827**

The Florida Building Commission issued a [declaratory statement DS2014-061](http://www.fleng.org) in 2014, indicating that an existing threshold building undergoing concrete restoration or other repairs required threshold inspection. Since then, building officials across South Florida require threshold inspections for all kinds of repair work involving a threshold building, leaving a multitude of highly experienced engineers jobless.

Though the Board sympathizes with these engineers, it has proved itself helpless in solving this problem over the past two years due to the following reasons:

- The statute does not allow for a new category of Special Inspectors to perform just inspection of restoration work,
- The board cannot lower the standards required for the Special Inspectors license, which is an important aspect of construction to ensure life safety.

**House Bill 827** (Passed in 2019), by amending Section 553.79, Florida Statutes, states that threshold buildings regardless of new construction, repair or restoration category, require the enforcing agency to have a special inspector. In order to accomplish requirements of this amendment, we have created a new class of licensure called “Special Inspectors of Threshold buildings (Limited),” also referred to as “Threshold Inspectors (Limited),” which will allow such licensed individuals to perform inspections only on the restoration/repair of threshold buildings and is not permitted to inspect new construction of threshold buildings.

The new application forms, along with the revised rules on Special Inspectors of Threshold buildings (Limited), will be available in the next couple of months. [https://fbpe.org/changes-in-chair-rules-and-more/](https://fbpe.org/changes-in-chair-rules-and-more/)

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The American Council of Engineering Companies of Florida (ACEC-FL) promotes and defends the professional interests of consulting engineers and engineering in the state of Florida.
Committee Weeks for the 2020 Session began on September 16 and Session will begin on January 14.

Read more on how YOUR professional society monitors bills and be sure to stay up to date with bill tracking lists - Read more here

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.

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

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.

The American Council of Engineering Companies Political Action Committee (ACEC/PAC) was established to allow ACEC members the opportunity to support and keep federal candidates in office who support a pro-business legislative agenda. ACEC/PAC is bipartisan and operates out in the open in full compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act and applicable state laws. Contributions to ACEC/PAC are made by individuals directly to the PAC.

Donate to FEPAC
Donate to CELC
Donate to ACEC/PAC

Other News from ACEC-FL

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.
Fire Protection Rules Updated for Clarity

Fire protection engineering rules have been updated to clarify ambiguous items, establish consistency between the rules and other statutes, and reduce unnecessary work by engineers and contractors, while still upholding FBPE’s statutory charge to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the public. The revised rules, which can be found in Chapter 61G15-32, Florida Administrative Code, Responsibility Rules of Professional Engineers Concerning the Design of Fire Protection Systems, were adopted by the Board in 2019.

View the updated rules here.

FDOT’s Daily Newsletter 10@10 can be found on www.Fleng.org

Visit the ACEC-FL website to read the FDOT’s daily newsletter 10@10 located in our News Section.

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

About Connecting Florida

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.

EJCDC® takes professional liability insurance seriously. Working in the fields of risk management and insurance requires EJCDC to stay current with changing practices. The insurance market is constantly evolving in terminology, requirements, and expectations of insurance companies.

The EJCDC 2018 Construction family of documents (C-Series) provides up-to-date requirements for protection to the owner and the contractor. The documents are practical and feasible in setting commercially available terms that the contractor can meet in purchasing commercial general liability insurance or an owner or contractor can meet in buying builder’s risk insurance.

EJCDC’s 2018 C-051 “Letter to Owner on Bonds and Insurance for Construction” is a prototype letter to the owner to request instructions on the types of coverage and amount of insurance to be stated in the contract documents. It also includes a form for the owner to fill out if the customary arrangements for liability or property coverage are to apply.

EJCDC documents have become the first choice among municipalities for infrastructure development.

EJCDC® documents are delivered in MSWord, so there is no complicated software to download and no time-consuming learning curve. The documents are available, by download, immediately upon purchase.

EJCDC publishes four families of documents:

- Construction
- Engineering
- Design-Build
- Procurement
Hires, Promotions, Awards, & Other Member Firm News

Dewberry Promotes Geospatial Experts

**Dewberry**, a privately held professional services firm, has announced the promotion of nearly 60 employees nationwide, including seven staff members in its Tampa, Florida, office. The promotions coincide with Dewberry's ongoing expansion of engineering, architectural, and consulting services in the Southeast, where the firm has practiced since 1975.

Amar Nayegandhi, CP, CMS, GISP, has been promoted to senior vice president. Based in Tampa, he is the firm’s national director of remote sensing and leads the geospatial and technology services (GTS) group across Tampa, Florida; Fairfax, Virginia; and Denver, Colorado. Nayegandhi earned a master’s degree in computer science from the University of South Florida (2001) and a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Mumbai (1998). He recently co-edited the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) *DEM Users Manual*. Nayegandhi’s research and findings have been published more than 65 times.

Daniel Bubser, GISP, has been promoted to associate vice president and is the production department manager for the firm’s geospatial group in Tampa, Fairfax, and Denver. He supports the provision of remote sensing, geographic information systems (GIS), photogrammetry, and photo interpretation services to state, local, and federal clients. Bubser earned an associate’s degree in geographic information systems from Hocking College (2000) and is a member of ASPRS.

Elise MacPherson, PMP, and Keith Patterson, PSM, GISP, SP, have been promoted to senior associate. MacPherson is a senior project manager in the GTS group. She manages large projects for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and state and local governments. MacPherson earned a bachelor’s degree in environmental science from Queen’s University (1995) and earned her project management professional (PMP) certification in 2013.

Patterson is a senior project manager in the GTS group and is experienced in photo interpretation, photogrammetry, lidar, environmental field work, remote sensing, surveying, and GIS. He earned a bachelor’s degree in geography from the University of South Florida and is a member of ASPRS and a director of the ASPRS Florida Region.

Meagan Anderson, Nick Kules, and Ray Miller, CP, CMS, GISP, PMP, have been promoted to associate. Anderson is a quality manager in the GTS group. She supports processing and quality assurance and quality control of geospatial projects, provides technical oversight on projects, helps implement process improvements, and leads the firm’s lidar training program. She earned a bachelor’s degree in geography from Florida State University (2011) and is a member of ASPRS.

Kules is a GTS technology manager and technical expert in topographic and bathymetric lidar. He manages and advises on internal and external technological initiatives as well as providing remote sensing and GIS production workflow process design and development. He earned a master’s degree in natural resources (2013) and a bachelor’s degree in earth science (2011), both from Oregon State University. Kules is a member of ASPRS.

Miller is a project manager in the GTS group and oversees projects for NOAA, USGS, and local government agencies. He earned his master’s degree (2005) and bachelor’s degree (2003) in geography from the University of South Florida. Miller is a member of ASPRS and the Project Management Institute.

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Dewberry Announces Promotion of Land Development Manager, Danielle Van De Loo

**Dewberry**, a privately held professional services firm, has announced the promotion of nearly 60 employees nationwide, including Danielle Van De
Loo, PE, who is based in the Orlando, Florida, office. The promotions coincide with Dewberry’s ongoing expansion of engineering, architectural, and consulting services in the Southeast, where the firm has practiced since 1975.

Van De Loo, a project manager in the land development group, has been promoted to associate. She has more than 12 years of diverse land development experience in both residential and commercial design. Van De Loo’s responsibilities include project management, due diligence, master drainage design, master utility design (potable, sanitary, and reclaim), technical writing, permitting, construction administration, and site utilities design, grading, and drainage. Van De Loo earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Central Florida (2006).

Three Promoted Across Dewberry’s Gulf Coast Offices

Dewberry, a privately held professional services firm, has announced the promotion of nearly 60 employees nationwide, including three staff members in its Gulf Coast Offices. The promotions coincide with Dewberry’s ongoing expansion of engineering, architectural, and consulting services in the Southeast, where the firm has practiced since 1975.

Jason Estes, PE, has been promoted to associate vice president and has nearly three decades of experience. As business unit manager for the Daphne, Alabama, office, Estes oversees a team of nearly 25 employees who represent site/civil engineering, surveying, and environmental services. He earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Auburn University (1993).

Eric Pitts and Dina Bautista, PE, CFM, have been promoted to associate. Pitts is a construction manager in the Panama City, Florida, office and manages 14 field supervisors covering a 16-county area in the Gulf Coast. He has nearly 20 years of experience and is a member of Rotary International.

With more than 12 years of experience, Bautista is a senior project manager in the site/civil department, and is located in the firm’s Port St. Joe, Florida, office. She has experience in civil design projects for commercial and municipal clients, including environmental, permitting, and utility design. Bautista earned two bachelor’s degrees from the University of Missouri (2005), one in environmental engineering and another in biology. She is a member of the Association of State Floodplain Managers and the Florida Floodplain Managers Association.

ECS Florida, LLC Announces New Gainesville, Florida Office Led by Corey Dunlap, PE

ECS Florida, LLC is pleased to announce the opening of a new office in Gainesville, Florida led by Corey Dunlap, PE, who recently joined ECS as Operations Manager. ECS Florida, LLC is a premier provider of geotechnical engineering, construction materials testing, environmental consulting and facilities engineering services. The new office is located at 6342 NW 18th Drive, Unit 10, Gainesville, Florida, 32653. This is the seventh office in Florida for the company.

Mr. Dunlap will be providing operational oversight to the engineering and construction materials testing departments, as well as supporting business development and client relations in Gainesville and the surrounding area. With his leadership, the focus will be on growing the Gainesville office to offer all of ECS’ services.

“We are excited to finally be in Gainesville and we are very fortunate to find such a great local engineer with Corey Dunlap to lead our efforts,” said Joe Champion, PE, Subsidiary President of ECS Florida, LLC. “Corey fits great with our team, culture and mission to grow and be market dominant. Corey is a great leader and will have the full support of ECS Florida to serve our clients.”

Mr. Dunlap brings over 11 years of experience in geotechnical engineering including subsurface investigation, interpretation and analysis of field and laboratory data, subsurface improvements, and FDOT roadway soil surveys and standard foundation studies. Mr. Dunlap also specializes in construction materials testing, cause and origin evaluations, sinkhole remediation, forensic sinkhole and structural evaluations. A registered Professional Engineer in Florida, he holds a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.
FINLEY Bridge Designers, Jan Zitny and Jiri Bures Obtain Licenses and are Promoted to Bridge Engineers

FINLEY Engineering Group (FINLEY), Tallahassee-based bridge design and construction engineering firm, is pleased to announce that Jan Zitny has passed his Professional Engineering exam and is a licensed Engineer in the State of Texas, and Jiri Bures has passed his Chartered Engineering exam in the Czech Republic. FINLEY recognized these significant accomplishments by promoting both Zitny and Bures to Bridge Engineers.

Jan Zitny, PE - Zitny has been a member of FINLEY’s team in Prague, Czech Republic since May of 2016, and came to the Tallahassee office in 2019 as part of FINLEY’s Technology Transfer program. Zitny has continued his studies on wind load effects researched for his Ph.D. at Czech Technical University while working on FINLEY’s projects. For FINLEY’s Tallahassee office, this program serves as a unique opportunity for its staff to integrate technologies and practices with its Prague office. Zitny has contributed to the majority of FINLEY’s ongoing projects during this time, bolstering projects with innovative modeling, including our recent projects I-395 Signature in Miami, Florida, and the Wekiva Parkway Section 6 Design-Build in Lake and Seminole Counties, Florida.

Jiri Bures, CE - Bures has a Bachelor’s and a Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering from Czech Technical University and 5 years’ experience as a designer and architectural engineer. His experience as a steel structures designer includes steel design, analysis, detailing and fabrication of steel structures for the building markets. During his work at FINLEY, Bures’ has worked on the design, calculations, and drawings on notable projects including the award-winning Troja Bridge in Prague and the Pardubice Airport Terminal, as well as the Road 70 and Bridge 303 over Road 6 projects in Israel.

FINLEY looks forward to the contributions to the firm’s portfolio and reputation Zitny and Bures will make in their new positions.

FINLEY Hires Glenda E. Diaz, Ph.D., EIT as Bridge Designer

Bridge Design and Construction Engineering firm, Finley Engineering Group (FINLEY) is proud to welcome Glenda E. Diaz, PhD., EIT, as a Bridge Designer II to its’ rapidly expanding bridge design and construction engineering firm.

Glenda obtained her ME and PhD. in Civil Engineering from the University of Florida, and has recently moved to Tallahassee to join the FINLEY team. She has an extensive background in design and construction engineering working as a Graduate Assistant at the University of Florida. Glenda has also taught Civil Engineering classes at both the University of Florida, as well as Puerto Rico where she lead technical and professional training for Integrated Scientific Solutions.

Specializing in Structures, Glenda performed research developing and conducting extensive laboratory testing focused on the development and evaluation of fiber-reinforced concrete mixes complying with specified FDOT requirements. She also prepared detailed design and construction drawings of precast prestressed concrete girders for evaluation of fiber-reinforced concrete effectiveness to control end region cracking; supervised on-site construction of prestressed concrete girders specimens and conducted on-site inspections at different stages of construction; performed field inspection to assess deterioration of specimens over time; and conducted analytical evaluation of conventional and fiber reinforced concrete nonlinear behavior during prestress transfer.

“I am thrilled to join the FINLEY team, where I can continue building my knowledge of innovative practices, and I am excited to develop my expertise in Structures in the practice of Bridge Design and Construction Engineering.” said Glenda.

Glenda will be working as a Bridge Design Engineer for the new Green Line LRT Extension- Bridge 27C10 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the Edmonton Light Rail Transit Tawatina Bridge in Alberta, Canada, as well as the SR826/Palmetto Expressway and SR25/Okeechobee Road Interchange Improvement Project in Miami, Florida.

“Glenda brings a strong academic and research background. In her career, Glenda has demonstrated that she is very bright, dedicated, and a problem solver,” said Craig Finley, P.E., President, FINLEY.
Clark Becomes Full-Time Civil Designer at Jacksonville, Florida Office

Ryen Clark recently became a full-time civil designer at Hanson Professional Services Inc.’s Jacksonville office. She will assist with design analysis and plans preparation on roadway, drainage, planning and site civil projects for municipalities and departments of transportation.

Clark had been a summer intern at Hanson since 2017. She received a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the University of Florida.

ACEC National Report

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 Greg Knopp, Executive Director, Political Affairs or Jennifer Pugh, ACEC/PAC Director, or log on to visit the ACEC/PAC site here.

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