Message from the President

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

I don’t know about you, but I am looking forward to the time when I can visit more with family and friends in person. This includes co-workers, fellow ACEC-FL/FES volunteers and staff. Even though I am an introvert, it has been quite frustrating to have our only contact through phone calls and video chats for months now. I admit that I enjoy aspects of working from home – the relaxed dress code, zero commute time (and traffic), the convenience of a quick lunch in my own kitchen, etc. I think we could all do without the prolonged pandemic isolation, however.

As we go through the steps of the Governor’s plan to Re-Open Florida, ACEC-FL continues to represent our industry, and to lobby for infrastructure investment as part of economic recovery. See our infrastructure letter to the Governor [here](#). ACEC National has also been lobbying Congress on infrastructure, which is more difficult considering our national politics. I encourage everyone to contribute to the ACEC PAC to assist our lobbying efforts with Congress.

Amid all the news about cancelled events, we are still hoping to hold the FES/ACEC-FL Annual Conference August 5-8, 2020 in Boca Raton, FL. For the first time, FES and ACEC-FL are holding our board meetings virtually this month. One item of note for ACEC-FL is the new Aviation Committee focusing on airport projects (just as many are being cancelled). Those serving that market will want to get in touch with our new committee chair Max Fajardo ([max.fajardo@tylin.com](mailto:max.fajardo@tylin.com)) to network and share information as that situation develops. See our web site [acecfl.org](http://acecfl.org) to keep up with the latest event information.

From all of us at FES/ACEC-FL, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions about our lobbying efforts, the status of engineering as Essential, or about upcoming events. Also, ACEC National continues to be a resource during the crisis sharing best practices for working remotely in our industry – see [acec.org/conferences/coronavirus/](http://acec.org/conferences/coronavirus/).

Hopefully, the Re-Open Florida Plan will be successful, and we can gradually get back to where we are able to meet face to face again in the near future. 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,
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
- Executive Order 20-112: Executive Orders Referenced Click Here
- Florida’s phase one reopening lifts stay-at-home order, reopens businesses in ‘safe, smart steps’
- Re-Open Florida Task Force Final Report
- Florida bond chief assures COVID-19 effect on state finances is ‘manageable’

Webinars from ACEC National
- Click here for access to ACEC National’s Webinars

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

Upcoming ACEC-FL Events

Save the Date!
Friday, May 29th @ 10:15 a.m.
Virtual Town Hall Meeting With Senator Marco Rubio
More details to follow.

Legislative News

FES/ACEC-FL Infrastructure Letter to the Governor

ACEC-FL and FES applaud Governor DeSantis’ prioritization and acceleration of infrastructure projects in the state of Florida. During this time of COVID-19 and our economic crisis, we are urging Governor DeSantis to continue to include the prioritization of such projects in his recovery plans.

We state the large and immediate increases in infrastructure spending will be essential to Florida’s economic recovery, employ thousands of workers, and improve the condition and resiliency of the state’s aging public infrastructure that provides for Florida residents and visitors. Thus, we also ask Governor DeSantis to reduce or remove administrative barriers to expedite funding, permitting, and procurement processes to improve the efficiency of the recovery process.

Read the FES/ACEC-FL Infrastructure Letter in Full
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.

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-FL & FDOT would like to Congratulate the following 2020 Outstanding Project Award Recipients:

**Outstanding Major Project**

I-75 Design Build from South of SR 50 to Hernando/Sumter County Line
FDOT District 7
Design Consultant – WGI; Consultant Design Project Manager – Henri Belrose, P.E.
FDOT Design Project Manager – Justin Hall
CEI Consultant – Keystone Civil; CEI Sr. Project Engineer – Joy Christiano
FDOT Construction Project Engineer – Tom Lay

**Outstanding Bridge Project**

I-95 Overland Bridge Replacement
FDOT District 2
Design Consultant – RS&H, Inc.; Consultant Design Project Manager – Ryan Vasile, P.E.
FDOT Design Project Manager – Craig Teal, P.E.
CEI Consultant – Eisman & Russo, Inc.; CEI Sr. Project Engineer – John J. Kemp, P.E.
FDOT Construction Project Engineer – Brian Kirts, P.E.

**Outstanding Environmental Project**

Everglades Restoration SR 90/US 41 (Tamiami Trail) Bridging
FDOT District 6
Design Consultant – Stantec; Consultant Design Project Manager – Luis Lazo, P.E.
FDOT Design Project Manager – Elsa Riverol, P.E.
CEI Consultant – F & J Engineering Group, Inc.; CEI Sr. Project Engineer – Francis R. Chin Sr., P.E.

**Outstanding Design Build**

SR 9B Phase III

**Outstanding Roadway**

**Outstanding Special**
FDOT District 2
Design Consultant – Arcadis US, Inc.; Consultant Design Project Manager – Erik E. Van Zanden, P.E.
CEI Consultant – England-Thims & Miller, Inc.; CEI Sr. Project Engineer – Rob Hansgen, P.E.

Outstanding PD&E/Planning Project
I-95 at Broward Blvd. Interchange

FDOT District 4
Design Consultant – HDR;
Consultant Design Project Manager – Will Suero
FDOT Design Project Manager – Anson Sonnett, P.E.

FDOT District 3
Design Consultant – Cardno, Inc.; Consultant Design Project Manager – Jason Yam
FDOT Design Project Manager – Tommy Johns
CEI Consultant – Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.; CEI Sr. Project Engineer – Sandra Bucklew
FDOT Construction Project Engineer – Shannon Harris

FDOT District 5
Design Consultant – Transystems; Consultant Design Project Manager – Gail Woods, P.E.
FDOT Design Project Manager – Todd Long, P.E.
CEI Consultant - WSP; CEI Sr. Project Engineer – Barry Johnson, Steve Wile, P.E.
FDOT Construction Project Engineer – Richard Nasrawy, P.E.

For additional details on each project please visit www.fleng.org/page/2020OPARecipients or for more information on how to apply, contact cpinsky@fleng.org

New and Updated EJCDC Documents

EJCDC's newly updated E-500: Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services and E-570: Agreement Between Engineer and Consultant for Professional Services offer focused improvements to both guidance and instructions and the overall document structure. Recognizing that several key scope issues would benefit from being covered in greater specificity, these documents also add meaningful detail to many engineering service categories and articulate evolving industry practices.

Other significant updates include:

- A new consolidated schedule form for deliverables exhibit;
- Update and relocation of payment exhibit offering the user six standard compensation methods;
- The cost limit exhibit has been eliminated;
- Electronic documents protocol has been added.

Streamline your paperwork and advance your business to the next level. Download the E-500 and E-570 today!

Click Here for More Details

Have a question? Contact Maureen Brown at education@acec.org or (202) 682-4349 for answers and assistance.

EJJCDC® 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.
EJDCD documents have become the first choice among municipalities for infrastructure development.

EJDCD® 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.

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- Engineering
- Design-Build
- Procurement

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Don’t Miss Out on Another RFP or RFQ in Florida 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.

Information is reprinted from major newspapers published in Orlando, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Miami, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, Lakeland, Pensacola, Cocoa, Sarasota and West Palm Beach.

Announcements are also reprinted from the Administrative Weekly and Commerce Business Daily and have been solicited from state and local government agencies, including the Florida Department of Transportation.

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.

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Email Chloe Drexler at cdrexler@fleng.org for more information.

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2020-2021 FES/ACEC-FL Slate of Officers

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ACEC-FL: Additional Nominations may be made directly to the Board of Directors but must be received in writing with permission of the nominee by the meeting two months prior to the annual meeting. The additional nominations must be accompanied by the endorsement of at least ten voting members and shall be confirmed by the Nominating Committee. If no additional nominations are received, the list as submitted by the Nominating Committee shall be declared new officers by acclamation.

Please send additional nominations to: ACEC-FL Slate of Officers, P.O. Box 750, Tallahassee, FL 32302-0750 or acecfl@fleng.org by June 8, 2020.

To view the entire slate of officers for FES and ACEC-FL for the 2020-2021 year, click here.

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**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.

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**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.

Click here to view FBPE’s newsletter

Hires, Promotions, Awards, & Other Firm Member News

Maser Consulting PA Presents: Daniel M. Checchia, Geographic Discipline Leader, Subsurface Utility Engineering

Mr. Checchia is a Geographic Discipline Leader for Subsurface Utility Engineering Services (SUE) for Maser Consulting PA. He has over 2-decades of South Florida experience in transportation engineering, surveying, and construction related fields, with expertise in SUE and utility coordination. His duties include the supervision of the day-to-day operations of Survey, SUE and Utility Coordination assignments to ensure QA/QC from field to office is maintained on all projects.

Dan maintains a strong rapport with local utilities and municipalities and assists clients with utility research, identification, data management and coordination. His high level of expertise and understanding of the Quality Levels defined with the ASCE Guideline 38, “Standard Guidelines for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data”, enables him to manage a project from pre-design through construction, identifying utility impacts, and mitigating conflicts with cost effective and timely resolutions.

Michael Baker International Welcomes Joseph Williams, PE, MS, and David C. Dunne, AICP to the Jacksonville, FL Office!

Mr. Williams has joined our Florida team as a Program/Project Manager in the Jacksonville office, where he will be responsible for managing the Program Management contract. He also has an extensive background in the Federal Market at Naval Facilities Engineering Command handling NAVFAC southeast projects. He has over 15 years of civil engineering design and project management experience.

Joseph is a professional engineer in two states: Georgia and Florida, is certified as a Level III Facilities Engineer, and has an NCEES Record. He specializes in civil engineering design. Joseph is originally from Darien, Georgia. He and his wife have been married for 16 years and have a six-year-old daughter. Last year, his family helped open a new church in St. Johns County, where he and his wife are active members. A huge college football fan, Joseph roots for the Georgia Bulldogs. He has also visited every Navy airfield in the Southeastern United States and NS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Mr. Dunne, who previously worked in our Washington, DC office, has joined our Florida team as a Federal Planner in the Jacksonville office. David will be assisting in the delivery of planning projects throughout Northeast Florida. David has over 20 years of experience supporting planning, engineering, and asset management programs in the public and private sectors. In the past 10 years, David has exclusively

David is active in multiple sports and is an “outdoor junkie”. He has either hiked or mountain biked nearly all sections of the 3,100-mile Continental Divide Trail, which runs from Montana to New Mexico. He also lived in Hawaii for three years and paddled the 41-mile Molokai crossing between the islands of Molokai and Oahu in an outrigger canoe.

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**Big things continue to happen at Pevida Highway Designers (PHD)!**

We have added top talent to our PHD offices, received amazing awards and are continuing to grow, retain and give back during these times.

We are ecstatic to announce that Mr. **Jeremy Botto, PE** has joined PHD’s West Palm Beach office as a Senior Highway Engineer and Mr. **Kennedy Simmonds, PE** has joined our Orlando office as a Senior Drainage Engineer!

Jeremy has over 20 years of experience specializing in Design-Build and complex projects including the I-75/HEFT interchange as part of I-75 Express Lanes Segment AB where he served as Design Project Manager and Roadway EOR. Our newest addition Mr. **Kennedy Simmonds, PE** has over 20 years of experience and will be leading all Central Florida drainage efforts. He specializes in drainage, permitting, utilities, stormwater management systems, wastewater treatment, multi-use trail design, and transportation/land development projects.

PHD is proud to announce that we have been awarded one of the Best and Brightest Firms to Work For from the National Association for Business Resources. This award is very important to us being that it reflects our company culture and what we stand for. We understand that our PHDers are our most important asset and we’re committed to keeping them a priority. Another very important award, the FES Outstanding Technical Achievement, was given to our founder, Mr. **Walfry Pevida** for his contributions as Maintenance of Traffic Engineer for FDOT’s District 4 I-95 Express 3A-2 and 3B-1 projects completed with Prince Contracting and WSP, Inc.

We also want to share that during this pandemic and hard times, PHD continues to grow, retain and give back to our community. We have retained all staff and are still hiring talented engineers for our growing firm. We have also been able to have all PHDers work remotely, keeping us all safe and have even given our PHDers added benefit during this time with our emergency company funding program. Our emergency company funding has allowed our PHDers to be able to subsidize any downtime due to the Coronavirus in order to continue to have a steady stream of income.

**Mr. Checchia has substantial experience working for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).** As a technical delegate for FDOT District IV Survey & Mapping Advisory Committee, he helped develop new field procedures and deliverables for statewide projects. He has a comprehensive knowledge of the FDOT Utility Coordination process, and his philosophy is to maintain an open and productive dialogue throughout the initial SUE investigation; utility coordination, and post-design follow up.

He is a founding member of the Board of Directors of the SUE (SUE) Association; member of the Florida Utility Coordination Committee (FUCC); and current chair of the Broward UESI Chapter.
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.
Calendar of Events

July
7  ACEC-FL Transportation Committee Meeting (July 2020)

August
5-8  2020 FES | ACEC-FL Annual Conference
5  FES and ACEC-FL Board Meetings

For full details on upcoming FES / ACEC-FL events, please see our calendar of events:

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If you are interested in having an item published in the ACEC-FL Update, please email ACECFL@fleng.org

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