



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022- 2023

  
**ACEC**

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Alaska*

# ACEC ALASKA

ACEC Alaska's mission is to strengthen the business environment for our member firms to deliver their essential professional services to improve our world.

ACEC AK-

- Protects your interests in the Legislature.
- Sponsors seminars, conferences, and workshops to improve business practices, efficiency, profitability and quality.
- Offers group rates for services such as business insurance, life/health insurance, retirement plans and discounts for office supplies and car rentals.
- Offers business resources such as contract documents, risk management guidance, and quality-based selection information.

**ACEC of ALASKA REPRESENTS**

**25 Consulting Firms that employ  
1175 Professionals**

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2022-2023 ACEC Alaska Annual Report! I am excited to share with everyone the accomplishments of our organization over the past fiscal year (June through July). 2022-2023 has been an exciting year of growth and expansion for ACEC AK. The Board and I have been focused this past year on enhancing value for our members and expanding the influence and impact of the organization. We have strived to deliver activities that produce solutions to the challenges the Alaska engineering industry is currently facing. ACEC Alaska has worked hard this year to provide enhanced programs and trainings for the membership and has raised our political influence with additional resources to ACEC Alaska's advocacy efforts. One of the key highlights for this year was winning a significant grant from ACEC National in the inaugural member organization strengthening program. Through this competitive process, ACEC Alaska set the bar for a model application and proposal. Many of our application's details have now been used as a best practice model for future applicants. The grant has allowed us to improve what ACEC Alaska can bring its members now and in the future. ACEC AK is well positioned to continue our growth in 2023-2024. Thank you for your continued support of Alaska's consulting engineering profession.

Best Regards,  
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# INITIATIVES

## FY2023



- Develop bill tracking system for easy updates of state bills during legislative session
- Create specific advocacy initiatives
- Quarterly education sessions
- Monthly newsletter for dissemination of information to members
- Membership and member firm outreach
- Increase connection to major governmental agencies (e.g. DOT & PF, MOA) through committees
- Develop annual calendar of activities



# WINNING A GRANT!

ACEC Alaska applied for and in April was awarded a grant from ACEC National to strengthen our state member organization! This grant will help strengthen our organization by focusing on the two key areas identified by the board:

1 - Develop a strategic plan.

This will help guide us in decision-making and identifying initiatives to undertake.

2 - Fund additional resources to increase membership engagement opportunities.

- Regular communication through monthly eNews
- Update-to-date and current website and website as resource and repository for references
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- Develop an annual report highlighting the year's accomplishments and future plans
- Increased training opportunities
- Host roundtables for new members and leaders



**We are excited for what the coming year will bring for ACEC-Alaska!**



# EVENTS

This year ACEC Alaska established a quarterly training opportunity for the membership. Were you able to join us at these great events? See the report of these events in our enews at [ACEC AK](#)

Quarter 1: How to Be an Effective PM

Quarter 2: How to Be an Effective PM part 2

Quarter 3: Partnering Workshop with ADOT

Quarter 4: PSMJ PM Boot-Camp (2 days)

# ALASKA ADVOCACY

Our new contract lobbyist, John Walsh, represented ACEC Alaska, in Juneau, during the 2023 legislative session and brought back monthly reports to the Board as well as regular membership updates in the enews.





ACEC Alaska President, Len Story and National Director, Matt Stone traveled to Juneau April 24-25. They met with 21 legislators including the Speaker of the House Kathy Tilton and 9 freshman legislators. Additionally, the ACEC delegation enjoyed dinner with Ryan Anderson and Katherine Keith, Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Department of Transportation along with the Co-Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Stedman, and Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, Senator Kaufman.



ACEC's consistent messaging throughout the numerous meetings centered on partnering with DOT & PF; education funding/workforce development; sustainable capital budgeting and educating legislators and staff on the Brooks Act and procurement of professional services.





# ALASKA DELEGATION AT THE ACEC TOWNHOUSE

## Topics Covered:

- Workforce Issues
- Tax and Innovation
  - R&D amortization repeal
- IIJA Implementation
- Permitting Reform
- The engineering and design industry impact on the nations economy.



## WASHINGTON DC

Members of the ACEC Board traveled to DC in May to meet with the entire Alaska elected delegation. ACEC hosted the delegation at the ACEC townhouse on Capitol Hill. We were able to get invaluable one-on-one time with each delegate to discuss issues important to the Alaska engineering community.



# THANK YOU

Thank you for participating in ACEC. We are excited for the continued growth of our organization in Alaska. Plan on joining ACEC AK at one of our upcoming committee meetings, training seminars or membership events. We want to hear from you; contact us with questions, input, or thoughts at [ACECALaska@ACECALaska.com](mailto:ACECALaska@ACECALaska.com)