

ACEC

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Alaska

ACEC OF ALASKA REPRESENTS:

26 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

1172 MO EMPLOYEES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FY 22

GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY

1. Met with Miles Baker (Alaska's point person for distributing the IIJA funds) to establish relationship with funding sources.
2. Met with the MOA purchasing director to discuss MOA's purchasing practices.
3. Established relationship with Matt Reiffer, Vice President, Infrastructure Programs, ACEC National.
4. Established an ACEC/DOT&PF Steering Committee with the DOT&PF Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, the three Regional Directors and the Chief of Contracts.
5. Ongoing communications with local governments about the benefits of using QBS.
6. Coordination with National for QBS reports and background information.

POLITICAL ACTION

1. Hired lobbyist to address issues important to the Alaska engineering community.
 - Met with former Governor (and current gubernatorial candidate) Walker to discuss his position on IIJA and the public workforce.
 - Attended fly-in in Juneau to meet with state representatives and senators regarding issues important to the design community.
 - Testified in Juneau on the Data Coordinate System.
 - Advocated for professional licensing modifications at the legislature.
2. Raised funds for National candidates through ACEC PAC.
3. Sent letters and attended meetings with our U.S. Representative and Senators regarding issues important to the engineering industry (e.g. grant language precluding design, IIJA, Davis-Bacon wages, PPP loan forgiveness and IDCR impacts, DOT lump sum billing terms, etc.).
4. Met with Senator Murkowski to discuss her position on IIJA and the public workforce.

BUSINESS EDUCATION

1. Additional outreach to the engineering community through affiliates (e.g. IT companies).
2. Provided training sessions on a variety of topics:
 - Network security
 - National resources and updates
3. Improved the salary survey.
4. Hosted national representative speaker (Gary Hartong).
5. Established relationship with Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) coordinator for DOT for coordinated training opportunities.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Created an Executive Director position to help with administrative duties and keep us better connected with ACEC national.
 - Updated website to provide a resource for companies and a way to disseminate information.
 - Established connection with ACEC national through listserve communities and national coalitions.
 - Established relationship with Dan Purvine, President of A/E Clarity and chair of the ACEC National Audit Subcommittee.
2. Updated chapter bylaws (pending member approval).
3. Implemented a new board structure.
4. Formalized committee structure.

INITIATIVES FY 23

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