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## THE FIRST WORD

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### ACEC OKLAHOMA to Host PSMJ Project Managers Bootcamp October 11-12, 2018, Oklahoma City

ACEC OKLAHOMA is excited to announce that we will be hosting the critically acclaimed **PSMJ Project Managers Bootcamp** in Oklahoma City on October 11-12, 2018.

ACEC OKLAHOMA is bringing the program to you at a **HUGE cost savings for ACEC OKLAHOMA member firms**. The "going rate" for the Bootcamp through PSMJ is \$1,795.00 per person, which doesn't include travel, hotel, meals, time, etc. to some far away location.

**Registration for the ACEC OKLAHOMA PSMJ Project Managers Bootcamp is only \$1,495.00 per person.....a minimum savings to you of \$300.00 per person.** And, if you register prior to the "Early Bird Deadline," you will receive an additional **\$100** off the "Member" registration fee, **bringing the cost down to \$1,395.00 per person.**

To sweeten the pot a little more, if you send at least 3 people to the Bootcamp, the registration fee for the 3rd person and any additional attendees from you firm will receive a **25% discount** off the already low price of \$1,395.00!!!

Registration fee includes all meeting materials, along with continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks both days.

This is a great opportunity for your Project Managers, top-level Engineers, and firm Owners/Managers to learn proven techniques and strategies of today's most successful project managers.

Registration information has been sent to all member firm and is available on the ACEC OKLAHOMA website.

### ACEC OKLAHOMA General Membership Meeting Thursday, August 23rd

The next ACEC OKLAHOMA General Membership Meeting will be held Thursday, August 23rd beginning with lunch at 11:45am.

Mike Patterson, Secretary of Transportation, and OTA Executive Director Tim Gatz will be our guest speakers.

Also, during the meeting, Consulting Engineers PAC will be conducting a Raffle to raise funds for the upcoming elections. Prizes include 2 tickets to see Fleetwood Mac in concert in Tulsa, as well as Thunder basketball tickets. Tickets are \$50 each or 6 tickets for \$250.

Registration info has been sent...See you August 23rd!

### ACEC OKLAHOMA Leadership For Engineers

**Details Coming Soon!  
Watch your email for details!!!!**

### ACEC OKLAHOMA Website

Just an FYI and Heads-Up.....in the next few days, the ACEC OKLAHOMA website may be down for a day or two.

We are developing a much-needed, brand new website, going live very soon. The site may be offline temporarily, but back up as quickly as possible.

# President's Monthly Update

## July, 2018

### David Raymond, President & CEO

July was an eventful month for the Council – most notably, the Board approved Linda Bauer Darr as my successor beginning August 6. *Engineering Inc.* will carry a feature on her in the September/October issue. The Council awarded a \$100k Minuteman grant to California to defeat an egregious infrastructure funding repeal measure – part of ACEC's continuing emphasis on securing infrastructure investment nationwide; and we welcomed House T&I Committee Chairman Shuster's comprehensive draft infrastructure bill which includes a 15 cent gas tax increase.

#### General

- ACEC/California was awarded a \$100,000 Minuteman Fund grant to help support the MO's efforts to defeat a November 2018 ballot measure that would roll back state infrastructure funding of \$52 billion over ten years that was enacted in 2017.
- House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster unveiled draft infrastructure legislation that would increase gas and diesel taxes by 15 and 20 cents respectively over three years and index them to inflation, boost funding and financing options for water infrastructure, and streamline environmental compliance.
- The International Committee heard from officials of the Departments of State and Commerce and the World Bank's Global Infrastructure Facility (GIF) on efforts to improve overseas prospects for U.S. engineering firms.
- Endorsed the Flood Mapping Modernization and Homeowner Empowerment Pilot Program Act of 2018, which will create a demonstration grant program to deploy innovative mapping technologies to more accurately assess flood risks, especially in urban areas located outside of the traditional regulatory floodplains
- Met with the EPA Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation on "Remedial Acquisition Framework" implementation.
- Signed-on to an industry letter to President Trump urging action to fill a vacancy on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

#### Government Advocacy

- ACEC-AASHTO Audit subcommittee agreed to develop a joint educational session to improve coordination between DOT auditors and contract officers on treatment of costs and development of standard financial submittal packages for audits.
- The Federal Agencies and Procurement Advocacy Committee presented examples of well executed federal procurement contracts to officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) as templates for future contracts.
- ACEC/Connecticut made its ACEC/PAC goal for the thirteenth straight year, joining Indiana, Hawaii, Wisconsin, Georgia, Montana, Tennessee, South Carolina, Massachusetts and Connecticut as states at goal for 2018.
- ACEC's Life/Health Trust was protected under the Department of Labor's (DOL) final rule on the regulation of association health plans (AHPs); the final rule responded to concerns raised earlier by ACEC and the ACEC Life/Health Trust that the initial proposed rule would make it difficult for the Trust to serve firms with more than 50 employees.
- Joined with a coalition of employer organizations to support legislation delaying the imposition of the health insurance tax on traditional health insurance plans; Congress has already acted to lift the tax for 2019, and the House of Representatives has approved legislation to suspend the tax for 2020 and 2021.

#### Business Resources

- ACEC's new Private Industry Briefs will publish its second issue (August/September 2018) on July 31, focusing on the intermodal and logistics market including details on top clients, significant market trends, and relevant current legislation and policy.

