

WHAT IS ACEC OREGON?

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon (ACEC Oregon), was founded in 1956 as CECO (Consulting Engineers Council of Oregon) as a non-profit organization. It's goal is to protect the public welfare and advance the professional quality of private practice consulting engineers. In short, ACEC Oregon represents the business interests of consulting engineers in private practice.

ACEC Oregon represents approximately 4,000 employees in Oregon through more than 112 consulting engineering firms of all sizes. ACEC Oregon is a member organization of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) in Washington, D.C. With 5,700 member firms, ACEC is the largest national organization of engineers engaged in the practice of consulting engineering.

Created to assist consulting engineering firms in achieving their business-related goals, ACEC Oregon promotes professionalism and quality, and is the only organization with staff lobbyists watching out for the business interests of consulting engineers in Salem.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT MEMBERSHIP, THINK ABOUT THIS...

Through your involvement with ACEC Oregon, you will establish regular networking opportunities with scores of your peers. Your membership in ACEC Oregon provides you with meaningful, valuable resources and access to expertise and business. You will benefit from compelling member relationships, access to information, firm practice information, and myriad ideas, solutions, and networking opportunities that you can only experience from membership!

WHAT'S THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP?

Estimating the dollar value or return on investment of ACEC Oregon membership on a per firm basis is next to impossible. Each firm has different reasons for being a member. However, it is possible to provide examples of membership benefits that lead to new or enhanced market opportunities or to significant savings for firms of all sizes. To cite a few:

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & DINNERS

ACEC Oregon provides ongoing cost-effective programs presented by experts on valuable business and management topics. These seminars are timely and help members to maintain their continuing professional development (CPD) credits as required by OSBEELS (Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying) for registered professional engineers. OSBEELS requires every registrant to obtain 30 CPD units during each biennial renewal period. ACEC Oregon offers many educational programs and dinners on a variety of topics, including legal issues facing consultants, quality management, risk management, preparing for the future, ownership transfer, and more.

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Each year ACEC Oregon sponsors the Engineering Excellence competition which spotlights engineers as problem-solvers. Firms enter their best engineering projects. A panel of experts judge them and all entries receive coverage in the *Daily Journal of Commerce* and its special edition engineering magazine. Entrants may advance to ACEC's national design competition in Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEES & LIAISON OPPORTUNITIES

You will have the opportunity to make your voice heard by participating in the management of ACEC Oregon through committee service and leadership positions. Possibilities abound for leadership development through committee participation, such as: Programs Committee, Legislative Committee, Operations Committee and Risk Management Committee.

ACEC Oregon can also do what a single firm cannot— as a respected voice for the consulting engineer, it can bring people to the table to work for the betterment of all parties. ACEC Oregon members meet regularly to discuss mutual issues and concerns with representatives from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Oregon Association of County Engineers & Surveyors (OACES).

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

ACEC Oregon maintains a presence in the state legislature and with state and local agencies to represent your business and professional interests. Through our ongoing lobbying efforts, ACEC Oregon works to insure that legislative and agency leaders receive information and opinions from consulting engineers on issues affecting the consulting engineering profession and the public. ACEC Oregon's "Day at The Capitol," held when the state legislature is in session, gives you an opportunity to visit with your legislators in small groups about engineering issues. ACEC Oregon's legislative committee routinely reviews bills introduced in the legislature and are an advocate for new legislation as it becomes necessary.

INSURANCE PROGRAMS ACEC Oregon and ACEC Washington members run the Pacific Northwest Consulting Engineers Health & Welfare Trust on behalf of member firms. For more than 30 years the Trust has provided competitive health benefits to member firms. **For details on our health care plan**, call or e-mail Christine Heisen at the Engineers Trust Administration in Portland, phone (503) 223-2926 or administrator@engtrust.com.

For business insurance, it is our understanding that people who have gone through the business insurance plan have saved **more** than a year's dues. For more information about the ACEC Plan, please contact Jeff Connelly at the ACEC Business Insurance Trust (BIT), phone (800) 338-1391 or Jeffrey.connelly@marsh.com or visit the Trust website at www.acecbit.com.

Also, **for more health and business insurance information please go to:** http://www.acecoregon.org/insurance_info.html.

Additionally, the American Council of Engineering Companies offers a **retirement program**, the ACEC Retirement Trust, administered through the Prudential. This provides members with numerous options. For more information, please contact Nancy Barrette, Wachovia Securities, at (800) 521-9463 or Nancy.barrette@wachoviasec.com.

REFERRALS Potential clients who phone ACEC Oregon are referred to member firms with expertise in that engineering discipline. This is an ongoing service provided free to members.

SPECIAL DUES INCENTIVE PROGRAM ACEC Oregon dues structure is based on the total number of full-time employees in the state. We currently offer a special dues incentive program for new members that will reduce dues by two-thirds the first year and by one-third the second.

ANNUAL SALARY & BENEFITS SURVEY Every year ACEC Oregon compiles its annual Salary & Benefits Survey. This is the only survey of its kind which exclusively covers engineering firms in Oregon and Clark County, Washington. As a benefit of membership, each member firm receives this survey at no cost.

For further membership information and to receive a dues quote, please call or e-mail ACEC Oregon, phone 503-292-2348 or mwebber@acecOregon.org.

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