

NEWS

ACEC American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon

Celebrating 50 years of representing
engineering companies in Oregon
and Clark County, Washington,
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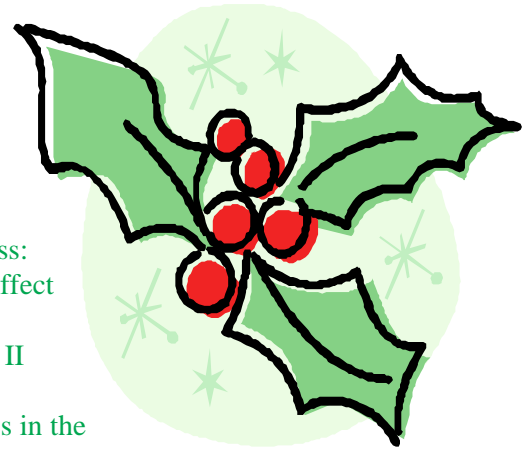
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of Engineering Companies
Washington, D.C.

In preparation for the upcoming legislative session,
join ACEC Oregon for a dinner meeting December 6...

"HAVE A HOLLY, JOLLY LEGISLATURE; IT'S THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR!"

Oregon Senator Betsy Johnson,
ACEC Oregon Lobbyist Marshall
Coba and Jim Marvin, Marvin,
Chorzempa & Larson P.C., will review
election results, the legislative process
and issues for the 2007 session.



Enjoy Italian cuisine and hear the panel discuss:

- How will the shift in power in the House affect ACEC Oregon's legislative agenda?
- What are the chances for ConnectOregon II and additional transportation funding?
- What are the challenges of making changes in the current indemnity law and reducing the statute of ultimate repose?
- How and why ACEC Oregon members need to stay informed and get involved to ensure we are as successful as possible.

WHEN: Wed., December 6

- 5:30 P.M. Social Hour
- 6:30 P.M. Dinner
- 7:30 P.M. Program

WHERE:

Ernesto's Italian Restaurant
8544 SW Apple Way, Portland
phone (503) 292-0119
Ernesto's is located near
Jesuit High School in
Beaverton just off of
Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy.

Sen. Betsy Johnson, (D), Scappoose, served her first term in the Oregon Senate in 2005, after serving two terms in the Oregon House of Representatives. In the 2005 Legislative Session, Johnson was, once again, appointed to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means where she has served since her first session.
Jim Marvin, Marvin, Chorzempa & Larson P.C., has provided professional and legal services to design professionals throughout Oregon since 1973. Marvin is an active member of the Legislative Committee.
Marshall Coba, Coba Company, has been ACEC Oregon's lobbyist since 1996 and is an integral part of the Legislative Committee.

ACEC Oregon Dinner Program "Have a Holly, Jolly Legislature"

Registration deadline
is December 4.

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Cost: \$40 for members / \$60 for non-members
If your firm is a member, then you are a member.

Firm name & phone: _____

Name: _____ **Name:** _____

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE

TO ACEC OREGON. Mail check and registration form (or fax form and mail check) for receipt by December 4 to: ACEC OREGON, 5319 SW Westgate Drive, Suite 221, Portland, OR 97221. Phone (503) 292-2348; Fax 292-2410; mwebber@acecOregon.org.

No. of ____ member(s) @ \$ 40.00 = \$ _____

No. of ____ non-mbr(s) @ \$ 60.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Cancellations must be received on or before the registration deadline to receive a refund. Non-members must pay in advance.

AMONG OURSELVES...

The ACEC Oregon Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following new affiliate member firm. Please welcome...

Riverwise llc, 1521 N. Jantzen Avenue, #130, Portland, OR 97217-8100; phone (503) 484-651, www.riverwise.net (under construction). Firm representative is **Margaret W. (Peg) Johnson**. The firm focuses on waterway planning and port development, including navigation planning, dredging and disposal, economic analysis for waterway projects, marine permitting, and technical analysis for federal waterway and navigation authorizations.



GeoEngineers is pleased to announce **David Rankin** has joined the firm as a principal with a master's degree in geology and 27 years of experience. Rankin brings a diverse background of geotechnical, geological and environmental work in both public and private sector work. GeoEngineers, headquartered in Redmond, Washington, is an integrated earth science and technology firm with offices in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Missouri, Oregon, Texas and Washington.

Mazzetti & Associates, Inc. (formerly CBG Engineers) has moved. The firm is now located at 520 SW Sixth Avenue, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204. Their phone number remains the same, (503) 620-3232; however, their new fax number is (503) 445-6288.

OBEC Consulting Engineers is celebrating their 40th anniversary. Founded in 1966, OBEC has excelled in the field of transportation, civil and structural engineering by providing their clients with quality services and constructible engineering solutions requiring full-spectrum design through construction services on over 2,500 projects throughout the Pacific Northwest and Western United States. Four decades of successful bridge and roadway transportation project reflect the firm's continuous dedication to client satisfaction and providing quality projects that enhance communities and public infrastructure. **Congratulations, OBEC Consulting Engineers!**

Additionally, OBEC Consulting Engineers has opened a new office located at 5005 Meadows Road, Suite 120, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, phone (503) 620-6103.



Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc. (MSA) is celebrating their 25th (well, actually 27th!) anniversary. MSA was founded in 1980 by **Harold "Hal" Murray** and **Phil Smith**. Murray and Smith both began their careers with the prominent Pacific Northwest consulting engineering firm of Stevens, Thompson & Runyan, Inc. (STR). MSA was formed with the dedicated mission of delivering high quality, high value engineering services to cities, special districts, regional, state and federal agencies, private utilities and commercial and industrial clients. This business focus has earned the firm an excellent reputation as a premier civil and environmental engineering consulting firm in the Pacific Northwest. **Congratulations, Murray, Smith & Associates!**

Nishkian Dean has moved. The firm is now located at 425 SW Stark Street, Second Floor, Portland, OR 97204. Their phone and fax numbers remain the same.

OSBEELS Seeks Professional Reviewers & Expert Witnesses to Assist with Law Enforcement Cases

The Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying is soliciting professional reviewers and expert witnesses to create a list of registrants that the board can call upon to review law enforcement case material. OSBEELS will accept responses until June of 2007. For more information go to www.osbeels.org or contact Brian Halfman, Compliance Specialist, brian@osbeels.org, phone (503) 362-2666, ext. 22.

ACEC National Spells TAX RELIEF for Engineers with a 9 Percent A/E Tax Deduction

ACEC National government advocacy promotes the business interests of the engineering industry to Congress, federal agencies and international organizations. They have achieved a 9 percent tax deduction for A/E firms. For a summary of the new law go to <http://www.acec.org/advocacy/bill4520.pdf>, "Tax Relief for Engineers." For interim guidance from the IRS, go to <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-21484.pdf>.

Extra Copies Available of 50th Anniversary Tribute

ACEC Oregon has many extra copies of the Daily Journal of Commerce's special edition commemorating ACEC Oregon's 50th anniversary, 1956-2006. Published in September, it's titled, "A Tribute to Oregon's Engineering Industry." If you would like a copy or several sent to you, please contact ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348 or e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org.

THANK YOU to OTAK, INC. for their Generous ACEC Oregon PAC Donation
Received June 30, 2006. *Thank you, Otak!*

ACEC Oregon Visits Governor Kulongoski

ACEC Oregon met with Governor Ted Kulongoski November 2 in Portland. Pictured from left are ACEC Oregon lobbyist **Marshall Coba, Coba Company**; ACEC Oregon President **Dwight Hardin, GRI Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants**; Governor **Ted Kulongoski**, ACEC Oregon Legislative Committee Chair **Melissa Johnson**, **David Evans and Associates, Inc.** and ACEC Oregon Executive Director **Alison Davis**.

MEET OSU'S DEREK MANWILL, ACEC OREGON'S NEWEST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Scholarship Committee Chair, **Julia Kuhn, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**, is pleased to announce the committee's selection of **Derek Manwill** of Eugene as the award winner of ACEC Oregon's scholarship for 2006. Kuhn reports, "All six committee members participated in the selection process and the winner clearly stood out from all of the other applicants. Derek is a very dedicated student that has done a lot to prepare himself for success later in life. He's been focused on school, has taken very difficult classes (while still in high school), and has obtained several college credits already. He plans to graduate in three years from Oregon State University. His application was quite impressive."

Manwill graduated Churchill High School in June and is currently enrolled at OSU and plans to obtain his degree in civil engineering, with an option in structural, and a minor in business administration. When asked what lead Manwill to become interested in engineering he said, "My passion in

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school has always been math. I have always excelled in it and, until I was a freshman in high school, I just wanted to study math in college."

Manwill continues, "My dad told me that just having a degree in mathematics wouldn't open many doors for me. So, when my math

teacher told me that I could use a great deal of math in engineering, I became very intrigued. Since then, I have become very excited about being an engineer, so much that I have worked my hardest over the years so that I could complete a year's worth of college credit."

Before entering OSU, Manwill had already completed 21 credits of math (calculus, college algebra, trigonometry), 12 credits of foundational physics, 6 credits of writing, 3 credits of public speaking, and 9 credits of U.S. history. All of these credits were



ACEC Oregon's 2006 scholarship recipient attended the annual Networking Day dinner at Langdon Farms Golf Club in June. Pictured, from left, are: ACEC Oregon 2005-2006 Immediate Past President and Scholarship Committee member, **Cynthia Lowe, Parsons Brinckerhoff**; this year's scholarship recipient, **Derek Manwill**; and ACEC Oregon 2005-2006 President **Ken Wightman, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

taken either at the University of Oregon while Manwill was a senior, through Lane Community College at Churchill, or in advanced placement classes at Churchill.

Manwill says that his classes are very interesting this year. "I am learning ACAD in one of my CE classes. I am also taking statistics, which is difficult, but allows me to use all of the math and physics I have learned. I am looking forward to the structural classes I will take my junior and senior years, because I am very interested in large structures. I recently joined the OSU ASCE steel bridge contest team. We will be designing and fabricating a 20 foot, steel bridge that we will take up to Alaska for the contest."

Congratulations, Derek!

Focus on Risk Management: MEETING THE STANDARD OF CARE

The following material is provided for informational purposes only. Before taking any action that could have legal or other important consequences, speak with a qualified professional who can provide guidance that considers your unique circumstances. We'd like to thank XL Design Professional, publisher of The Contract Guide, for their assistance with this article.

Nobody expects you to be perfect — except maybe your client. However, when you fall short of infallibility and a client files a claim, you are not necessarily guilty as charged. Fortunately, design professionals are held to a more reasonable standard than absolute perfection.

From a professional liability standpoint, all that is expected or required of you is that you render your design services with the ordinary degree of skill and care that would be used by other reasonably competent practitioners of the same discipline under similar circumstances and conditions. This "standard of care" concept dates from English Common Law doctrine. This doctrine holds that the public has the right to expect that those providing services will do so in a reasonably normal, careful and prudent manner, as tested or established by the actions of one's own peers under like circumstances. Being perfect isn't required as long as you act with due care.

For the full article, please go to <http://www.acecoregon.org/risk%20mgmt%20article%20Standard%20of%20Care.pdf>.

Mark your
calendar...



NOVEMBER

- **November 20 Monday**
ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence Phase 2 Deadline
Entries are due to ACEC Oregon by 5:00 P.M.
- **November 29 Wednesday**
Risk Management Breakfast, part 3 of 3
“Claims Management & Dispute Resolution”
also known as “Paying for Your Sins”
moderated by **Jack Beemer, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**
David Evans and Associates, Inc., Portland
For more information and registration form, go to
<http://www.acecoregon.org/Nov06%20risk%20mgmt.pdf>.

Good for
2 CPD
credits!

- **November 30 Thursday**
Board of Directors Meeting, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
ACEC Oregon Conference Room

DECEMBER

- **December 5 Tuesday**
ACEC Oregon
Engineering Excellence Judging
- **December 6 Wednesday**
Dinner Program: Legislative Preview
Ernesto's Italian Restaurant
See page 1 for more information and registration form.



JANUARY 2007

- **January 10 Wednesday**
ACEC Oregon Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner
SAVE THE DATE! Watch for more info to come.
- **January 25 Thursday**
Board of Directors Meeting, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
ACEC Oregon Conference Room

FEBRUARY

- **February 20 Tuesday**
“Day at the Capitol,” Salem



MARCH

- **March 7-10 Wednesday thru Saturday**
“Business of Design Consulting”
Presented by ACEC National in Portland, Oregon
<http://www.acec.org/calendar/eventDetails.cfm?eventID=865>

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28 CPD
credits!

MAY

- **May 6-9 Sunday thru Wednesday**
ACEC National Annual Convention, Legislative Summit
and Engineering Excellence Awards, Washington, D.C.
More info: <http://www.acec.org/calendar/conferences.cfm>.

SEPTEMBER

- **September 20-22 Thursday thru Saturday**
ACEC Oregon Annual Fall Conference
Mt. Bachelor Village Resort, Bend, Oregon
- **September 26-29 Wednesday thru Saturday**
ACEC National Annual Fall Conference
The Grand Wailea Resort & Spa, Maui, Hawaii
For more information go to <http://www.grandwailea.com>.

ACEC Oregon Lunches with Congressman DeFazio

The American Council of Engineering Companies PAC and ACEC Oregon held a luncheon honoring Congressman Peter DeFazio (OR-4th) on November 3 at David Evans and Associates, Inc. in Portland. DeFazio currently serves on the Committee on Homeland Security, Committee on Resources, and Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Pictured, from left, are ACEC Oregon Immediate Past President **Ken Wightman, David Evans and Associates, Inc; Congressman Peter DeFazio;** and ACEC Oregon President **Dwight Hardin, GRI Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants.**



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