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OREGON BRIDGE DELIVERY PARTNERS TO ADDRESS ODOT PROJECT AT APRIL DINNER

In late February, Oregon transportation officials named the program management firm that will manage the state's \$1.3 billion bridge rebuilding project. The group, called **Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners LLC**, is a joint effort of two firms, **HDR Engineering, Inc.** and **Fluor Corporation**.

Representatives from HDR, Fluor and ODOT will speak to ACEC Oregon members and guests on Thursday, April 29th. The dinner meeting will feature **Roger Johnson**, Senior Vice-President, HDR Engineering, **Michael Hatchell**, Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners Program Manager, Fluor Corporation, **Heather Catron**, OTIA III Bridge Delivery Program Manager, ODOT, and **Mike Wolfe**, Statewide Project Delivery Manager, ODOT.

During the program, speakers will present an overview of the bridge program, the team's commitment to the endeavor and how the work will be delivered. Opportunities for ACEC Oregon member firms will also be summarized by the panel.

Additionally, proposed amendments to ACEC Oregon bylaws will be presented.

What: Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners LLC (HDR Engineering & Fluor Corporation)

When: THURSDAY, April 29th
 • 5:30 P.M. Social Hour
 • 6:30 P.M. Dinner
 • 7:30 P.M. Program

Where: Crystal Room @ The Mallory Hotel
729 SW 15th Ave. @ Yamhill St.

Parking: The Mallory Hotel provides secured, complimentary, private parking in the Mallory Park Garage. Metered, on-street parking is also available, but may be limited if it's a game day at PGE Park. **Or, just ride MAX!**

Registration deadline is
Monday, April 26th.

ACEC
Oregon

Registration Form

**APRIL 29 DINNER PROGRAM WITH
OREGON BRIDGE DELIVERY PARTNERS**

Thursday, April 29th • Mallory Hotel • 729 SW 15th Avenue @ Yamhill Street • Portland
 • 5:30 P.M. Social Hour • 6:30 P.M. Dinner • 7:30 P.M. Program

Cost: • \$40 for members & their guest(s) *If your firm is a member, then you are a member.*
 • \$65 non-members *Non-members are welcome to attend!*

(Please duplicate this form if registering more than three people.)

Name: _____
 Indicate your entree: chateaubriand halibut vegie

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

Name: _____
chateaubriand halibut vegie

No. of ____ non- mbr(s)
 @ \$65.00 = \$ _____

Firm Name: _____

Guest Name: _____
chateaubriand halibut vegie

Total Amount
Enclosed: \$ _____

Checks payable to ACEC Oregon (American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon).

Mail check and registration form (or fax form and mail check) for receipt by April 26th to:
 ACEC OREGON, 5319 SW Westgate Drive, Suite 221, Portland, OR 97221-2411
 phone (503) 292-2348 • fax (503) 292-2410 • e-mail: mwebber@acecOregon.org

Cancellations must be received on or before the registration deadline to receive a refund.



**GET INVOLVED! IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR
COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS! See page 3.**

AMONG OURSELVES...

Kpff Consulting Engineers is celebrating their 30th anniversary. KPFF was founded by Albert Kelly in Seattle in 1960. The original firm of Albert Kelly and Associates became Kelly Pittelko Fritz and Forssen, then was renamed KPFF in 1976. KPFF currently has operating divisions in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Irvine, San Diego, Phoenix and St. Louis.



Pacific Energy Systems, Inc. is celebrating their 15th anniversary. Founded in 1989 by **John Martin, P.E.**, they have provided engineering and project management services to 57 clients on more than 140 projects totaling in excess of 4,400 megawatts worldwide.



Parametrix, Inc. has moved to a new suite. Located at 700 NE Multnomah Street in Portland, they are now in suite 1000.



Shannon & Wilson, Inc. is celebrating their 50 year anniversary. Established in Seattle in 1954 by **Bill Shannon** and **Stan Wilson**, the firm was one of the first geoscience firms established in the United States. Their first branch office was opened in Portland in 1961. The firm continues to expand and now also maintains offices in Alaska, Colorado, Illinois and Missouri.



URS Corporation has moved to a new suite. Located at 111 SW Columbia in Portland, they are now in suite 1500.

Annual Member Firm Certification Due in April **APRIL IS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION MONTH!**

Each year in April, primary contacts (or their designees) at ACEC member firms are asked to “certify” the information about them contained in our database. It is important to do this because annual dues are based on the number of full-time employees in your member record. Also, much of this information is available on ACEC’s website (<http://www.acec.org>) to a firm’s prospective clients and employees – so please make sure your firm’s information is current!

Complete your firm’s data update by April 30, 2004!

Completing this process will update your membership records for both ACEC National and ACEC Oregon.

Everyday potential clients visit ACEC National’s website to find engineering companies. In fact, the ACEC National website receives almost 2 million hits per month! With a few clicks of your mouse, you can now update your firm’s information 24-7!

TO REVIEW AND UPDATE YOUR FIRM’S INFORMATION, GO TO:

<http://online.acec.org/acecforum/>.

This will take you directly to the member log-in page.

- In the slot marked **E-MAIL ADDRESS**, enter your business e-mail address.
- In the slot marked **PASSWORD**, fill in your password. (If you don’t remember your password, click on the **I FORGOT MY PASSWORD** button and a password will be immediately e-mailed to you.)
- You will then see your personal and firm information. In the box with your name, you will find a link that reads **CHANGE YOUR COMPANY INFORMATION**. Press this link to take you through the certification process.

- 1) You can go through the process any time day or night.
- 2) Your answer to each question will be automatically recorded. You can exit at any time, but remember to **SAVE** before you exit.
- 3) You can answer just one or all of the questions. *If you have recently updated your firm information, then all you would have to do is update the employee count information, question # 11. **The employee count field is only available for updating annually in April!***
- 4) Your state organization will automatically be notified of any changes.

If you have any questions regarding the online certification process, please contact John Stelmachowicz at ACEC: jstelmachowicz@acec.org.

Thank you for your participation!



DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS! JOIN AN ACEC OREGON COMMITTEE TODAY!

Committee work is both educational and interactive. Committee members have a chance to interact with other ACEC Oregon members which can lead to improved business practices in their firms. Participation on an ACEC Oregon committee is also a great way to gain leadership skills and give back to the profession. At last year's planning meeting, ACEC Oregon Board members decided that committees should coincide with ACEC Oregon's fiscal year. New terms will commence July 1st.

Please check the committee(s) on which you'd like to serve. If you are interested in serving on more than one committee, please rank your choices with 1 being your first choice, 2 your second choice, and so on. Remember, you may be in the 2nd or 3rd year of an existing committee term already. Please call ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348 or e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org if you are unsure of your term status.

Committee members serve 3-year terms. Get involved today!



ACEC OREGON COMMITTEE SIGN-UP SHEET

Sign-up by Friday, May 28th!

Name: _____ Firm: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Please fax or mail this form to for receipt by Friday, May 28th to:

ACEC Oregon, 5319 SW Westgate Drive, Suite 221, Portland, OR 97221, fax 503.292.2410. Questions? Call 503.292.2348.

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVE: To assist member firms in understanding professional liability insurance and how to identify and manage professional liability risks. Also, to help improve the legal climate for improving competitiveness and the business environment.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVE: To promote and protect the interests of consulting engineers primarily through state legislative action, monitor legislation, initiate membership action by formulation of objectives to support and oppose legislation.

OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVE: To provide budget oversight, monitor the financial affairs of the Council, and to write and recommend sound fiscal policies and procedures, including investment strategies.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVE: To provide oversight and direction for the ACEC Oregon scholarship program, including fund raising activities, management of the endowment fund, placement of scholarships, coordination with universities, and interaction with scholarship recipients.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

OBJECTIVE: To work with the Executive Director, review program ideas and make recommendations for future events, including membership meetings, educational programs and the annual meeting. Also support the annual Engineering Excellence program by review of potential rules changes, and provide input regarding program direction.

LIAISON COMMITTEES (pick one below)

OBJECTIVE: To provide members with the opportunity to improve working relationships with public agency personnel. Each liaison committee has its own agenda, but communications and problem-solving are primary concerns.

- ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation)
- FHWA (Federal Highway Administration)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- OACES (Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors)

Engineering Excellence 2004



GRAND AWARD: David Evans and Associates, Inc., Abernethy Creek (Washington Street) Bridge Replacement Pictured, from left: **Scott Banker**, senior restoration engineer, **David Evans and Associates**; **Nancy Kraushaar**, City Engineer/Public Works Director for the client/owner, **City of Oregon City**; and **Bob Kaspari**, project engineer, **David Evans and Associates**.



GRAND AWARD: PAE Consulting Engineers, Inc., Whitman College Science Center Pictured, from left, are **David Beach** and principal **Paul Schwer**, **PAE Consulting Engineers** and **Lee Kerns** representing the client, **Zimmer Gunsul Frasca**.

HONOR AWARDS

- **Anderson-Perry & Associates, Inc.**, Wastewater System Improvements
- **CH2M Hill**, Corvallis Riverfront Park and Union Street Crossing
- **Degenkolb Engineers**, Oregon Department of Forestry Operations Building
- **Kennedy/Jenks Consultants**, Portland's Ground Water System Upgrades
- **Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**, Protected/Permissive Left-Turn Control
- **Otak, Inc.**, Padden Parkway West Section
- **Parsons Brinckerhoff**, Port of Portland Marine Terminal Master Plan 2020
- **R & W Engineering, Inc.**, McGuire Dam
- **Squier/Kleinfelder**, Portland Hilton Executive Tower and White River Project
- **W & H Pacific**, SW 170th Avenue & SW Oak Street



PROJECT OF THE YEAR: Kpff Consulting Engineers, Brewery Block 2 Pictured, from left, are **Blake Patsy**, **Kpff Consulting Engineers**; **Bruce Brown** representing their client, **GBD Architects**; and ACEC Oregon President **George Gross**, **Spencer B. Gross, Inc.**



GRAND AWARD: Kpff Consulting Engineers, Duncan Creek Chum Restoration Pictured, from left, are **David Driscoll** with project consultant **GRI Geotechnical & Environmental Consultants**; **Joe Hymer** representing the client, **Pacific States Marine Fisheries**; principal/engineer **Andy Jansky**, **Kpff Consulting Engineers** and **Steve Manlow** representing the owner, **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**.

photos by Julie Keefe



GRAND AWARD: W & H Pacific, Southern River Crossing Pictured, from left, are **Tom Walker** and **Dwight Utz** of **W & H Pacific**, **Ken Fuller** and **Bob O'Neal** representing the owner/client, **City of Bend**.

Coba's Capitol Commentary...ELECTION PREVIEW

by ACEC Oregon lobbyist Marshall Coba, Coba Company

The brackets are set and the opponents are lined up but it's not NCAA basketball, it is the beginning of political madness. March 9th was the deadline for legislative candidates to file for office and many incumbents have chosen not to run again. In the House 17 members will find other employment or run for another office, in the Senate six members are moving on.

Early predictions on the outcome of the elections have the House remaining in Republican control led by Speaker Karen Minnis and Majority Leader Wayne Scott. Rep. Jeff Merkley will lead the Democrats. In the Senate, four key races will decide control, as three of them were previously Republican seats. In Coos Bay, Rep. Joanne Verger (D) is running for the Senate and is expected to win. In east Multnomah County the replacement for Sen. John Minnis (R) will be the survivor of a tough primary and general election. Three Democrats will go to the primary with former state representative Ron Sunseri waiting for the victor. In Ashland, Rep. Alan Bates (D) is expected to replace Sen. Lenn Hannon (R). And the final key race will be in Beaverton where Sen. Ryan Deckert will try to hang onto his seat against a Republican challenger.

With a current 15-15 split, the Democrats only need to win one of the open seats in Coos Bay, Gresham or Ashland to get the 16th vote. If Deckert wins as expected the Democrats will have at least 16 and possibly up to 18 members in the Senate. Senate democratic leadership is another battleground, as both Sen. Kate Brown and Sen. Peter Courtney are vying for the Senate President position. A recent discussion with a sitting senator about who is the early favorite for Senate President ended when she said, "bet half of your House on Sen. Brown and the other half on Sen. Courtney." If it goes as expected, a democratic Senate and republican House will limit significant legislation from passing next session.

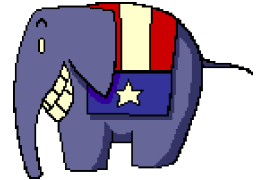


In the House several key committees will have new leadership. The budget-writing Ways and Means Committee will have a new house co-chair as Rep. Randy Miller decided not to run again ending his 16-year career. The House Business, Labor and Consumer Affairs Committee will look for a new leader as Rep. Betsy Close decided to run a tough fight against Secretary of State Bill Bradbury. Rep. Billy Dalto is the early favorite to lead the Human Resources Committee but he has a tough re-election fight. The Judiciary Committee (was Rep. Max Williams), Revenue Committee (was Rep. Lane Shetterly) and Rules Committee (was Rep. Dan Doyle) will also get new chairpersons. Rep. Alan Brown faces a tough fight for re-election in Newport but is expected to overcome a democratic registration advantage and win his third term. If he does he'll run the House Transportation Committee again.

ACEC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The ACEC Oregon Legislative Committee is working hard in preparation for the 2005 session beginning next January. QBS expansion and a tighter statute of ultimate repose are priorities for passage in 2005.

At our last meeting we approved a draft-spending plan of \$20,000 in ACEC Oregon PAC funds. These will be distributed to key legislators and candidates who support the goals of ACEC Oregon. Please contribute to ACEC Oregon's PAC if you haven't already.



The committee also approved a letter inviting legislators to ACEC member offices. This will be mailed soon and we ask legislators to call us if interested. If your local legislator is interested we'll contact you to arrange the tour and discuss issues of concern. The committee believes this will be a simple yet effective way to educate key decision makers on issues that affect our members.

On Wednesday, April 7th, ACEC Oregon held a breakfast with House Majority Leader Wayne Scott. Rep. Scott is a key leader in the House and will be instrumental in the campaign season. He is running for his second term and is a successful businessman from Canby.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR

The presidential election could have significant impacts upon legislative races. With huge amounts of political funding, the airwaves will be full of advertisements from now through November. The key variable will be voter turnout as the evenly split American and Oregon electorate will turn out to either keep President Bush in office or to elect his challenger. The party that is more successful in motivating its base to actually mail back their ballots will prove victorious.

In Oregon, union ballot measure activity has been significantly curtailed as the unions have committed to an anti-Bush message that will take their time and money. Already organized phone banks are making voter registration and voter ID calls. In addition, it is expected they will also focus their energy on electing a democratic Senate, as they don't have the financial resources to play in all the House races.

Republican efforts will focus on fund-raising locally for legislative races. Both Senate Republican Leader Roger Beyer and Speaker Minnis will do all they can to elect as many Republicans as possible. They are hopeful the presidential coattails will keep them in power with the Speaker being much more certain than Sen. Beyer. However, even Sen. Beyer is not ready to accept a minority status in the Senate and has vowed to fight hard in key Senate races across the state. He recently told me they are prioritizing five Senate races in Coos Bay, Beaverton, Gresham, Ashland and south Eugene and will aggressively fight to win control of the Senate.

ACEC Oregon's Programs Committee presents part seven in the Business Leadership Development Series:
“THE BEST LAID PLANS: RISK MANAGEMENT & LITIGATION AVOIDANCE STRATEGIES FOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS”

George W. Mead, J.D., of The Mead Firm, will discuss the principal issues in project management relating to litigation and facing today's leadership in the design professions.

Special thanks to David Evans and Associates, Inc. for providing program venue.

SYNOPSIS Key issues facing management in the design professions today include overseeing risk management and implementing litigation avoidance strategies. George Mead, a trial lawyer specializing in the representation of design professionals in Oregon and Washington, will discuss how to identify and protect your company against claims.



BENEFITS AFTER ATTENDING THIS SEMINAR, ATTENDEES WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Determine the essential elements of claims against design professionals, and how to protect against them.
- Identify contract language which give rise to claims and litigation.

- Better understand the claim resolution process.
- Realize how successful resolution of litigation occurs.

WHAT:
Part 7 of Business Leadership Series
Risk Management

**Good for
2 CPDs!**

WHEN:
Wednesday, April 21st
 • 7:30 A.M. Check-in & Cont. B'fast
 • 8:00 A.M. Program Begins
 • 10:00 A.M. Conclusion

WHERE:
David Evans and Associates, Inc.
2100 SW River Parkway, Portland
(in the Harborside area,
under the Marquam Bridge)
phone 503.223.6663

PARKING:
Directions along with parking code will be e-mailed to registrants a few days prior to the program.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER George W. Mead, J.D., is an attorney and shareholder with the law firm The Mead Firm, P.C. Mead's practice focuses on representation of closely held corporations and design firms. He is a member of Associated General Contractors, American Institute of Architects, Associated Builders and Contractors as well as ACEC Oregon. **Admitted to the bar in Oregon, Washington and New York**, he holds a juris doctorate from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. and a B.A. from Hobart College in upstate New York.

**Registration deadline
is Fri., April 16**



Business Leadership Development Series
Risk Management: The Best Laid Plans

Wednesday, April 21st • David Evans and Associates, Inc. • 2100 SW River Parkway • Portland
 • 7:30 A.M. Check-in & Continental Breakfast • 8:00 A.M. Program • 10:00 A.M. Conclusion

Cost: • \$60 for members *If your firm is a member, then you are a member.*
 • \$75 non-members

Name & E-mail: _____
 Name & E-mail: _____
 Name & E-mail: _____
 Firm Name: _____

PROGRAM GOOD FOR TWO (2) CPD CREDITS.

No. of ____ member(s) @ \$60.00 = \$ _____
 No. of ____ non- mbr(s) @ \$75.00 = \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ACEC OREGON (American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon).
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CONSULTING CONGRESS DAY A SUCCESS

ACEC Oregon members traveled to Washington, D.C. last month to participate in ACEC's annual Consulting Congress Day (CCD). Nearly 1,000 ACEC members took part in CCD, the Federal Markets Conference and the Engineering Excellence Awards Gala, March 15-17th.

Oregon participants included ACEC Oregon President **George Gross**, Spencer B.Gross, Inc., ACEC Oregon President-Elect **Cynthia Lowe**, Parsons Brinckerhoff, **Jack Beemer**, David Evans and Associates, Inc., **Steve Anderson**, Anderson Consulting Services and **Alison Davis**, ACEC Oregon Executive Director.

The group met with all seven Oregon congressional representatives or staff. Top issues discussed included reauthorization of TEA 21, changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act, preservation of cash method accounting for engineering companies, and supporting a public-private partnership for design work at the federal level.

Make plans to have your voice heard in Washington D.C. in 2005. Consulting Congress Day will be held in April next year in conjunction with the ACEC Annual Convention. This combined event will be a good opportunity to attend the convention and see the sights of Washington D.C. at the same time.



President-Elect **Cynthia Lowe**, Parsons Brinckerhoff, visits the Lincoln Memorial during Consulting Congress Day activities in Washington, D.C.

PAC FUNDS\$ DISBURSED

ACEC Oregon PAC donations disbursed from December 2003 thru April 7, 2004:

Name	Amount
Senator Bruce Starr (R-Aloha)	\$500
Senate Democrats	\$500
Representative Alan Brown (R-Newport)	\$300
Representative Karen Minnis (R-Wood Village)	\$500
Senator Peter Courtney (D-Salem)	\$250
Representative Wayne Scott (R-Canby)	\$500

Also, ACEC National recently contributed \$500 to Congressman David Wu (D-Oregon), First District.



POSITION SOUGHT: Experienced Bookkeeper/ Office Manager Available

Contact Rhoda Kunze, phone (503) 654-6673. Ms. Kunze comes highly recommended from Squier Associates, Inc. Her position was recently eliminated as a result of the Squier/Kleinfelder merger.

BOOST YOUR COMPETITIVE EDGE WITH ACEC MEMBER SEAL

Because the ACEC logo is nationally associated with excellence, integrity and quality, members use it on their business literature.

"I proudly use the ACEC logo on my material because of what it conveys to my clients—professionalism, education and high ethics," said Mark Hamouz, LONCO, Inc., Colorado.

"The ACEC logo is our seal of quality, reassuring our clients and partners that they're working with the

best," said David Oates, Oates Associates, Inc., Illinois.

The seal may be used on websites, letterhead, business cards and other communication vehicles.



To obtain the seal for use, and for a PDF file of the member seal brochure, "Your Competitive Edge," follow these directions:

- 1) Go to www.acec.org and log-in under the member portal.
- 2) Select the **MEMBER SEAL** box.
- 3) Review the rules on usage.
- 4) Download the version you want.

For more information contact ACEC's Patrick Brookover at (202) 347-7474 or e-mail: pbrookover@acec.org.

Mark your calendar...

April

Wednesday 21st

Business Leadership Breakfast #7
Risk Management
See page 6 for more info!

Tuesday 27th

Board of Directors Meeting, Portland

Thursday 29th

Dinner Program, Mallory Hotel, Portland
See front page for more info!

May

Sunday 9th thru Wednesday 12th

ACEC National Annual Convention
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Tuesday 18th

Board of Directors Meeting, Portland

Wednesday 19th

Business Leadership Breakfast #8
Information Technology

Wednesday 26th

Business Dinner Meeting
Urban Wine Works, Portland



June

Wednesday 16th

Business Leadership Breakfast #9
Strategic Planning

Tuesday 22nd

Board of Directors Meeting, Portland

Wednesday 30th

Networking Day: Golf and Dinner
Langdon Farms Golf Club

September

Thursday 16th thru Saturday 18th

Annual Meeting, Salishan Lodge
Gleneden Beach, Oregon Coast



SALISHAN
Lodge & Golf Resort

www.salishan.com

Register for April 21st Breakfast
Part 7 of Business Leadership Development Series:
Focus on Risk Management. See page 6 for more info!

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