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REGISTRATION FEES

- **Member Firm:** \$500 (includes access for up to 3 attendees per firm)
- **Member Firm Deluxe:** \$750 (includes access for up to 8 attendees per firm)
- **Sponsor:** \$1,500 (includes access for up to 3 attendees per firm)

Sponsor benefits:

- Opportunity to show 60-second promotional spot prior to a conference session and/or link to pre-recorded content from conference landing page
- Sponsor logo on conference landing page linked to sponsor's website
- Sponsor logo in event registration materials
- List of all conference attendees with contact information

- **Non-Member Firm:** \$1,000 (includes access for up to 8 attendees per firm)



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Coba’s Capitol Comments

Without any public testimony in-person or via the internet the Oregon Legislature held a one-day special session on Monday. Highlights include:

- Made \$362 million in budget adjustments.
- Several laws were passed on police tactics.
- Amount was increased that the unemployed can earn without losing benefits.
- Moved \$400 million in reserve funds to keep school budgets whole at \$9 billion.

The session was marked by some very contentious interactions on the Senate floor with strong comments from Republican leader **Senator Fred Girod** who found fault with the process and an odd press release from the Governor that was sent during the floor session. Another special session is expected to be held in September or October and may deal with business liability issues related to COVID-19, canceling tax breaks for wealthy Oregonians and ensuring workers compensation for workers who contract COVID-19 at work.

Bills that did pass include a fee increase at DOGAMI that was agreed to by fee payers to keep the budget whole and to ensure no layoffs of the limited staff. Read **HB 4302** here:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2020S2/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4302/Introduced>

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Corporate Activity Tax Update – Registration Required

The Department of Revenue reminds business owners and their tax preparers that once their business has earned more than \$750,000 in

commercial activity for the year, they are required to register for Oregon's new Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) within 30 days.

The CAT applies to all business entity types, such as C and S corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships, and other entities. More than 14,500 business entities have registered for the CAT since registration opened in December 2019.

The Department of Revenue has online resources to help businesses register for the CAT.

Registration is through Revenue Online. A short CAT registration training document is available on the CAT page of the Revenue [website](#).

To register, individuals doing business in Oregon will need their name and their social security number or individual taxpayer identification number. Businesses will need their entity's legal name and federal employer identification number.

Businesses and individuals will need:

- Their mailing address;
- The date they exceeded or expect to exceed \$750,000 in Oregon commercial activity;
- A valid email address or current Revenue Online login, and;
- Their Business Activity Code (refer to the current list of North American Industry Classification System codes found with their federal income tax return instructions.)

Taxpayers don't need a Revenue Online account to register for the CAT. Those who have Revenue Online accounts can't be logged in to register for the CAT. Instead, they should go directly to the CAT webpage and click on the "Register for the CAT" link on the right-hand side of the page.

The 2019 Legislature created the CAT to boost funding for public schools. The CAT is imposed on businesses for the privilege of doing business in Oregon, including those located inside and outside of Oregon. It's measured on a business's **commercial activity**—the total amount a business realizes from activity in Oregon.

While all business entities with \$750,000 or more in commercial activity must register for the CAT, only businesses with taxable commercial activity in excess of \$1 million must pay the Corporate Activity Tax. The tax is \$250 plus 0.57% of taxable commercial activity greater than \$1 million after subtractions.

The [CAT page of the Revenue website](#) includes links to the administrative rules that govern the tax, a list of basic frequently asked questions (FAQ), and a Beyond the FAQ section that includes high-level summaries of the rules and other topics to help answer taxpayer questions.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This series is ideal for project managers, designers and engineers who are:

- Interested in a leadership track in their career
- Shifting their focus from projects to organizational and financial goals of the firm
- Challenged by competing priorities
- Being asked to take on more responsibilities with the same resources
- New to managing multiple or complex projects
- New to managing people and teams

“The biggest challenge facing A/E firms today is development of our future leaders. We had several of our emerging leaders attend the ACEC Leadership Development program and the feedback I received was extremely positive. In particular, it helped them gain a broader perspective on the business aspects of consulting and we are already realizing the return on this investment in their leadership development.”

--Larry Fox, PE, COO, DOWL

Develop your firm’s future leaders! Enroll them in the Leadership Development Series

Seven programs + happy hour orientation to kick off the series (virtual) October 6.

OVERVIEW

- Presenters are key industry professionals.
- CPDs – Each session is good for accruing continuing professional development credits.
- Individuals who attend the entire series will receive certificates of completion and be recognized at the annual business dinner in May.

SAVE THE DATES

COURSE OUTLINE: AT-A-GLANCE

- Oct 6 - Happy hour orientation
- Oct 7 - Enhancing Leadership Versatility & Personal Effectiveness
- Nov 4 - Managing Time & Relationships
- Dec 2 - Demystifying Business Development
- Feb 3 - Political Involvement & QBS
- Mar 3 - Risk Management
- Apr 14 - Financial Management for A/E Firms
- May 5 - From Doer to Leader: Lessons Learned

PAST PARTICIPANTS SAY

“The series helped me by providing insightful methods, processes, practices and ways of thinking to continue to develop as a leader. Additionally, learning personality types and how to build a successful team with a well-rounded balance of different personality types was very insightful. I also gained knowledge about the Oregon political landscape, lobbying, how to have a voice, and the state legislature.”

-- Craig Heimbacher, PE, Associate Engineer, Terraphase Engineering

“The ‘Enhancing Leadership Versatility and Personal Effectiveness’ session has helped me as I work with different team members. I have a new appreciation for different personalities and understand how they each can contribute to a positive project outcome.”

--Jared Trowbridge, PE, Project Manager, DOWL

More info to come!

Registration to open soon!



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ACEC Engineering Influence podcasts

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- [The Future of Funding and Mobility as a Service with David Zipper](#)
- [Funding in the New Normal—An ACEC Research Institute Roundtable on the Future of Engineering](#)

UPCOMING

- Sept 24 & 25 – [OSBEELS Symposium](#) (virtual)



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