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**Legislative Update, Salem**

by ACEC Oregon lobbyist, Marshall Coba, CobaCo, LLC

It’s day eight of the February legislative session and legislators are facing a deadline tomorrow to move bills from the original committee or they will die. The accelerated pace of the session has seen some hiccups from the Democratically controlled legislature as the minimum wage increase is on its third re-write and may face tough sledding to find the finish line in time.

Rep. John Davis’s transportation proposal was dead on arrival as it didn’t get a hearing and wasn’t part of the leadership team’s priorities for the shortened session. Advocates are hoping for an information hearing later in February where we can tee up issues, priorities, scope and scale of a hoped for 2017 transportation investment package. A concerted effort from all ACEC members along with the general business community will be critical to getting the package through the finish line in ‘17. It is expected that the clean fuels battle will be taken care of by then, if only temporarily, so that the deck will be cleared for a rational discussion about needs and financing. Transportation funding and the many needs of local governments for water, sewer and a host of other issues surrounding aging infrastructure deserve not to be tied to clean fuels or other issues.

No major issues are facing ACEC this session. The lull is a welcome respite from previous sessions.

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ACEC's PAC Sweepstakes is back— with more prizes than ever! Come celebrate with the lucky winners of fifteen prizes—including a grand prize of \$10,000. Due to increased demand, 1,500 tickets are available and you don't need to be present to win.

Click [HERE](#) for the Spring Raffle contribution form.

Your \$50, \$100 or more contribution will help us reach our goal, but more importantly, go toward supporting and electing individuals from both parties who **SUPPORT THE PRIVATE SECTOR.**

ACEC has a great lineup of speakers, sessions and networking events for all ACEC members at the Annual Convention and Legislative Summit, April 17-20, 2016 in Washington, DC.

The powerful agenda offers incredible speakers and programs including:

- Dana Perino - Former White House Press Secretary and Co-Host of *Fox News' "The Five"* on **Political Outlook and the 2016 Elections**
- Daniel Pink - World-renowned business thought leader & New York Times bestselling author on **Leadership and Influence**
- **Congressional Panel on Prospects for Bipartisanship** - moderated by CBS News Chief White House Correspondent Major Garrett
- **State Infrastructure Funding Panel - Insights from Former DOT Secretaries**
- **How "Big Data" Will Transform Your Company** - panel moderated by John Doering, President, J. Doering & Co., LLC

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



Apply by the early bird deadline of **February 16** and error-free applications will be entered into a drawing for one of several **\$1,000 Early Bird scholarship awards!**

## Eligible H.S. Seniors – Apply for [ACEC Oregon Scholarship](#)

### ELIGIBILITY/REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be either a graduating high school senior (including GED students and home-schooled seniors) or have had no previous college education.
- GPA: 3.30+
- SAT score: 1800+ combined SAT scores or ACT composite of 28+
- Major: Civil, electrical, environmental or mechanical engineering
- Career field (preference): Applicants interested in the consulting engineering profession
- Colleges: Any Oregon four-year college that offers Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology accredited programs in the major fields of study (currently OIT, OSU, PSU, George Fox, University of Portland; check with your college if unsure of its accreditation)
- FAFSA: Not required - not based on financial need
- Automatically renewable if criteria met

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- **February 16, 2016 - 5:00 P.M. PST: Early Bird deadline.** Complete applications (including transcripts) submitted by this date and time receive an early review, and **error-free apps will be entered into a drawing for one of several \$1,000 Early**

**Bird scholarship awards.**

- **March 1 - 5:00 P.M. PST each year:** Final deadline for all materials to be submitted to OSAC.

MORE DETAILS

Go to OSAC (Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion) 2016-17 Scholarship Catalog (click here: <https://app.oregonstudentaid.gov/Catalog/Default.aspx> and search for "ACEC." It is scholarship 371: American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon.

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UPCOMING

- Feb 23 – [ACEC / ODOT Region 2 Brown Bag, Salem – Construction](#)
  - Feb 24 – [ACEC / ODOT Region 1 Brown Bag, Portland – Traffic](#)
  - April 7 – [CEO breakfast for ACEC firm leadership](#)
  - April 28 – [ACEC / ODOT Partnering Conference, Salem Convention Center](#)  
"Mapping Oregon's Future through Innovation, Engagement and Sustainability"
  - April 28 – [ACEC / SW WA Public Agency Liaison Meeting & Presentation, Vancouver](#)  
"Tilikum Crossing, Bridge of the People" with the project's lead design engineer, Norman Smit, TY Lin
  - May 25 – [ACEC Fiesta! aka Business Dinner & All Committee Social - Fun, food & festivities!](#)
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ACEC WASHINGTON UPCOMING EVENTS – ACEC Oregon members receive the member rate!

- Feb 17 – The Marketing Engineer / Workshop
  - Mar 2 – Selection Panels: How They Decide Now
  - Mar 15 – Effective Pricing Negotiations with Public Entities
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COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Feb 17 – [Women-owned Business Contracting Successes & Networking Event](#) hosted by SBA and EnviroIssues
  - Feb 23 – [9<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Willamette Valley Future Engineers Day, Keizer \(luncheon\)](#)
  - Feb 25 – [52nd Annual National Engineers Week High School Program, Portland](#)  
(tours, exhibit hall, dinner with keynote speaker)
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