Risk Management for A/E Firms – March 4

Who should attend
Owners, principals, project managers and other firm personnel who work with contracts.

Schedule
7:30 A.M. – Check-in & breakfast
8:00 A.M. – Program begins
10:30 A.M. – Conclusion

Where
David Evans and Associates, Inc.
2100 SW River Parkway
Portland, OR 97201

CPDs
This class is good for accruing two and a half (2.5) continuing professional development credits.

PART 1: Risk Drivers
Gain a clear understanding of what causes claims. Since risks are present throughout the entire project cycle—from client acquisition to project close-out—managing them is a constant activity. Based on a large body of claim data, this course identifies the technical and non-technical causes of loss for design firms. In this course, you’ll develop a better understanding of the dynamics of risk, learn the key areas that influence your firm’s risk, and gain strategies to anticipate, manage and respond to risk.

PART 2: Claims Case Study Workshop
This interactive session will study an engineering actual interstate highway claim. Program is designed to help engineers readily spot risks, identify opportunities to use loss prevention techniques, and decrease your firm’s exposure to claims.

Presenters
Brett Stewart, Risk Manager, Design Professional Unit, AXA XL
Brett is responsible for developing risk management and education materials for AXA XL’s architect and engineer insureds with the goals of minimizing the frequency and...
COST
$265 members
$365 non-members

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Coba’s Capitol Comments

The February session rolls quickly forward with a major cloud of uncertainty regarding if it will reach a traditional conclusion or be abbreviated with a walkout from Republicans opposed to the carbon bill, SB 1530. As of today, many are betting the Republicans will walk out mid to late next week after the carbon bill is sent to the Senate floor from Ways and Means. The politics are daunting for the Republicans to overcome to kill the bill or to make enough major amendments for them to stay in the Capitol to allow it to happen. If they stay in the Capitol they will lose the floor vote by 1-2 votes. Leaving is the only way to stop the bill from being passed and implemented.

Add into the political stew pot a historic agreement announced this week between environmental groups and portions of the timber industry to stave off an onerous ballot measure that would have significantly impacted forestry operations in Oregon. Yesterday the Senate Republican Office sent out a press release blasting the forest industry stating, “The corporate timber industry sold out to the Democratic super majority, hurting small timber businesses in the process, and have undermined all past and future efforts by the Senate Republicans to address cap and trade (SB 1530).” This internal fight my not end well for opposing SB 1530 or for attracting and electing good candidates in the November 2020 elections.

In addition, Senate President Peter Courtney continues to recover from a health issue and has not been in the Capitol except for limited durations. His severity of loss exposures, while focusing on increasing best practices. Prior to his role as Risk Manager, he was a Senior Claims Examiner handling design professional claims for seven years.

Mike Olson, Vice President, Design Professional Practice Group, Dealey, Renton & Associates
Mike’s role at Dealey Renton is the client executive for many of the company’s key design professional client relationships. In addition to insurance placement and consulting, Mike spends his time involved in industry issues related to insurance and risk management.

Click HERE for more details and to register.

Click HERE to see who’s already registered.

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CobaCo Government Relations

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ISSUES OF INTEREST TO ACEC

SB 1530, carbon/cap and trade: Has had several hearings and a large number of amendments. Tomorrow, Thursday, February 13 at 3:00 PM in the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee a large amendment from the Governor’s office will be discussed in work session. This -35 amendment will be the key amendment as the bill moves forward.

HB 4043, water pipe preferences: ACEC joined a large coalition in opposition to this bill that was not discussed pre-session and was supported by the American Chemistry Council. The bill appears to be dead but will be brought back in the 2021 session by Rep. Paul Evans, D-Monmouth. The bill would have impacted an engineer’s professional judgement in determining which pipe to spec for various water projects. Local governments were united in a strong opposition to the bill. Thanks to Troy Bowers, Murraysmith, for testifying on behalf of ACEC at the hearing.

SB 1537, the Governor’s resilience bill, was sent to Ways and Means. The bill contains a 2-week ready program through the Office of Emergency Management to prepare 250,000 households to be prepared for 2 weeks after a major event; $7.5 million to implement the ShakeAlert early warning system; identifies the need to identify 10 areas for staging areas; dam safety through Water Resources Department to evaluate dams; adds intentions to update the state resilience plan.

HB 4042, preference to project respondent who is certified by the Office of Emergency Management as an emergency preparedness partner. I testified in opposition to the bill. It will have some interim discussions and will be brought back in 2021. Rep. Paul Evans is the chief sponsor.

Eligible H.S. Seniors – Apply for the ACEC Oregon Scholarship

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: 1280+ combined SAT scores or ACT composite of 28+
- Major: Civil, electrical, environmental, or mechanical engineering. Excludes computer and biomedical 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,

Apply by the early bird deadline of February 17 and complete applications (including transcripts) will be entered into a drawing for one of several $1,000 Early Bird scholarship awards!
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The ACEC Oregon board of directors and Scholarship Committee are asking member firms to boost the profession with a gift to the scholarship fund.

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University of Portland; check with your college if unsure of its accreditation
• Enrollment: Full-time enrollment required
• FAFSA: Not required - not based on financial need
• Automatically renewable if renewal criteria met

DOCUMENTS & ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:
• Essay:
   Respond to both of the following:
   1. What interests you most about being a civil, structural, mechanical or geotechnical engineering consultant?
   2. Which type of ACEC firm would you envision yourself working for and why?
   Length: 500-700 words (maximum 1 page)
• Additional document:
The ACEC Recommendation Letter form must be submitted with your OSAC Scholarship Application by the deadline (click here to download form)

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020
All materials submitted to OSAC (Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion).


UPCOMING
• Feb 18 – 56th Annual E-Week High School Program, Portland
  To increase student participation in 2020 the event format is shifting to a luncheon and morning-focused program.
• Feb 18 – Engineers for a Sustainable Future present, “Ocean Acidification”
• Feb 25 – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Liaison Committee meeting, Portland
• Feb 25 – 13th Annual Mid-Willamette Valley Future Engineers Day Event, Keizer
• Mar 2 – Final deadline, ACEC Oregon scholarship application
• Mar 20 – ODOT Liaison Committee meeting, Salem
• May 6 – ACEC / ODOT Partnering Conference, Salem
• June 17 – Networking Day golf tournament, Langdon Farms

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