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Consider joining your fellow member firms in boosting the profession with a gift to the scholarship fund.



ACEC *Washington & Oregon*

2018 Joint Fall Conference

**September 13-14**

Clearwater Casino Resort

Suquamish, WA

**New format!**

Thursday lunch to Friday afternoon.

**SAVE \$\$!**

**Register by August 14, 2018.**

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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THANK YOU, MAJOR SPONSOR!

Conference theme

**The Changing Face of Engineering in the Northwest**

**THURSDAY - Sept 13**

**Registration / check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.**

- Welcome Luncheon
- Programs
- Dinner

**FRIDAY - Sept 14**



- Breakfast
- Programs
- Lunch
- Program

**Conclusion approx. 3:30 p.m.**

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OPPORTUNITIES

Click [HERE](#) for details.

RESERVE YOUR ROOM TODAY!

Call **866-609-8700** and reference ACEC when making your reservation. Our **room block will be held until August 15, 2018**. After that time we cannot guarantee accommodations at Clearwater Casino Resort.

NIGHTLY ROOM RATES

(Plus 11% occupancy tax and 11% resort fee per room per night)

- \$140 - Non-view guestrooms & suites
- \$160 - NW partial view guestrooms
- \$170 - Water view guestrooms & suites



Pacific Northwest Consulting Engineers  
Health & Welfare Trust

*"The ruling is good news for both  
the ACEC National Life/Health  
Trust and the PNCE."*

Important news for the PNCE Trust and ACEC OR & WA  
From Woodruff-Sawyer, the Trust's administrator

### **Compliance Alert: DOL Releases Final Rule Expanding Association Health Plans**

As an existing trust the results of the US Department of Labor (DOL) final rules allows the PNCE Trust to continue without DOL mandated changes to their plan, underwriting, or the firms they serve. **However**, states will continue to be able to regulate AHPs, so it remains to be seen whether some of the flexibility gained under the final rule will be curtailed by the adoption of minimum benefit standards by the state of Oregon.

DETAILS

The US Department of Labor (DOL) has issued a final rule expanding the opportunity of unrelated employers of all sizes (but particularly small employers) to offer employment-based health insurance through Association Health Plans (AHPs). Significantly, the final rule applies "large group" coverage rules under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to qualifying AHPs.

Click here to see the full compliance announcement from Woodruff-Sawyer: <https://woodruffssawyer.com/employee-benefits/dol-final-rule-expanding-association-health-plans/>.

QUESTIONS?

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Thank you to the following firms for their recent donations to the scholarship fund:



**Consider joining your fellow member firms in creating a named scholarship for \$2,500, or making a donation to the general fund**

The ACEC Oregon scholarship was created to encourage incoming freshmen to choose engineering as a major and to promote the consulting engineering profession.

The Scholarship Committee awards \$2,500 per year to undergraduate engineering students attending Oregon colleges and universities. The annual recipient may remain on scholarship for four years as long as they meet the eligibility criteria.

**The ACEC Oregon Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee are asking member firms to boost the profession with a gift to the scholarship fund.**

Click [HERE](#) for a pledge form, or contact [mwebber@acecOregon.org](mailto:mwebber@acecOregon.org).

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#### SAVE THE DATES

- Oct 11 – **Salary Survey Review breakfast**
- Oct 25 – **Successful Technical Writing** with Jan Spyridakis

#### COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Aug 4 - Kickball Without Borders [Sign up now!](#)
- [Register for Construction Portland 2018!](#)

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