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Thursday, April 7

7:00 to 9:00 A.M.

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WHERE

David Evans and Associates, Inc.
Portland

CPDs

Program is good for 1.5
(one and a half)

[CEO breakfast for A/E firm leadership – Featuring a panel of A/E Industry Leaders](#)

This event for firm reps, CEOs, other senior executives and their guests is a unique opportunity to meet and network with other leaders of Oregon and southwest Washington engineering companies.

The A/E industry panel will represent these sectors:

- Private
- Public
- Civil
- Outside Portland metro area
- Architecture

FORMAT

Each panelist will have 10 minutes to discuss:

1. A current success story. What led your firm/agency to achieve the success and will you be able to sustain or build on the momentum?
2. Looking ahead, what major challenges do you anticipate over the next 1 - 3 years? What steps are your firm/agency taking to address those challenges? What actions can industry groups do to help address those challenges?

Questions and interaction encouraged!

MODERATOR



Marshall Coba
CobaCo, LLC

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Legislative Update, Salem

by ACEC Oregon lobbyist, Marshall Coba, CobaCo, LLC

The 2015 legislative session ended with a whimper after five weeks of partisan fireworks, gamesmanship and power plays. The session will be remembered for a rancor from the minority party in both chambers and an aggressive agenda that was mustered through nearly all on partisan lines. Minimum wages will go up, cannabis regulation was clarified, housing may be more affordable and available, but nothing was done to help alleviate the backlog of needed transportation funding. Transportation funding was punted to the '17 session where key leaders have pledged some varying levels of support for a package.

Looking forward, thirteen House members and three Senators won't be returning in '17 as they have chosen to seek other office or return to step back from public service. Key House members are transportation leaders Tobias Read, who will seek the State Treasurer post, and John Davis, who will return to his private law practice. In the Senate Chip Shields, Doug Whitsett and Diane Rosenbaum will step aside.

The **Oregon Transportation Forum** held a meeting today to begin to discuss the potential policies and investment levels for legislators to consider in '17. County representatives reported that a recent need survey indicates \$505 more per year is needed to bring county infrastructure up to date. While this is mainly maintenance and preservation needs, we all know the ODOT and city needs will dwarf this amount. Follow up meetings will focus on how to best frame the discussion for legislative consideration.

Among ourselves...

PBS Engineering + Environmental acquires HDJ Design Group

PBS and HDJ, two locally-grown consulting firms, are combining forces to offer clients a greater scale of capabilities and reinvestment in the engineering communities of both Oregon and Washington.

The Portland-headquartered consulting firm has announced that it is officially acquiring southwest Washington-based HDJ, effective April 1, 2016. This acquisition allows PBS to expand its geographic reach and provide a more extensive range of services to its clients.

“Because we complement each other’s expertise and our cultures are compatible, combining our talented teams makes perfect sense,” said **Guy Neal**, President of PBS. “We’re building upon 15 years of collaboration between our firms, most recently working together on the major Vancouver Waterfront Development.”

Click [here](#) for the full press release.



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 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.

UPCOMING

- April 28 – [ACEC | ODOT 2016 Partnering Conference, Salem Convention Center](#) [Registration now open!](#)
Mapping Oregon's Future: Innovation Sustainability Engagement
 - April 28 – [ACEC / SW WA Public Agency Liaison Meeting & Presentation, Vancouver](#) [Click here](#) and [RSVP today!](#) (no charge to attend)
"Tilikum Crossing, Bridge of the People" with the project's lead design engineer, Norman Smit, TY Lin
 - May 25 – [ACEC Fiesta & All Committee Dinner](#) - Fun, food & festivities!
 - June 22 – [Networking Day Golf Tournament, Langdon Farms](#)
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ACEC Washington Upcoming Events – ACEC Oregon members receive the member rate!

- Mar 15 – Effective Pricing Negotiations with Public Entities
 - April 19 – Executing Strategic Pursuits workshop
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