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CPDs

Program is good for 2.5 (two and half) continuing professional development credits.

SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m. – Check-in & breakfast

8:00 a.m. – Program begins

10:30 a.m. – Conclusion

COST

\$265 – members

\$365 – non-members

Business Development – December 5

Developing skills in business development (BD) and marketing is key to career growth as a consultant.

Join this conversation to delve into specific areas of the BD life cycle, problem-solve some of the common challenges and identify steps to hone your BD skills and leadership.

JUST ANNOUNCED!

Kate Lyman with **TriMet** will participate in mock client interviews again this year.

PRESENTER

Charissa Rotramel, Regional Marketing Manager – Northwest Pacific, Business Development Associate, WSP

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

WHERE

David Evans and Associates
2100 SW River Parkway, Portland

Click [here](#) to see who's already registered.



SCHEDULE

5:00 P.M. – Social
6:00 P.M. – Dinner
7:00 P.M. – Program

Legislative Preview Dinner – December 5

ACEC Oregon lobbyist **Marshall Coba** and an Oregon legislator will preview the upcoming 2019 legislative session which begins in January.

Learn how the recent election will shape the 2019 legislature and what it will mean to ACEC key issues.

Registration includes two drink tickets per person.

Members & their guests \$75

If your firm is an ACEC Oregon member, then you are a member.

Non-members \$95

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WHERE

Henry's Tavern
10 NW 12th Avenue
Portland, OR 97209



SCHEDULE

5:00 P.M. – Social & Viewing of Entries
6:30 P.M. – Dinner
7:30 P.M. – Awards Presentation

KGW TV's Drew Carney returning to emcee!

Engineering Excellence Awards dinner – January 16

BRING YOUR CLIENTS!

More than 300 members, clients and guests are expected to join us in honoring the fine work performed by Oregon and southwest Washington engineering firms.

This is our biggest event of the year and not to be missed!

Early registration is encouraged.

WHERE
Multnomah Athletic Club
1849 SW Salmon Street
Portland, OR 97205



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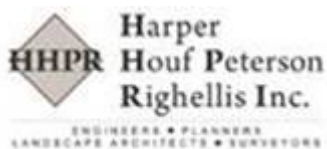
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You can **reserve your table or seats today** without knowing any or only some of your attendees' names (we can get those later).

To register, click [HERE](#).

Or, contact mwebber@acecOregon.org to be registered and invoiced.

Please **let us know in advance of any special dietary needs**; [inquire](#) for the menu.

Dress is business attire | Cash bar only | ATM on site

PARKING

Complimentary event parking is available in the Multnomah Athletic Club's garage, but may reach capacity and is not guaranteed for all attendees. The main parking structure may not be available for event guests due to capacity needs for MAC members. However, the MAC is often able to direct guests to alternative parking facilities nearby. To avoid confusion, please inform your guests that they may be directed by the MAC's parking security guides to overflow facilities and that parking spaces may be limited. Or, avoid any parking hassles and take MAX.

COST

- Table of 10 - \$1,000
- Individual seats - \$100

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- Gold sponsor - \$1,800
- Patron - \$1,500
- Exhibitor - \$500 (limited to 5)

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Questions?
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USDA invites public comments on proposal to expedite infrastructure projects

Deadline to submit comments is December 24, 2018.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development is seeking comments on a proposal that would facilitate the completion of USDA-financed infrastructure projects more quickly.

Under the proposal, Rural Development would be able to set aside financing for certain types of [telecommunications](#), [electric](#), [energy](#), [community facilities](#), and [water](#) projects before an environmental review is completed while ensuring full compliance with National Environmental Policy Act procedures prior to project construction and disbursement of USDA funding. USDA's current policy prohibits the approval and distribution of funds before environmental reviews are completed.

The purpose of this rule is to help assure rural communities that funds will be

available so they can proceed with implementing infrastructure projects that are critical to community health, safety, or economic development.

Rural Development is inviting comments from the public regarding this proposal. The rule will go into effect on January 7, 2019, unless Rural Development receives significant adverse comments, or notification of an intent to submit significant adverse comments, by **December 24, 2018**. Comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

1. Federal eRulemaking Portal:

Visit [docket RUS-18-AGENCY-0005](#) and select “Comment Now!” in the upper right of the screen.

2. Postal Mail / Commercial Delivery:

When submitting comments by mail, please state that your comments refer to the Rural Development Environmental Regulation for Rural Infrastructure Projects proposed rule. Comments may be sent to the following address:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Rural Development Innovation Center
ATTN: Michele Brooks, Regulations Team Lead
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Stop 1522, Room 1562
Washington, DC 20250

For more information on the proposed changes and how to submit comments, see [page 59269 of the November 23, 2018, Federal Register](#).

UPCOMING

- Feb 6 – Political Involvement & QBS (Qualifications-Based Selection), Salem
- Feb 20 – [Oregon Engineers Week H.S. Program](#), Portland
- Feb 22 – [AGC | ODOT | ACEC Partnering Conference](#), Salem
- Feb 26 – Mid-Willamette Valley Future Engineers Day event, Keizer

Contribute to the scholarship fund!

- Click [HERE](#) for more information and a pledge form, or contact mwebber@acecOregon.org.

SAVE THE DATES

September 19-21, 2019

ACEC Oregon Fall Conference



Comments? Questions? Please e-mail mwebber@acecOregon.org or adavis@acecOregon.org.

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