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## SUMMER 2010

# UPDATE

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## Committee Awards Scholarship for 2010-2011

*Ryan Rudnick of Bend will attend George Fox University*

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce it's new scholarship recipient for 2010-11: **Ryan Rudnick** of Bend. Rudnick will attend George Fox University in the fall and plans to study civil engineering. He is a graduate of Mountain

View High School, where he finished with a 3.98 GPA.

Rudnick was involved in a variety of sports, school leadership and philanthropic activities during high school, including jazz choir, Nordic skiing, National Honor Society, Young Life,

Oregon Boys' State and cross country running, to name a few.

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writes Rudnick in his essay for the scholarship application. He also commented that his grandfather, a structural engineer, was instrumental in his decision to pursue a career in civil engineering.

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*Congratulations, Ryan!*

## Networking Day Raises \$10,000 for Scholarships

The 5th Annual Networking Day Benefit Golf Tournament and Dinner, held with the American Society of Civil Engineers Younger Member Forum (ASCE YMF), attracted more than 144 golfers and raised approximately \$10,000 for each group's respective scholarship fund and activities. Funds raised were from golf registrations, hole sponsorships and mulligan sales. Thank you to all the golfers who purchased mulligans and the following sponsors:

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**Gerry Heslin, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.** visits with **Karla Richards, Degenkolb Engineers**, during the Networking Day golf tournament.

*Thank you!*

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**New Board of Directors Sworn in for 2010-2011**

ACEC Oregon's new board of directors was sworn in June 23 during Networking Day activities at Langdon Farms Golf Club. Pictured from left are: Immediate Past President **Gayle Harley, OBEC Consulting Engineers**; Vice President **Tim Shell, KPFF Consulting Engineers**; Regional Vice President **Scott Wallace, The Wallace Group, Inc.**; Secretary/Treasurer **Kay Van Sickel, Mead & Hunt, Inc.**; and President Elect **Andy Vessely, Cornforth Consultants, Inc.** Not pictured: President **Troy Bowers, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.**; Vice President **Marc Butorac, Kittelson & Associates, Inc.**; Vice President **Erik Peterson, Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.**; and Vice President **Dave Simmons, CH2M Hill, Inc.**



**BlueDot Foursome Wins Networking Day with Score of 54**

Pictured above enjoying the Networking Day golf tournament are, from left: **Eddie Kreipe, Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc.**; **Erik Hammerstrom, Miller Consulting Engineers**; **Robert Lennox, BlueDot Group**; and **Tony Peterson, PNA Construction Technologies**. The foursome was the overall winning team with a score of 54, from a field of 36 teams. *Congratulations!*

## Among Ourselves...

The ACEC Oregon Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following new member firms. Please welcome...

**OREGON FORENSIC ENGINEERING**, 10635 Buena Vista Road, Independence, OR 97351, phone (503) 580-4127, [www.OregonForensicEngineering.com](http://www.OregonForensicEngineering.com). Firm representative is **Patrick Riedlinger**. The firm provides forensic analysis of product failures and accidents for the purpose of product liability support for legal professionals. Additionally, the firm practices automobile accident reconstruction. Disciplines include forensic, industrial and mechanical.

Affiliate member **JLA PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**, 1110 SE Alder Street, Suite 301, Portland, OR 97214, phone (503) 235-5881, [www.jla.us.com](http://www.jla.us.com). Firm representative is **Jeanne Lawson**; alternate is **Alex Cousins**. JLA provides public involvement, public information, outreach and communication services (PI/O/C) to public agency clients. In business since 1988, they are the largest Oregon-based PI consulting firm and one of the oldest in the Northwest. JLA works across many business lines, with transportation being the largest service area. ODOT continues to be their main client. JLA has worked extensively on planning and construction projects for ODOT in all five regions as well as facilitated policy-making efforts for ODOT headquarters staff and Oregon Transportation Commission members in Salem.

Affiliate member **ACEC BUSINESS INSURANCE TRUST (BIT)**, 701 Market Street, Suite 1100, St. Louis, MO 63101, phone (800) 338-1391, [www.acecBIT.com](http://www.acecBIT.com). Firm representative is **Jeffrey Connelly**. The ACEC Business Insurance Trust (BIT) provides the only business insurance program endorsed by ACEC. In addition to providing business insurance, the BIT also provides professional liability and management liability insurance to members of ACEC.

**Otak** hired **Douglas Sarkkinen** as a senior structural engineer and project manager in its Vancouver office to work with the transportation infrastructure services team. Sarkkinen has nearly 25 years of experience with concrete structures and bridges. His expertise includes design, structural analysis, and forensic and expert witness evaluations. Prior to joining Otak, Sarkkinen designed and managed projects in Oregon and Washington. His work includes the South Canyon Bridge in Bend, Ore., which won the 2005 Oregon Parks Project of the Year Award. Otak is an urban design, planning and engineering firm.

### Thank you to **MEAD & HUNT, INC.**

for their contribution to the ACEC Oregon PAC,  
received June 29, 2010.

The ACEC Oregon PAC remains one of the best and most certain ways to get a lawmaker's attention. The PAC is very valuable in helping to create and strengthen relationships with legislators. If your firm would like to contribute, please contact ACEC Oregon at (503) 292-2348 or [mwebber@acecOregon.org](mailto:mwebber@acecOregon.org).



**WHPacific's** Bend office has two new environmental professionals. **Jennifer Von Rohr** brings 24 years of environmental science experience to WHPacific's Environmental Services practice area. She is experienced in managing environmental investigation/evaluation projects, advising companies on compliance issues relating to waste handling and reduction, worker safety, spill and emergency response planning, and environmental regulatory compliance issues. Von Rohr has a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science from New England College.



**Amber Hudspeth** brings 15 years of environmental science experience. She is experienced in the agricultural, construction, environmental and natural resources field. Hudspeth has performed wildlife and plant identification studies, wetland delineations, sampling of surface water, groundwater and monitor wells, municipal well rehabilitation and failure analysis, Phase I and II assessments, septic system design and inspection, initial site assessments and regulatory inspections, Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) site inspections, education outreach and program implementation. Hudspeth has a Bachelor of Science in Crop/Soil Science from Oregon State University.

WHPacific is the largest 100% Native American-owned A/E firm in the nation and provides a broad range of services to public and private clients nationwide.



**Travis McFeron, Peterson Structural Engineers**, and **Dwight Hardin** (ACEC Oregon past president 2006-07), **GRI**, take a break during the Networking Day golf tournament.

# ACEC Oregon: Committee Reports from May Business Dinner....

The work carried out by committees is the backbone of ACEC Oregon. Participation in committees directly affects the organization and helps to advance the mission of the Council. Committee service provides an opportunity to interact with other members which can lead to improved business practices in their firms. Participation on an ACEC Oregon committee is also a great way to gain leadership skills and give back to the profession.

If you're interested in learning more about a specific committee or volunteering for a committee, please contact ACEC Oregon at [echurchill2@acecOregon.org](mailto:echurchill2@acecOregon.org) or (503) 292-2348. Additional committee information can also be found at <http://www.acecoregon.org/committees.php>.

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## ODOT LIAISON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Karen Tatman, Quincy Engineering**

### Goals:

- Improve working relationship with ODOT
- Awareness and resolution of contracting issues (processes and provisions)
- Assist ODOT with efficient delivery of professional A&E services

### Accomplishments:

- Held bi-monthly meetings, 2 to 3 hours in length and attended by 30 to 40 consultants + ODOT and FHWA



- Annual ODOT/ACEC Conference in April; 2010 was fifth year. Topic was "Practical Design," and was attended by more than 200 people: 125 consultants + 100 ODOT personnel.
- Brown Bag series expanded to Salem starting in May. It was previously just in Portland. All sessions in Salem and Portland are co-sponsored with ODOT + consultants
- Provided feedback to OBDP and ODOT regarding communication/coordination with Engineer of Record during construction
- Contract provisions that have on-going discussion include: Conflict of Interest issues that could impact firms' ability to pursue projects and Profit/Fee negotiation
- Implementation of HB 2001 Jobs in Transportation Act

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

ACEC OR LOBBYIST: **Marshall Coba, CobaCo**

**Objective:** To promote and protect the interests of consulting engineers primarily through state legislative action, monitor legislation, initiate membership action by formulation of objectives to support and oppose legislation.



Issues for the 2011 session include:

- QBS (Qualifications Based Selection)
- Government outsourcing of engineering services
- Economic loss doctrine
- Fix SB 311 from the 2009 session
- Public investment in infrastructure

**Noteworthy:** Held a luncheon with former governor and gubernatorial candidate **John Kitzhaber** in May. Thank you to **HDR Engineering** for hosting this event. A similar event with gubernatorial candidate **Chris Dudley** is being planned.

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## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS LIAISON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Curt Bagnall, CH2M Hill**

(chair alternates every year between USACE and ACEC Oregon)

**Accomplishments:** Held quarterly meetings on issues of interest to the USACE and ACEC. Highlights include:

- Jul 2009 - A field trip to City of Portland's Eastside CSO tunneling work. Special thanks to **Parsons**

**Brinckerhoff** for coordinating the visit.

- Oct 2009 - Presentation by several Corps' Portland District Program Managers including the Willamette Valley BiOP program; Columbia River Treaty; Columbia River Fish mitigation; and Capital



Improvement Programs

- Jan 2010 - Tom VanderPlaat, Clean Water Services, talked about the Tualatin Basin Water Supply project and challenges involved with raising Scoggins Dam

- Apr 2010 - Mark Sawka with the Portland District discussed repairs and replacement of the Navlock gates at John Day and The Dalles Dam.

**Noteworthy:** At the April meeting the Portland District indicated they have a couple of large, multi-disciplinary IDIQ contracts that are being issues. Interested firms can check Federal Business Opportunities ([www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov)) online, or contact Rowena Musser at the AE Contracting unit.

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## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Julia Kuhn, Kittelson & Associates**

### Activities:

- Committee will select the new scholarship recipient soon. (*Scholarship has since been awarded; see story on page 1.*)

- Update on current scholarship recipients: **Cierra Eby** is interning during the summer at ACEC Oregon member firm **Cornforth Consultants**, whom she met at the Engineering Excellence Awards dinner; she will graduate OSU June 2011. **Bradley Miller**, who will be a junior at OSU in

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"Thank you for ACEC Oregon's continued financial support and investment in my education. It means a lot to me."

—Bradley Miller, scholarship recipient attending Oregon State University

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the fall, is an engineering intern for ODOT in White City during the summer. **Kyle McVay** also will be a junior at OSU in the fall. **Ryan Brown** attended the Engineering Excellence Awards dinner and will be a sophomore at OSU in the fall.

- 5th Annual Networking Day Benefit Golf Tournament & Dinner (proceeds benefit scholarship fund and activities). Thank you to all the sponsors, and golfers who purchased mulligans. *See story on page 1.*

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: **Mike Meyer, Cornforth Consultants**

**Goals:** To increase new membership,

## ACEC Oregon: More Committee Reports (continued from page 4)

foster development, and to retain existing members in ACEC Oregon.

**Accomplishments:** Group has remained very active this year with meetings held every six weeks. As in past years, the committee's efforts have involved recognizing potential new member firms and affiliates in the area; identifying key contacts at those firms; communicating the benefits of ACEC to them; and inviting them to participate. Surveying firms are also eligible for full membership now so that has been a recent focus. Even through the difficult economy the group was able to add nine new member firms representing 101 employees, and three affiliate member firms.

**Noteworthy:** The committee continues to work in close coordination with the Pacific Northwest Consulting Engineers (PNCE) Health & Welfare Trust to help support growth in both organizations. Growth in the PNCE Trust provides additional bargaining power with health care providers, which helps hedge against the dramatic rise in health insurance costs. This results in cost savings to member firms, which provides another compelling reason for joining and remaining in ACEC Oregon. The Membership Committee includes a key member from the Woodruff-Sawyer Company, who are the insurance brokers representing the PNCE Trust. With this close coordination on the Membership Committee, prospective new firms to ACEC Oregon are able to get highly competitive quotes on health insurance. This beneficial arrangement has resulted in several new firms joining ACEC Oregon.

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### FUTURE LEADERS FORUM (FLF)

**CHAIR: Tony Roos, Cardno WRG**

**Goal:** To create opportunities for "Future Leaders" to engage in ACEC and build a foundation for future leadership within individual companies. All are welcome to participate regardless of years of experience or position in firm.

**Accomplishments:** Presented a well-attended luncheon program in February on the "Risks and Rewards of Using Social Media for A/E Firms" in addition to a social event in April.

**Noteworthy:** The next FLF event is a barbecue on August 24. For more information and to RSVP, contact [echurchill2@acecOregon.org](mailto:echurchill2@acecOregon.org) or call (503) 292-2348.

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"This is a great opportunity to continue building relationships in an industry that is a people business."

—Tony Roos, CardnoWRG  
FLF Steering Committee

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The FLF is also planning a joint meeting with AGC's CLC (Construction Leadership Council, formerly known as the Young Constructors Forum) as well as an educational program on "open houses" and public involvement. Watch for more details to come.

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### RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**CHAIR: Jack Beemer, David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

**Objective:** The purpose of the Risk Management Committee is to assist member companies and others in understanding and managing risk and, on their behalf, to advocate changes in legislation and regulation to properly control or allocate risk.

**Goals:**

- Provide basic risk management and professional liability insurance information to members.
- Develop risk management programs to educate members.
- Recommend and support tort reform and other legislation for consideration to the Legislative Committee.
- Review proposed legislation and regulations as requested.
- Provide risk management assistance to ACEC Oregon committees, staff and board.
- Address risk and liability issues raised in public contracts.

**Accomplishments:** Presented two risk management programs: "Indemnification Clauses in Contracts" in April and "State of the Industry: Update on Professional Liability Insurance" in June.

**Noteworthy:** The Risk Management Committee also provides "Focus on Risk Management" articles, usually in each newsletter (but not this one) and also posted on the web at <http://www.acecOregon.org/riskManagement.php>. Articles



include: "Reducing the Chances of Third-Party Claims," "Working without Formal Agreements," "What's Your Risk Management IQ?" and many more.

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### OPERATIONS/ADMIN COMMITTEE

**CHAIR: Mike Reed, GRI**

**Objective:** To provide budget oversight, monitor the financial affairs of the Council, and to write and recommend sound fiscal policies and procedures, including investment strategies.

Chair **Mike Reed** presented the ACEC Oregon budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year. The budget was approved without a dues increase for 2010-11.

**Noteworthy:** We have restructured our association agreement with UPS which should be more beneficial. Member firms enrolled in the UPS Savings Program can save up to 30 percent on UPS shipping which also benefits ACEC Oregon through royalties paid to the Council. For more information about this membership benefit go to [http://www.acecOregon.org/join/documents/UPS\\_Savings\\_Program\\_May2010.pdf](http://www.acecOregon.org/join/documents/UPS_Savings_Program_May2010.pdf) or contact [echurchill2@acecOregon.org](mailto:echurchill2@acecOregon.org) or call (503) 292-2348. Members currently enrolled in the UPS Savings Program must re-enroll to take advantage of this new exclusive offer. Use promo code PAC002 to enroll. For complete details and to sign up, go to <http://www.savewithups.com/enroll/>. See details on page 8.

# ACEC

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## ACEC Achieving Success Against S Corporation Tax Increase in Senate

ACEC and its coalition and Senate allies have been successful in recent weeks in turning back a proposed tax increase that would have affected many A/E firms organized as S corporations.

The tax provision was included in the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010 (HR 4213), which the Senate has dropped from consideration after three failed attempts at passage.

The increase would have applied payroll taxes to S corporation distributions in cases where (1) an S corporation is engaged in a professional services business where 80 percent or more of the gross income of the business is attributable to the service of three or fewer shareholders, or (2) a professional services S corporation is a partner in a partnership.

While these provisions would have affected smaller firms, ACEC had earlier eliminated broader language that applied to large, as well as small, S corporations. Council President Dave Raymond emphasized the importance of the Council's continuing vigilance on this matter, as the tax provision could re-emerge in future legislation.

"If it does, we'll nip it in the bud," he said.

## National ACEC/PAC – Your Best Investment in Your Business

### Q: Why is it important to support ACEC/PAC?

**A:** All of us in the engineering industry need to be involved in the business of politics, and ACEC/PAC is the industry's preeminent vehicle for political engagement. Federal issues like infrastructure funding, PLAs, eliminating mandatory retainage on federal contracts, and liability protection legislation all have a real and immediate impact on your business and the future success of our industry. If we don't work together to help to elect policymakers who understand the business and legislative concerns of engineering firms, who will? You can bet our political adversaries have active political action committees looking out for their federal interests.

### Q: Why can't ACEC or member firms contribute directly to federal candidates?

**A:** The Federal Election Campaign Act prohibits corporations or trade associations from using general treasury funds to contribute to federal elections. Individuals may contribute to federal candidates, and organizations may set up political action committees (PACs) to harness the collective giving of an entire industry or group. Only personal funds can be contributed to elect candidates at the federal level.

### Q: How is ACEC/PAC money spent?

**A:** ACEC/PAC is bipartisan. We support those candidates whose positions and decisions have the greatest impact on ACEC members. Contributions to candidates are

based on the following criteria:

- The candidate's position on specific issues affecting the engineering industry;
- A candidate's committee assignments and leadership positions;
- A candidate's voting record;
- The opinions of ACEC/PAC contributors and ACEC leadership back in the state.

### Q: How will I know what happens to my contribution?

**A:** Just ask. ACEC/PAC operates in the open and believes in full disclosure. Contributions received by and disbursements made by ACEC/PAC are regulated by federal law and open to the public. ACEC files monthly reports with the Federal Elections Commission. You may access these reports at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov). ACEC/PAC also publishes an Annual Report detailing receipts and disbursements for the calendar year and distributes it to all ACEC/PAC contributors.

### Q: What are the solicitation goals of ACEC/PAC?

**A:** Our goal is to be a stronger voice for engineering interests in national political arena. That's why our objective is to raise \$1 million per year for ACEC/PAC, which can be done if each state meets their annual State PAC Goal.

### Q: How do I contribute or learn more about ACEC/PAC?

**A:** For more info, go to the ACEC/PAC website at <http://www.acec.org/advocacy/committees/pac.cfm> or contact Elizabeth Coit, Director, ACEC/PAC, [ecoit@acec.org](mailto:ecoit@acec.org), phone (202) 347-7474. Oregon's ACEC/PAC Champion is **Jack Beemer** of **David Evans and Associates** in Bend.

## Thank you, 2010 National ACEC/PAC donors!

Supporting political programs like ACEC/PAC is the best thing we can do to make sure engineering firms have a voice at the table when key decisions are made affecting our future.

A big *Thank You* to the following individuals who have contributed to the national ACEC PAC in 2010. Donations received May 1 through July 9, 2010 are from:

- **Jeff Bernardo** OBEC Consulting Engineers
- **Steve Bryant** Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI)
- **Bob Carson** Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc.
- **Gayle Harley** OBEC Consulting Engineers
- **Mel Sears** Parsons Brinckerhoff

We are nearly halfway to our goal and need *your* help to reach it! We achieved our goals for 2008 and 2009—now let's make it three in a row!

To see if your firm has given approval for the current year, go to [http://www.acec.org/advocacy/committees/pdf/pac\\_prior\\_approvals.pdf](http://www.acec.org/advocacy/committees/pdf/pac_prior_approvals.pdf). If it has, you can then go to the ACEC PAC online contribution center: [http://www.acec.org/pacmembers/av\\_login.cfm](http://www.acec.org/pacmembers/av_login.cfm).

If you have questions about ACEC/PAC, please contact our PAC Champion **Jack Beemer** at [jdb@deainc.com](mailto:jdb@deainc.com) or phone (541) 389-7614.

## ACEC: What it Means for You & Your Business

### ACEC's Legislative Success = Results for Your Bottom Line

- Nine percent tax deduction for A/E firms. Laws and regulatory initiatives to require FAR compliance by state DOTs that prohibit arbitrary overhead caps, require recognition of single audit, expand QBS.
- Fair Labor Standards Act reforms to ease compliance and protect firms from lawsuits.
- Fully funding SAFETEA LU to avoid cuts to state transportation programs.
- New student loan benefit to encourage more young people to pursue engineering careers.
- Legislation to increase contracting out; defeated all major anti-contractor measures.
- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), authorizing \$24 billion in new water projects.

### Opportunities for 2010...

- Secure passage of new six-year transportation program that significantly boosts funding.
- Secure passage of major water and aviation infrastructure funding bills that expand QBS.
- Promote investment in new energy infrastructure, incentives for energy-efficient buildings, and other initiatives to create business opportunities in the energy sector.
- Pass ACEC legislation to protect the ability of engineering firms to use cash accounting.
- Secure passage of ACEC's Good Samaritan legislation and other measures to protect firms from unfair and costly litigation.

- Fully fund and expand new engineering student loan program; secure more H-1B visas.

### Looming Challenges – Why Your Active Involvement is Critical Now

- Defeat resurgent union efforts to curtail contracting out by federal and state agencies.
- Repeal the onerous 3% withholding mandate that will impact all federal and state contracts.
- Protect firms from new mandates and higher costs resulting from the health care reform effort.
- Fight potentially harmful new regulatory efforts, unionization legislation, tax increases, and other initiatives detrimental to the A/E industry.

### The Bottom Line

- ACEC is the engineering industry's voice in Washington, focusing on the passage of new legislation and regulatory initiatives that enhance the business environment for your firm.
- ACEC has one of the largest political programs in Washington built around ACEC/PAC, which supports House and Senate members who support the business interests of America's engineering industry.
- ACEC's Minuteman Fund supports critical legal and legislative efforts in the states.
- ACEC uses its legislative and political resources for one purpose — to enhance your bottom line.

## President's Monthly Update: Government Affairs

- Headed off a major proposed tax increase on Subchapter S engineering firms in the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010.
- Supported liability protection legislation introduced by Reps. Dave Reichert (R-WA) and Jim Matheson (D-UT) for engineering, architectural and construction firms that volunteer in the aftermath of terrorist attacks or natural disasters.
- Testified at a House Highways & Transit Subcommittee hearing on the benefits of "context sensitive solutions" in transportation planning – i.e., taking into consideration the natural and built environments affected by transportation systems.
- Criticized lack of Administration leadership in funding new 6-year transportation authorization and providing necessary capacity expansion — in comments submitted to DOT on its draft Five-Year Strategic Plan.
- Awarded Minuteman Fund grants to: ACEC/Illinois to support an appeal against an adverse court decision on the scope of a design professional's duty; and ACEC/Colorado to help fight against radical ballot initiatives that would seriously undercut the state's ability to fund infrastructure.

## Ready to Contribute to the ACEC/PAC? Here's how...

There are two ways to contribute to the ACEC/PAC:

Use the **ACEC/PAC donation form - 2010** found here:

[http://www.acecoregon.org/documents/2010\\_ACEC\\_PAC\\_donation\\_form\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.acecoregon.org/documents/2010_ACEC_PAC_donation_form_fillable.pdf)

Or, contribute by purchasing **Fall Conference 2010 ACEC/PAC Sweepstakes Drawing** raffle tickets found here:

[http://www.acecoregon.org/documents/Fall\\_Conference\\_2010\\_Sweepstakes.pdf](http://www.acecoregon.org/documents/Fall_Conference_2010_Sweepstakes.pdf).

As of July 15, about 270 of the 500 tickets have already been sold, so don't delay for your chance to win one of four prizes—the Grand Prize being \$10,000 cash!

# Mark your calendar...

## AUGUST

- AUGUST 11 *Wednesday*  
**Board of Directors Planning Session**
- AUGUST 24 *Tuesday*  
**FLF BBQ at Skyline Tavern**  
*More info: [www.acecoregon.org/calendar/upcomingEvents.php](http://www.acecoregon.org/calendar/upcomingEvents.php)*

## SEPTEMBER

- SEPT 9 - 11 *Thursday thru Saturday*  
**Joint Fall Conference** with ACEC WA, Alderbrook Resort  
*More info: [www.acecoregon.org/calendar/upcomingEvents.php](http://www.acecoregon.org/calendar/upcomingEvents.php)*

## OCTOBER

- OCT 8 *Friday*  
**“Successful Gov’t Contracting: Understanding & Applying the FAR Cost Principles for Improved Profitability”** with John Pruitt *Watch for more info to come!*
- OCT 17 - 20 *Sunday thru Wednesday*  
**ACEC National Fall Conference**, Las Corabas, Puerto Rico  
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ACEC Oregon Executive Director **Alison Davis** and ACEC Oregon President (and now Immediate Past President) **Gayle Harley, OBEC Consulting Engineers**, celebrate the end of another fiscal year during the Networking Day dinner.

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**Jim Scott, URETEK ICR Oregon, LLC**, one of the sponsoring firms, meets and greets the golfers as they play past during the Networking Day golf tournament.

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