David Evans and Associates, Inc. was selected by Jackson County and the Oregon Department of Transportation for the Rogue River (Depot Street) Bridge replacement project.

A major consideration for the team was how to construct a replacement structure for the aging steel through truss bridge with a signature bridge that would provide continued south bank development and continuity with the City of Rogue River.

Three major challenges confronted the design team and the major stakeholders in the project. First, continuity between the north and south bank had to be maintained throughout the construction phase. Second, functional tie-ins with the existing ramps for I-5 had to be maintained, and third, any disruption of access had to be minimized to five working days.

The solution was to develop a concrete tied-arch bridge with cable hangers supporting the bridge deck, thus providing a signature structure for the community. The new bridge, once built, also served as the detour bridge, thus maintaining access to the south bank and continued functionality of the I-5 ramps. When the old bridge was removed the new, 5,000 ton, concrete structure would be moved eight meters downstream into the general footprint of the old bridge completing the replacement project.

To provide the community with a new replacement bridge for the ailing existing bridge, the design team developed a scheme to keep the existing bridge in service while constructing the new bridge upstream from its final position and moving it down stream after the demolition of the existing bridge.
SEVEN FIRMS GARNER GRAND AWARDS

PBS Engineering + Environmental also wins “Best Board”

Grand Award
CORNFORTH CONSULTANTS, INC.
Marmot Dam Removal for Portland General Electric
Worldwide, very few dams have been removed. Marmot Dam is the largest dam removal project

“A wild and scenic river is reborn.”

accomplished to date in the Pacific Northwest; it will provide valuable information to engineers involved with future dam removal projects.

This project provides a profound example to the public and private sector that dam removal can be done economically, while at the same time providing large societal benefits and addressing long-term sustainability for fish and wildlife habitat. The Sandy River is now completely open from it’s headwaters on Mt. Hood to it’s confluence with the Columbia River.

Grand Award
GEOENGINEERS
Digital Elevation Model Development and Water Distribution Assessment - Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge for United States Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service
Following the 2001 Klamath basin water crisis, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service awarded a contract to GeoEngineers to assess and recommend improvements to the water distribution and drainage systems at the Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges near Tule Lake, California. The intent of the project was to improve the Refuge water management systems to benefit all water users in this over-appropriated basin. The state-of-the-art mapping used in this project and resultant engineering recommendations provide tools that the Fish and Wildlife Service can use to optimize water use and habitat conditions at wildlife refuges now and in the future, benefitting all basin water users and helping to ensure efficient use of natural resources.

“State-of-the-art mapping is helping to ensure efficient use of natural resources.”

Accepting their project’s Grand Award, are, from left: John Biggane, Joey Hickey, and David Rankin, GeoEngineers; Gary Blevgen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Pictured at right is ACEC Oregon President Mel Sears.

Marc Butorac of Kittelson & Associates served as emcee.
**Grand Award**

**KPFF CONSULTING ENGINEERS**  
Wayne Lyman Morse U.S. Courthouse for General Services Administration, Northwest Arctic Region  
The Wayne L. Morse Courthouse is an inviting structure which challenges the perception that federal buildings must

“A willingness to think beyond conventional structural solutions allowed... its unique and inviting features.”

be fortresses for security and seismic performance. KPFF’s intricately tailored structural systems made the building achieve stringent strength requirements while allowing a powerful architectural expression of justice that engages the public. A willingness to think beyond conventional structural solutions allowed the courthouse to maintain its unique and inviting features yet perform to extremely high security and seismic standards. In addition, the courthouse achieved a LEED Gold certification.

Accepting their project’s Grand Award, are, from left: **Matt Dolan, Chris Tung and Annie Monnier, KPFF Consulting Engineers**; and **ACEC Oregon President Mel Sears**.

**Grand Award**

**MGH ASSOCIATES, INC.**  
The Headwaters at Tryon Creek for Dolph Creek, LLC  
Developed around a once buried creek, The Headwaters at Tryon Creek sets the new standard for the Northwest’s eco-friendly urban lifestyle. Incorporating multiple highly sustainable site design elements, MGH was able to provide their clients with creative, innovative solutions that established the foundation for this community. The Headwaters at Tryon Creek is now a highly successful and marketable development that provides benefits to its residents, the community and the natural environment.

“This project sets the new standard for the Northwest’s eco-friendly urban lifestyle.”

Displaying their firm’s Grand Award are **Martha Williams and David Humber, MGH Associates, Inc.**

**Grand Award**

**OTAK, INC.**  
I-205 Corridor Future Stormwater Management Analysis for Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1  
This is a significant stormwater management planning effort for a major freeway corridor, and is the first stormwater planning effort for ODOT, including the comprehensive

“The task of cataloguing every storm pipe and manhole was daunting.”

Flanking Otak’s display board for their Engineering Excellence project’s Grand Award are, from left: **Ashley Canton, Otak; Roger Galles, ODOT; Kevin Timmons and Terry Soltz, Otak**.
**Grand Award**

**PB AMERICAS, INC.**

**Franklin Corridor EmX Bus Rapid Transit System for Lane Transit District**

To address congestion in the mid-Willamette Valley, the Lane Transit District embarked on an ambitious expansion of the existing bus system in the greater Eugene-Springfield region. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) was chosen as the preferred alternative because it emulates the efficiencies of light rail at a fraction of the cost. Following Lane Transit District’s successful bid to be one of the first BRT demonstration projects funded by the Federal Transportation Authority, a PB-led team began designing the Franklin Corridor EmX BRT starter line. Several technological innovations specially developed for the EmX system are now setting the standard for BRT implementation in the United States. Completed on-schedule and budget, the Franklin Corridor EmX project transports 50 percent more passengers than the route it replaces and reduces travel time by 30 percent during peak hours, contributing to a more livable, sustainable community.

**“Public transportation project contributes to a more livable, sustainable community.”**

**Grand Award & Best Board**

**PBS ENGINEERING + ENVIRONMENTAL / TBH & ASSOCIATES**

**Schooner Landing Stabilization for Schooner Landing Resort**

Schooner Landing Resort in Newport, Oregon is situated on the active Schooner Creek Landslide. Past problems from ground movements have required structurally separating and re-constructing foundations on two of the resort buildings. PBS Engineering + Environmental and TBH & Associates merged two standard technologies to solve the problem of stabilizing landslides in the difficult coastal environment. Horizontal drain installation methods were optimized by adopting drill methods that result in high strength, precisely-placed drain casings that are effective and easily maintainable.

**“Two standard technologies were merged to solve the problem of stabilizing landslides.”**

Back row, pictured from left are: Tim Randall, TBH & Associates; Steve Johnson, Schooner Landing; Rick Fetterly and Rick Thrall, PBS Engineering + Environmental. Front row, from left are: Sophie Miksa, PBS Engineering + Environmental; Peter Tapio, TBH & Associates; and John Jenkins, PBS Engineering + Environmental.

**What is the “BEST BOARD” award?**

A “Best Board” ribbon is awarded to the firm which, in the eyes of the Engineering Excellence judges, created the best display panel. The objective of the award is to promote communication of engineering excellence by creating displays that are both visually exciting and stimulating to read, as well as promoting the achievements of the engineering profession.
FIFTEEN PROJECTS TAKE HOME HONOR AWARDS

- **4B ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING, LLC** - Keizer Station Stormwater Pumping Station

- **ANDERSON-PERRY & ASSOCIATES, INC.** - Survey Approach Reduces Risk, Cost and Traffic Delay for H.W. Lochner, Inc. (consultant for Oregon Bridge Delivery Partners)

- **DAVID EVANS AND ASSOCIATES, INC.** - Albany Multimodal Transportation Center Project for City of Albany, Oregon

- **DEGENKOLB** - Kaneko Commons for Willamette University

- **GEODESIGN** - Portland Aerial Tram for City of Portland

- **GRI and BERGER/ABAM ENGINEERS, INC.** - U.S. 26: Sunset Highway at Milepost 24 Emergency Landslide Repair for Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 1

- **HARPER HOUF PETERSON RIGHELLIS, INC.** - Grand Ronde Housing Development - Phase 2, for Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority

- **HARPER HOUF PETERSON RIGHELLIS, INC.** - Sunnyside Road Improvements, Phases 2 & 3A for Clackamas County

- **KITTELSON & ASSOCIATES, INC. and ZCS ENGINEERING, INC.** - East Main Street Bypass for City of Klamath Falls

- **KLEINFELDER** - Klamath Lake Dike Breach Closure for Running Y Ranch

- **MGH ASSOCIATES, INC.** - NW Cornell Road Widening and Improvements

- **OTAK, INC.** - Central Oregon Regional Stormwater Management Manual for Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

- **URS** - Portland Streetcar: Phase 3 Extension for City of Portland, Office of Transportation

- **WHPACIFIC, INC.** - OHSU Peter O. Kohler Pavilion Infrastructure for Oregon Health & Science University

- **WHPACIFIC, INC.** - Veterans Memorial Bridge for City of Bend


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THANK YOU, JUDGES; MORE PHOTOS FROM THE AWARDS

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  Professor and Head, School of Civil and Construction Engineering, Oregon State University

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- **Wendy Culverwell,** Staff Writer
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- **Bob Sulek, P.E. (retired)**
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Showing their project’s Honor Awards are, pictured from left: Ali Sadri, OHSU; Don Vander Boegh, Chuck Gregory and Rick Martin, WHPacific.

AT RIGHT: Gary Thornton, Breshears/Thornton Engineering Consultants is pictured with Stan Kelsay and George Freitag, GRI.

Pictured from left are: Chuck Harper, Harper Houp Peterson Righellis; Duane Hussey, Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority; Rob VanderZanden, Harper Houp Peterson Righellis; and ACEC Oregon President Mel Sears.

Pictured are: John Lostra, Tim Martin, and Mark Dom, URS.
Jeff Elston, Ben Austin, and Neil Waibel, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis; are pictured with Jody Yates, formerly with Clackamas County, now with City of Portland. At right is ACEC Oregon President Mel Sears.

BELLOW: Pictured with their project’s Honor Award are, from left: Phil Boultinghouse and Don Whitehead, David Evans and Associates; Rob Dortignacq, Dortignacq & Associates; David Davies, David Evans and Associates; and Guy Mayes, City of Albany.

Leora Casey and Paula Johnston, David Evans and Associates, show their firm’s Project of the Year award.

Laura Standridge, MGH Associates; Mark Boguslawski, City of Beaverton; Greg Miller, Washington County; and Fred Garmire, MGH Associates.

Showing their project’s Honor Award is Stan Kelsay, GRI, and Howard “Hod” Wells, Berger/ABAM Engineers.
QBS (Qualifications Based Selection*) utilized in selection process for several Engineering Excellence projects

DID YOU KNOW? QBS was utilized in the selection process for these projects:

- Survey Technique Reduces Risk, Cost and Traffic Delay for H.W. Lochner, Inc. (Anderson-Perry & Associates)
- Albany Multimodal Transportation Center Project for City of Albany (David Evans and Associates, Inc.)
- Rogue River (Depot Street) Bridge Replacement for Jackson County (David Evans and Associates, Inc.)
- U.S. 26: Sunset Highway at Milepost 24 Emergency Landslide Repair for ODOT (GRI and Berger/ABAM)
- Kaneko Commons for Willamette University (Degenkolb)
- Digital Elevation Model Development and Water Distribution Assessment - Lower Klamath Falls Nat’l Wildlife Refuge for U.S. Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service (GeoEngineers)
- Sunnyside Road Improvements, Phases 2 & 3A for Clackamas County (Harper Houf Peterson Righellis)
- East Main Street Bypass for City of Klamath Falls (Kittelson & Associates, Inc. and ZCS Engineering)
- Portland Streetcar, Phase 3 Extension for City of Portland, Office of Transportation (URS)

*What is Qualifications Based Selection?*

Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) is a process for the selection of design professionals by public owners. It is a negotiated procurement process for selection based on qualifications and competence in relation to the work to be performed. For more information on QBS, visit www.acecOregon.org.

Jason Wolfe, Justin Mason and Barry Johnson, WHPacific; and Ken Fuller and Michael Magee, City of Bend, hold their project’s Honor Award.

Lexie and Jack Beemer, David Evans and Associates, Inc., enjoy the annual awards dinner.

Arlan Rippe and Brian Benson, Kleinfelder show their project’s Honor Award. At right is ACEC Oregon President Mel Sears.
FROM THE PRESIDENT
by Mel Sears, P.E., PMP

We’ve turned the corner on the new year, and there is plenty going on at ACEC Oregon. The year started off in grand style with our Engineering Excellence Awards dinner honoring 23 project entries. More than 270 members and clients from throughout the state converged for an evening of conversation, education, and appreciation for the impact of our profession on our communities. The event truly lived up to the “iconic event of the year” status for our membership. My congratulations to David Evans and Associates for winning the Project of the Year award for the Rogue River (Depot Street) Bridge Replacement for Jackson County. This project epitomized the engineering marvels and feats of “sliding a new bridge into place.” Simply amazing!

On other fronts, ACEC Oregon has sought out its role in the 2009 state transportation package development that is gaining momentum among the multitude of stakeholders. Many ACEC Oregon members are joining the various committees that are charged with the development of a comprehensive and fundable package aimed at the 2009 legislative. I’m proud of the response from our membership to engage in this critical infrastructure and economic development issue for the state.

On a national level, ACEC Oregon was sought out by U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (Oregon-D) to help him develop momentum on a new national infrastructure plan. The idea emulates plans prepared 200 and 100 years ago by Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt, respectively. It is time that the country’s infrastructure (water, air, transportation, etc.) is prioritized among the nations top priorities, and ACEC Oregon has its “seat at the table.” For more information please refer to http://blumenauer.house.gov/Newsroom/PressRelease.aspx?NewsID=1602.

Lastly, our Education Outreach Committee continues to make strides in the way our association distributes our education monies. In addition to our traditional college scholarships, we are thinking about new twists in which we reach out to both high school and even pre-high school students. More and more studies are indicating that students need to be educated and guided toward technical career tracks as young as the 6th grade. ACEC Oregon wants to play a role in developing the engineers of the future.

All-in-all I am proud of the activities and stature of the conversations with which our members are involved. We have an important responsibility to raise the level of awareness of the impact our profession has on society. I hope we all can leave a legacy for future generations of ACEC Oregon members to build upon.

Donors raise more than $12,000 for ACEC Oregon PAC

Thank you to all the PAC donors for your generous support!

A big thank you to the following firms and individuals who contributed to ACEC Oregon’s Political Action Committee. Donations received through February 8, 2008 are from:

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Thank you, 2007 ACEC National PAC (ACEC/PAC) Contributors

Thank you to the following individuals who contributed to the ACEC National Political Action Committee (ACEC/ PAC) in 2007. Their contributions helped ACEC Oregon to achieve our best year ever by reaching 66% of our 2007 goal (for a total of $6,228 raised). This is more than three times the amount of funds raised by ACEC Oregon for ACEC/PAC in 2006, which was $1,868.

The reason there was more money raised in 2007 is due to the efforts of Jack Beemer, David Evans and Associates. Thank you to Jack for taking on the role of ACEC National PAC champion for 2008 and beyond.

Donations received January 1 through December 31, 2007 are from:

- Stephen Anderson (Anderson Consulting Services)
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AMONG OURSELVES...

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

Cascade Design Professionals, Inc., 2780 SE Harrison Street, Suite 104, Portland, OR 97222, phone (503) 652-9090, www.cascadedesign.net. Principal is Herbert J. Fricke, P.E. The firm offers a full range of engineering, planning, construction, and project management services, including site planning and design, water/wastewater planning and design, drainage and stormwater management, structural design and seismic analysis, residential subdivisions and infrastructure design, transportation planning and design, land use planning and construction services.

Catena Consulting Engineers, 1111 NE Flanders Street, Suite 206, Portland, OR 97232, phone (503) 467-4980, www.catenaengineers.com. Principal is Christopher Thompson, P.E. The firm provides structural engineering services.

Knight Engineers, Inc., PMB #355, 13023 NE Highway 99, Suite 7, Vancouver, WA 98666, phone (503) 806-9474. Principal is Brian Knight, P.E. The firm is a full-service structural engineering consulting firm.

McGee Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 1067, Corvallis, OR 97739, phone (541) 757-1270, www.mcgee-engineering.com. Principal is Dennis McGee, P.E. The firm specializes in contractor support engineering and bridge engineering for the private sector.

Affiliate member Basalite Concrete Products, 3299 International Place, Dupont, WA 98327, phone (205) 964-5000, www.basalite.com. Firm rep is Aaron J. Shields. The firm manufactures, sells and provides engineering support for SRW walls in WA, OR, CA, ID and British Columbia. Basalite also provides software and training seminars to engineering firms.

Arlan H. Rippe, P.E., FASCE, Kleinfelder, was appointed to head the Civil Engineering Certification, Inc. (CEC) board. The CEC is a non-profit whose mission is to advance the science and profession of civil engineering for the welfare of humanity through the administration of specialty certification programs for the profession. The CEC is a semi-independent organization of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Speciality certification, under the direction of the CEC board, is a post-licensure credential. Receipt of the certification indicates that the recipient has attained mastery in a specialty discipline of civil engineering above that which is required for professional registration.

FORTUNE magazine recently announced that David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA) has been ranked 73rd on the 11th annual “100 Best Companies to Work For” list. DEA has 25 offices in seven states and employs nearly 1,100 people. The firm is employee-owned.

David Evans Enterprises, Inc. is a new marine sciences subsidiary of DEA. The new venture grows out of the nationally recognized hydrographic survey and marine sciences group of DEA. The subsidiary is in the early stages of development and will be based in Vancouver, WA.

WHPacific, Inc. has hired Aaron Geisler, P.E., former Polk County Public Works Director, as a Project Manager for their Salem office. While Public Works Director for Polk County, Geisler was instrumental in obtaining infrastructure funding for the Oregon Transportation Investment Act State Bridge Delivery program (OTIA III), the National Historical Covered Bridge program and the FEMA Public Assistance program.

Tom Jones, RLA, ASLA, is WH’s new national business line manager for Land Development in their Portland office.

Zetlin Strategic Communications has a new address. The firm is now at 325 NW 21st Avenue, Suite 100, Portland 97209.

IN MEMORIAM

Thomas Burke Hayes, a co-founder of CH2M Hill, died December 14, 2007 in Lake Oswego. He was 95.

In 1946, Hayes and fellow Oregon State University engineering graduates Jim Howland (ACEC Oregon past president, 1963-66) and Holly Cornell (ACEC Oregon past president 1958-59) partnered with their former professor, Fred Merryfield, to create a consulting business that became known by their initials, CH2M. Today, CH2M Hill is one of the largest engineering firms in the world.

In a statement distributed to CH2M Hill employees, the firm’s last surviving founder, Jim Howland, 95, remembered his longtime friend and partner. “Burke had a great ability to make complex things understandable to non-technical people,” he said. “He was highly ethical and had outstanding ability to ‘think outside the box’ long before it was so widely regarded as a valuable talent.”

Hayes was born in Pendleton; he graduated from OSU in 1938 with a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering and later earned a master’s degree in the subject from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He served in the Navy during World War II and taught both at MIT and OSU. He was a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He received an OSU Distinguished Service Award in 1986 and the university’s E.B. Lemon Alumni Award in 2004.

Ogden Beeman, an international port export, died January 12 in Portland. He was 72.

Beeman grew up in Portland and attended Grant High School. He graduated from Stanford with a degree in civil engineering. After a stint for the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Beeman went work for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1960 and became chief of waterways maintenance. In 1967 he became the marine manager of the Port of Portland.

In 1976, he began a consulting firm, Ogden Beeman & Associates (acquired by Parsons Brinckerhoff in 2001). Beeman worked throughout North America, and also in Asia and Africa. He consulted on channel development on the Columbia River. “He was intimately knowledgeable about the Columbia River system,” Metro Council President David Bradgdon said. “He probably knew more about it than anybody can imagine.”

Howard B. Jones, most recently chief of engineering and construction for the Army Corps of Engineers died January 13 at age 62. Jones received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of New Mexico. He served in the Army and he was an engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers for more than 40 years. In 1987 he transferred to Portland and moved to Gresham.
Focus on risk management...

WHAT’S YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT IQ?

The following material is provided for informational purposes only. Before taking any action that could have legal or other important consequences, speak with a qualified professional who can provide guidance that considers your own unique circumstances.

How much do you and your staff know about professional liability risks? Here are 25 true/false questions you can use to test your company’s Risk Management IQ:

THE QUESTIONS (A sampling; for the complete list of 25 questions and answers, go to www.acecoregon.org/What’s%20your%20risk%20mgmt%20IQ%20_feb08_.pdf.)

1. The best prevention against professional liability claims is keeping a low profile and staying out of the line of fire during both the design and construction phase of your projects.
   T  F

2. If your firm does not have a written contract with a client, it has no enforceable agreement at all.
   T  F

6. Requesting extensive financial information from a prospective client is unprofessional and almost a guarantee to lose the account.
   T  F

7. One of the best things about doing projects for public agencies is their creditworthiness. They always pay their bills.
   T  F

21. Companies working on foreign projects should obtain international insurance coverage because their domestic policies may not provide adequate protection.
   T  F

22. As a general rule, a design professional should keep every scrap of paper associated with a project, just in case a problem occurs in the future.
   T  F

23. Threatening to sue a client for overdue fees is a good way of getting paid.
   T  F

THE ANSWERS (A sampling; for the complete list of 25 questions and answers, go to www.acecoregon.org/What’s%20your%20risk%20mgmt%20IQ%20_feb08_.pdf.)

1. False. Since clients file most claims, the best defense is actively maintaining good communications and amicable relationships with clients so any problems that do occur can be resolved quickly without lawsuits.

2. False. Whenever a firm undertakes work for a client it has a contract, whether the agreement is written or verbal. Verbal agreements, however, are more difficult to substantiate and enforce if the other party disputes your recollection of the deal.

6. False. Taking steps to ascertain a client’s financial standing is not at all unprofessional. Most clients are familiar with the procedures needed to check financials and are willing to comply.

7. False. Public entities have been known to jump the gun and engage design firms before funding is in place. Make certain that a public entity has received funding for the work you are hired to do or you may be left holding the bag.

21. True. While professional liability policies can often be endorsed to provide international coverage, separate international coverage will likely be needed for risks such as workers’ compensation, general liability and auto liability.

22. False. Keeping too much paper on hand can create problems if discovery occurs. When opposition attorneys have the ability to examine several drafts of the same document, they can use inconsistencies between drafts to confuse the issue and the trier of fact. As a general rule, only final versions of project and contract documents should be kept.

23. False. There are contractual measures, such as a “Suspension of Services” clause, you can use to increase the chances of getting paid by your clients. But threatening to sue for nonpayment will likely result in a counter suit alleging negligence by your firm.

So, how well did you do? If you missed more than five answers, you might need some refresher work on professional liability issues.

Professional liability education should be an important part of your staff training. Ask us about the education opportunities available in the areas of risk and practice management.

Can We Be of Assistance?

We may be able to help you by providing referrals to consultants, and by providing guidance relative to insurance issues, and even to certain preventives, from construction observation through the development and application of sound human resources management policies and procedures. Please call on us for assistance.

We’re a member of the Professional Liability Agents Network (PLAN). We’re here to help.

This article is provided by Morgan West, Kibble & Prentice, a USI Company, a member of the ACEC Oregon Risk Management Committee.

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Winter 2008
Mark your calendar...

**FEBRUARY**
- **February 6 Wednesday**
  Future Leaders Certification Series (class 5 of 8)
  David Evans and Associates, Inc.
  Level 1: Delegation Skills
  Level 2: How to Interview & Hire the Best

- **February 22 Friday**
  Board of Directors Meeting
  Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.

**MARCH**
- **March 11 Tuesday**
  Board of Directors Meeting
  Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.

- **March 12 Wednesday**
  Future Leaders Certification Series (class 6 of 8)
  Residence Inn
  Level 1: Business Correspondence
  Level 2: Speaking with Impact

- **March 18 Tuesday**
  Dinner Program: Electronic Signatures
  Ernesto's Italian Restaurant

**APRIL**
- **April 9 Wednesday**
  Future Leaders Certification Series (class 7 of 8)
  David Evans and Associates, Inc.
  Level 1: Building Client Relationships
  Level 2: Leadership Development

- **April 10 Thursday**
  Board of Directors Meeting
  Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.

- **April 27-30 Sunday-Wednesday**
  ACEC National Annual Convention and Legislative Summit
  Washington, D.C.

**MAY**
- **May 8 Thursday**
  Board of Directors Meeting
  Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.

- **May 14 Wednesday**
  Future Leaders Certification Series (class 8 of 8)
  David Evans and Associates, Inc.
  Level 1: Client Maintenance
  Level 2: Leadership Transition

- **May 21 Wednesday**
  May Business Dinner and Future Leaders Participant Recognition
  The Oregon Zoo

**JUNE**
- **June 12 Thursday**
  Board of Directors Meeting
  Peterson Structural Engineers, Inc.

- **June 25 Wednesday**
  Networking Day Golf Tournament and Dinner, a joint event with ASCE’s Younger Member Forum
  Langdon Farms Golf Course

**SEPTEMBER**
- **September 25-27 Thursday - Saturday**
  Western Region States Fall Conference with ACEC Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Nevada
  The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa
  Tucson, Arizona
  www.westinlapalomaresort.com

**OCTOBER**
- **October 19-22 Sunday - Wednesday**
  ACEC National Fall Conference
  Montreal, Canada
  Fairmont - The Queen Elizabeth

**State Rep. Jackie Dingfelder,**
D-Portland, spoke to about twenty members during a legislative breakfast January 16.

Dingfelder chairs the House Energy and Environment Committee, and also serves on the Ways and Means Natural Resources Subcommittee and the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

When she is not in Salem, she works as a Senior Environmental Planner for a private environmental consulting firm.

Special thanks to **David Evans and Associates, Inc.** for hosting this event.