

# ACEC

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
of Georgia

*The American Council of Engineering Companies will be the organization leading the business interests of firms providing professional knowledge and services for the built environment.*

## ACEC/G Accomplishments, July 2005 – June 2006

### Business Practices

- Held breakfast meeting with ACEC's HealthPlan Services titled "Is Your Firm Struggling with Rising Health Insurance Costs?" 40 member principals and HR employees attended.
- Successfully executed the 8<sup>th</sup> annual *Future Leaders Program* with 34 participants.
- Jointly conducted the annual *Georgia Transportation Summit* conference with over 200 attendees.
- Jointly conducted *PDH Saturday*, an all day Seminar in Macon, with 35 attendees.
- Jointly conducted two Erosion/Sedimentation Level II Certification Course and exams in Macon and Atlanta with 72 participants.
- Jointly conducted the new *PE Recognition Ceremony* for 90 new PEs.
- Held 8 Monthly Membership meetings on business issues (The Atlanta Beltline; Building Arts and Entertainment in Atlanta (joint meeting); Hurricane Katrina – Doing Business during the Recovery; David Doss Perspective in conjunction with the Transportation Summit; 2006 Economic Outlook; Public/Private Partnerships in Transportation; Design and Construction Challenges of the Georgia Aquarium; What is growing in the Atlanta Region)
- Jointly provided 47 GPTQ Transportation workshops with GDOT.
- Jointly conducted the annual Water Summit Conference with over 106 attendees.

### Government Affairs

- Successfully advocated for the creation of the Consultant Services Committee of the Georgia DOT Board to provide a formal pathway for consideration of policy issues affecting private engineering firms.
- The Metro N. Ga. Water Planning District retained the requirement for a PE to seal post-development stormwater plans in their model ordinance.
- National ACEC was a significant player in passage of the Transportation Reauthorization bill and was invited to the Presidential signing ceremony. The bill provides substantial funding increase for Georgia.
- National ACEC was instrumental in eliminating the "opt-out" status for additional states and mandating QBS and uniform audits.
- Offered Georgia amendments to the International Building Code, Ch 17, Special Inspections, that substantially clarifies its application. At year end these amendments were in the document moving for final approval.
- Staffed the QBS Georgia exhibit booth at the GMA, ACCG, AIA, and GASFA conferences and gave QBS presentations at state meetings of APWA and the Georgia City/County Managers Association.
- Helped secure passage of HB 1385 which allows private sector plan review for code compliance by an A/E.
- Helped defeat SB 599 which would have vastly expanded the scope of practice of surveyors.
- Jointly conducted the annual Building Georgia Legislative Reception at the Georgia Aquarium with over 500 attendees.
- A team of 10 ACEC/G members visited Georgia's Congressional delegation during the annual ACEC spring conference.

### Membership

- At year end, membership consists of 294 Regular member firms, 38 Associate member firms, and 1331 index numbers.
- New member recruitment includes 20 new Regular members and 8 new Associate members.

### Public Outreach

- Published summer and fall editions of the Management Update newsletter. Distributed to 1,100 members and VIP's by U.S. Mail and email.
- Updated the ACEC/G website weekly with information relevant to members and non-members, online event registration, and online job posting opportunities.
- Jointly promoted and maintained the QBS Georgia website, an education portal for Qualifications-Based Selection.
- Awarded ACEC/G - R.Berl Elder Scholarships valued at \$7,500 to two students working at ACEC/G member firms
- Actively participated in the publication of *The Georgia Engineer* magazine that is published six times per year and has a circulation of 10,000 in Georgia.
- Jointly organize the Engineers Week celebration: an elegant Banquet with 275 participants; an "engineering" supplement in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*; Engineering Excellence Award winners who were also recognized at the national banquet - the "academy awards" of engineering; the "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" luncheon with 200 participants.

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