

ACEC MISSOURI



2022-2023

ACEC *Missouri*
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Missouri

ACEC Missouri Members – Engineering Matters





Message from the Board Chair

Over \$3B in transportation funding – need I say more?

This year, ACEC Missouri experienced several milestones, the biggest being the unprecedented increase in funding for Missouri's roads and bridges. These milestones add to the foundation of our organization and make us stronger with a more diverse set of opportunities for our members. This foundation also provides us with the ability to be more responsive to external challenges and the ever-changing dynamics that surround the world of engineering.

Some of our recent accomplishments include:

- Organizationally, ACEC Missouri has continued to pursue its strategic plan objective of reinforcing our organization as THE advocate of engineering companies and the engineering profession in Missouri. This year we served as the lead organization in the first ever joint advocacy day at the Missouri Capitol. Partnering with APWA, ASCE and MSPE, 60 engineers met in Jefferson City to deliver the message that "engineering matters" to the Missouri Legislature. Working together, we told our story of why engineers are important in the public policy process and outlined why our profession should have a seat at the table when issues of public health, welfare and safety are being discussed. We also continued the tradition of our Washington D.C. fly in. This year we expanded our visit and met with more members of the Missouri Congressional delegation than we ever have before, including the House Committee on Ways and Means Chair Jason Smith, who serves Missouri's 8th District.
- Key in our success to get over \$3B in transportation funding, our President & CEO, Morgan Mundell, held the position of Board Chair of Missourians for Transportation Investment for the 2023 legislative session. We worked tirelessly to fend off attempts to repeal SB262 and stop attempts to reduce infrastructure funding. We also served as one of the lead organizations of what is the largest infrastructure project in Missouri history, the rehabilitation and expansion of one of Missouri's most important economic assets, Interstate 70.
- Under the leadership of your Board of Directors, we expanded the opportunities for members to engage in political giving. In conjunction with our Fall meeting, the 1st Annual ACEC Missouri Sporting Clays Tournament was held to benefit the National PAC. This event led to Missouri meeting its fundraising goal for the sixth straight year with a record amount and Missouri meeting goal earlier than we ever have. This year we also continued our State PAC golf tournament at Porto Cima. For those of you who gave to either or both PAC's, I would sincerely like to say thank you. Political giving is a very important part of any government affairs program. Your generosity helps the voice of the engineering industry be heard.
- Identifying the need to diversify our programming and to serve our members as their primary resource on business practices, we took several steps. This spring, ACEC Missouri partnered with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the 1st Annual Environmental & Energy Seminar, which was a great success. I would like to thank Laura Mwirigi Rightler and Mark Bross, Environmental Committee Co-Chairs, for their leadership in bringing this event to fruition. We also continued the practice of webinars for our members on various topics such as legalization of recreational marijuana in Missouri, remote leadership, and employee retention interviews. And for the first time this year, we expanded our Future Leaders Academy from 3 sessions to 4 sessions to bring greater value to participants and allow for more time for networking and relationship building among our members.

I am honored to have served this past year as Chair of ACEC Missouri and I thank each of you for your time and support of our organization. We have made great strides over the last couple of years in areas that have been identified as important to our membership. Your Board of Directors continues to listen to your comments and suggestions, and works to provide you the best possible return on investment of your time and resources in being involved with the leading voice of engineering companies in Missouri.

Sincerely,

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2022-2023 STATISTICS

More than...

110
CONSULTING
ENGINEERING
FIRMS

Plus...

17
ASSOCIATE
MEMBERS

Representing...

10,900+
EMPLOYEES



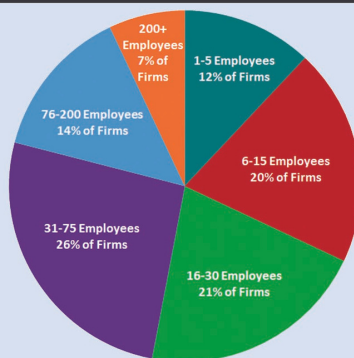
ENGINEERING
Excellence
AWARDS

15 STATE PROJECT
WINNERS

4 NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS
1 NATIONAL HONOR AWARD

TOP AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Bridge Design
 - Civil
- Construction Management
- Design/Build
- Environmental
 - GIS
- Planning
 - Structural
 - Surveying
 - Traffic
- Transportation
- Water Resources



FIRM SIZE (Employees)

NETWORKING

25+
Business Opportunities
& Networking Events

750+
Event Attendees



257 Participants from **70** firms
from **2010 - 2023**

14 COMMITTEES

- Advisory
- Budget & Finance
- Diversity
- Engineering Excellence
- Environmental
- Future Leaders
- Governmental Affairs
- Long Range Planning
- Membership
- Political Action Cmte.
- Professional Procurement
- Programs & Seminars
- Transportation



LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITH:

Corps of Engineers - Kansas City & St. Louis; Div. of Facilities Management, Design & Construction; Kansas City Missouri; Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District; Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters & All Districts); MoDOT-ACEC-AGC Design-Build Forum; MO Governor Parsons' Staff; Professional Design Alliance; St. Louis Board of Public Service; St. Louis County; SAVE Coalition

ADVOCACY

59

House & Senate bills & Joint Resolutions were Truly Agreed To & Finally Passed during the 2023 Legislative Session



2,332

House & Senate bills were introduced during the 2023 Legislative Session



President & CEO Message

The 2022-2023 year was an incredibly successful year as we continued to make enhancements to our current programming and add additional opportunities for our members to engage. We have expanded the return on investment of attending our Council meetings by adding on site visits of engineering projects across the state and bringing in more speakers to help provide members the information they need for decision making at their companies.

Our government affairs and advocacy programs have never been stronger, with more engineers engaging with elected officials in both Jefferson City and in their local districts. We have set records for both National and State PAC fundraising, and we are putting it to good use. While ACEC Missouri has always been the leading advocate for engineering companies in the state, we are constantly reinforcing that through our actions and commitment to the profession of engineering.

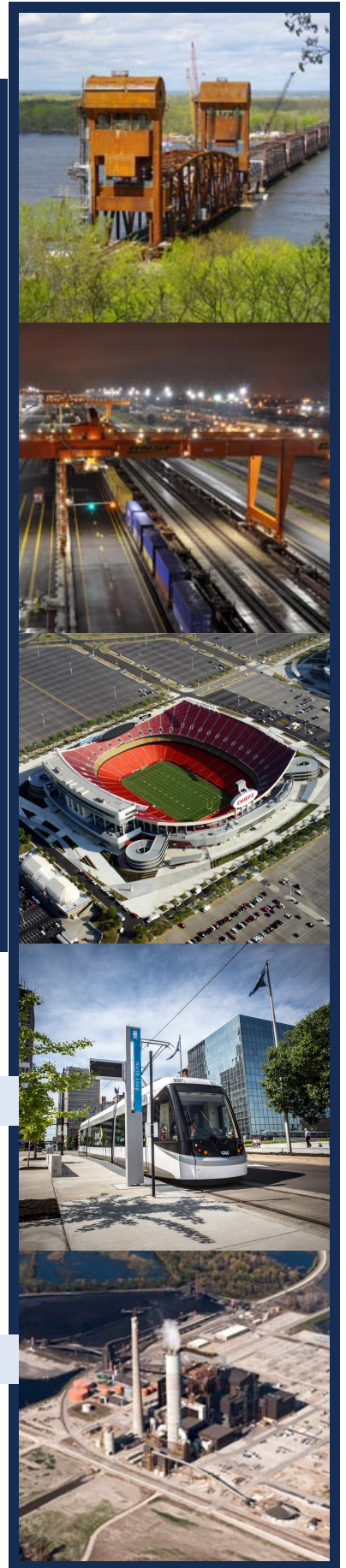
This year, the ACEC/MO Environmental Committee embarked on carving out their own time and space with the 1st Annual ACECMO/MDNR Environmental & Energy Seminar. It was the first step in diversifying the portfolio of our membership and expanding the realm of who we are and what we are about.

Finally, we know that all of these actions are working. Eight new firms have joined ACEC Missouri over the last year. This, and six new Associate members have joined our ranks as well. I think this is a testament to the direction we are headed.

I want to thank each of you for taking the time to participate in ACEC Missouri. It's you, the member, that has us headed in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Morgan Mundell
President & CEO



FOCUSES OF THE ACEC MISSOURI STRATEGIC PLAN

01

Position ACEC/MO as
THE leading voice of
engineering
companies in Missouri

02

Reinforce ACEC/MO
as THE advocate of
engineering
companies in
Missouri

03

Diversify and
enhance
opportunities for
emerging leaders
throughout the
ACEC/MO network

04

Serve Missouri
engineering
companies as
their primary
resource on
business practices

05

Purposeful
management:
start, stop,
continue

EXPANDING OUR VOICE



ACEC Missouri continues to expand our voice among legislators

Following up on the adoption of the ACEC/MO Strategic Plan, our organization took the lead in promoting the engineering industry and the important work we do with a message delivered directly to the Missouri Legislature. Partnering with the American Public Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, the industry worked together to create the "Engineering Matters" brochure, and 60 engineers from various disciplines convened in February of 2023 for the first ever "Engineer's Day at the Capitol".

With the Capitol complex in Washington D.C. now being open, we expanded our DC fly-in and engaged in more in-person visits with the Missouri Congressional delegation.

And this year we added House Transportation and Infrastructure staff to get more detailed information about infrastructure funding.



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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS
of Missouri

APWA
AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

ASCE
KANSAS CITY SECTION
& ST. LOUIS SECTION

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MISSOURI SOCIETY OF
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS



Presence

ACECMO staff maintain a full-time presence in the Capitol and work throughout the year with elected and state leaders and government officials in Jefferson City.



Engagement

ACEC/MO continued our independent "fly-in" at Washington D.C. this year. Members met in person with Representatives Eric Burlison, Mark Alford, Blaine Luetkemeyer and House Ways and Means Chair, Jason Smith.



Connection

Through local events and Council Meetings, ACEC/MO sponsored meetings with House Speaker Dean Plocher, Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden, 6 additional members of the Missouri House, and 2 Missouri Senators.



Associated Industries of Missouri (AIM) is proud to partner with ACEC Missouri on many issues, including environmental issues and transportation improvements.

AIM values our relationship with the ACEC and we look forward to continuing to join forces as we work for the benefit of all our members. – Ray McCarty, President/CEO, Associated Industries of Missouri



The state PAC has taken huge strides over the last couple years and Jefferson City has taken notice. By adding additional PAC events, being more strategic in our contributions, and from the support of our member firms, our total PAC contributions have increased from our “typical” state PAC cycle. PAC funds have been put to good use with increased engagement with policy makers across state government. Now more than ever we need a strong state PAC to support the advocacy mission of ACEC/MO, and capitalize on recent successes of not only transportation funding, but of an overall stronger ACEC/MO voice in the Capitol. -Joel Weinhold, Geotechnology, PAC Trustees Chair

MAKING SURE DECISION MAKERS KNOW US



STATE AND NATIONAL PAC FUNDRAISING REPORT

ACEC Missouri continues to expand its legislative voice through its Political Action Committee. For the 2022-2023 cycle, our PAC contributed to 33 state legislative candidates from both parties across the state. After the November election results were in, we recorded a 94% success rate in races we engaged in.

Through additional fundraising mechanisms and events, ACEC/MO set multiple new records regarding our National PAC, including the most raised and reaching our goal earlier than ever before.

These accomplishments were made possible through the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, committed volunteers, and the unwavering support of our members. As ACEC/MO continues to move forward, we are eager to build upon our momentum and continue making a meaningful impact.

\$59,481 raised

for ACEC Missouri PAC

\$27,050 raised

for ACEC National PAC



NATIONAL

For the 2022-2023 year, ACEC Missouri added 3 additional events to help make it easier to participate in National fundraising. This includes the Sporting Clays Tournament, incentive fundraising, and the golf social held at this year's Midwest States Conference.



STATE

With the continued support and participation by ACEC Missouri members, the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament was a success. This event bolsters our State PAC with the funds we need to help make a difference.

ACEC Missouri offers me and my company tremendous value. It offers a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and professional growth. It offers valuable networking opportunities, allowing you to connect with professionals in the industry and expand your professional circle. Additionally, ACEC Missouri actively monitors governmental affairs, keeping you informed about relevant policies and regulations that may impact your business. Moreover, the organization provides leadership opportunities, enabling you to take an active role in shaping the direction of the engineering community in Missouri. - Kevin Wallace, HNTB, ACEC/MO Chairman-elect



NATIONAL PAC CONTRIBUTIONS



2022 ACEC/PAC Contributions by Member Representatives

Ed Alizadeh, Geotechnology, Inc.
 Marc Alper, Alper Audi, Inc.
 Ben Asnicar, Burns & McDonnell
 Becky Baltz, TREKK Design Group, LLC
 Rick Biermann, MAPA
 Elke Boyd, Thouvenot Wade and Moerchen, Inc.
 Neil Brady, Bartlett & West, Inc.
 Brett Brooks, Engineering Design Source, Inc.
 Chris Burns, CDM Smith
 Michael Busch, Oates Associates, Inc.
 Michael Carroll, Burns & McDonnell
 Dan DeArmond, WSP USA Inc.
 Mike DeBacker, Burns & McDonnell
 Buddy Desai, Hg Consult, Inc.
 Dave Diestelkamp, ABNA Engineering, Inc.
 Jason Dohrmann, HR Green, Inc.
 Brian Eads, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
 Jason Eckhart, Anderson Engineering, Inc.
 Mike Erdtmann, GBA, Inc.
 Shawna Erter, SCI Engineering, Inc.
 Kevin Fuller, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
 Bob Gilbert, Bartlett & West, Inc.
 Howard Gotschall, Hanson Professional Services
 Laura Gray, Lamp Rynearson
 Tom Gredell, GREDELL Engineering Resources
 Joe Hagerty, Oates Associates, Inc.
 Earl Harrison, Hg Consult, Inc.
 Michael Herleth, Burns & McDonnell
 Steve Hicks, S.H. Smith & Company, Inc.
 Dawn Hill, ACEC Missouri
 Pam Hobbs, Geotechnology, Inc.
 Greg Horn, Jacobs
 Steve Iverson, Olsson Associates
 John Klein, Horner & Shifrin, Inc.

Aaron Kober, Modjeski and Masters, Inc.
 Dave Kocour, Hg Consult, Inc.
 Rob Krewson, Alfred Benesch & Company
 J.R. Landeck, Thouvenot Wade & Moerchen, Inc.
 Vicki LaRose, Civil Design, Inc.
 Kristen Leathers-Gratton, Affinis Corp.
 Chris Linneman, EFK Moen, LLC
 David Maxwell, HR Green, Inc.
 Jeff McKerrow, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
 Dan Meckes, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
 Linda Moen, EFK Moen, LLC
 Morgan Mundell, ACEC Missouri
 John Neyens, Klingner & Associates, P.C.
 Tawn Nugent, TREKK Design Group, LLC
 Tony O'Malley, Lamp Rynearson
 Agnes Otto, Burns & McDonnell
 Scott Perkins, Prairie Engineers, P.C.
 Steve Prange, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
 Jay Rakers, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
 John Rathke, Mead & Hunt
 Jeff Rensing, Oates Associates, Inc.
 Tim Ross, GBA, Inc.
 Adam Rutz, Thouvenot Wade and Moerchen, Inc.
 Julie Sarson, Burns & McDonnell
 Steve Schultz, Bartlett & West Inc.
 Jeff Smith, HNTB Corporation
 Steve Stirnemann, Engineering Design Source, Inc.
 Chip Touzinsky, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
 Kevin Wallace, HNTB Corporation
 Wayne Weber, Burns & McDonnell
 Todd Welz, Quigg Engineering, Inc.
 Steve Wells, Hg Consult, Inc.

HDR Inc. Political Action Committee



\$27,050 raised
 for ACEC National PAC



STATE PAC CONTRIBUTIONS

2022-23 ACECMO/PAC Contributions by Member Firms

ABNA Engineering, Inc.
Affinis Corp.
Alfred Benesch & Company
Allstate Consultants, LLC
Anderson Engineering, Inc.
Argus Consulting, Inc.
Bartlett & West, Inc.
Burns & McDonnell
CBB
Civil Design, Inc.
Cole & Associates, Inc.
Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
EDM Incorporated
EFK Moen, LLC
Engineering Design Source, Inc.
Farnsworth Group, Inc.
Garver
GBA, Inc.

GeoEngineers, Inc.
GREDELL Engineering Resources
Hanson Professional Services Inc.
HDR, Inc.
Hg Consult, Inc.
HNTB Corporation
Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Howe Company, LLC
HR Green, Inc.
Klingner & Associates, P.C.
Lamp Rynearson
Lochmueller Group
Lockton Companies
M3 Engineering Group, PC
McClure
Modjeski and Masters, Inc.
N.B. West Contracting Co., Inc.
Oates Associates, Inc.

Olsson Associates
Palmerton & Parrish, Inc.
Poepping, Stone, Bach & Assoc.
Prairie Engineers, P.C.
Prost Builders, Inc.
Quigg Engineering, Inc.
Reitz & Jens, Inc.
S.H. Smith & Company, Inc.
SCI Engineering, Inc.
SE3, LLC
Shannon & Wilson, Inc.
Snyder & Associates, Engrs. & Plan.
Stantec
Tepa Engineering Services
TranSystems Corporation
TREKK Design Group, LLC
Volkert, Inc.
Wilson & Company, Inc.

\$59,481
raised
for
ACECMO/PAC

2022-23 ACECMO/PAC Contributions by Member Firm Representatives

Justin Adams, TranSystems Corp.
Abe Adewale, ABNA Engineering, Inc.
Nicole Adewale, ABNA Engineering
Mike Alexander, Hg Consult, Inc.
Ed Alizadeh, Geotechnology LLC
Marc Alper, Alper Audi, Inc.
Ramin Ashrafzadeh, Horner & Shiffrin
Ben Asnicar, Burns & McDonnell
Becky Baltz, TREKK Design Group, LLC
Mike Banashek, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Eric Barnes, Klingner & Associates, P.C.
Timothy Barrett, SCI Engineering, Inc.
Gino Bernardez, Horner & Shiffrin
Jeff Bertel, Reitz & Jens, Inc.
Linda Billingsly, Tepa Engineering Serv.
Frank Blakemore, Garver
Tricia Bohler, Civil Design, Inc.
Jerry Bollinger, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
Tobin Bonnell, Quigg Engineering, Inc.
Douglas Bonner, Farnsworth Group
Elke Boyd, TWM, Inc.
Mark Bross, Klingner & Associates, P.C.
Dan Brown, Walter P Moore
Mike Brown, Tepa Engineering Serv.
Margaret Bruns, EFK Moen, LLC
Michael Busch, Oates Associates, Inc.
Ben Butterfield, SCI Engineering, Inc.
Jim Cherney, SE3, LLC
Tom Cissell, Oates Associates, Inc.
Trey Coad, SCI Engineering, Inc.
Steve Coates, Lochmueller Group
Nikki Conley, GBA, Inc.
Colleen Connor, GBA, Inc.
Jason Davis, Affinis Corp.
Kelley Davis, Lochmueller Group
Bruce Dawson, GREDELL Engrng. Res.
Mike DeBacker, Burns & McDonnell
Marie Dennis, TREKK Design Group, LLC
Buddy Desai, Hg Consult, Inc.
Dave Diestelkamp, ABNA Engineering
Mark Doerflinger, TREKK Design Group
Jason Dohrmann, HR Green, Inc.
Steve Donahue, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Toshia Drebes, Klingner & Assoc., P.C.
Brian Eads, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
Darrell Eilers, EFK Moen, LLC
Kevin Eisenbeis, Burns & McDonnell
Mike Erdtmann, GBA, Inc.
Shawnna Erter, SCI Engineering, Inc.
Shari Frank, TranSystems Corporation
Kevin Fuller, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
April Giesmann, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Bob Gilbert, Bartlett & West, Inc.
Anthony J. Gironde, GBA, Inc.
Howard Gotschall, Hanson Professional Ser.
Laura Gray, Lamp Rynearson

Thomas Gredell, GREDELL Engineering Res.
Edwin Grimmer, SCI Engineering, Inc.
Joe Hagerty, Oates Associates, Inc.
Ryan Hagerty, GBA, Inc.
Michael Hall, McClure
Michael Harizal, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Chris Harker, Alfred Benesch & Co.
Earl Harrison, Hg Consult, Inc.
Scott Heavin, HDR, Inc.
Steve Hicks, S.H. Smith & Company, Inc.
Nathan Hladky, Hg Consult, Inc.
Pam Hobbs, Geotechnology, Inc.
Jeannie Hoff, Klingner & Associates, P.C.
Josiah Holst, HR Green, Inc.
Rebecca Howley, GBA, Inc.
Garrett Hummel, Wilson & Co., Inc.
Steve Iverson, Olsson Associates
Lorne Jackson, Lochmueller Group
Jarrett Jasper, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Matthew Johnson, TranSystems Corp.
Eric Karch, Reitz & Jens, Inc.
Carrera Kauszler, CFS Engineers
Michele Keal, Alfred Benesch & Co.
Todd Kempker, Bartlett & West, Inc.
Brian Kidwell, Garver
Maria King, Lochmueller Group
Tyson King, Lochmueller Group
Justin Klautt, Wilson & Company, Inc.
John Klein, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Aaron Kober, Modjeski and Masters, Inc.
David Kocour, Hg Consult, Inc.
Lisa Kramer, Prairie Engineers, P.C.
Tony Kreutz, SCI Engineering, Inc.
Rob Krewson, Alfred Benesch & Co.
Vicki LaRose, Civil Design, Inc.
Kristen Leathers-Gratton, Affinis Corp.
Shawn Leight, CBB
Holly Lehmkuhl, GBA, Inc.
Jeremy Linley, Civil Design, Inc.
Chris Linneman, EFK Moen, LLC
Tom Lohman, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Brad Loomis, Tepa Engineering Services
Michelle Mahoney, CFS Engineers
David Maxwell, HR Green, Inc.
Jim McCleish, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Anthony McGaughy, GBA, Inc.
Mike McKenna, Affinis Corp.
Jeff McKerrow, Kimley-Horn & Assoc.
Matt McQuality, Geotechnology LLC
Aaron McVicker, McClure
Dan Meckes, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
Marjorie Melton, M3 Engineering Group
Linda Moen, EFK Moen, LLC
Clarence Munsch, GBA, Inc.
Laura Mwirigi Rightler, Lochmueller Group
John Neyens, Klingner & Associates, P.C.

Tawn Nugent, TREKK Design Group, LLC
Gregory O'Connor, Farnsworth Group, Inc.
Tony O'Malley, Lamp Rynearson
Brandon Parrish, Palmerton & Parrish, Inc.
Erin Parrish, Palmerton & Parrish, Inc.
Amanda Payne, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Gary Pendergrass, GREDELL Engrng. Resour.
Gregory Perkins, TREKK Design Group, LLC
Phillip Pierson, Garver
Paul Plotas, Burns & McDonnell
Andrew Potthast, HDR, Inc.
Steve Prange, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
Michael Purol, Poepping, Stone, Bach & Assoc.
Jay Rakers, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
Jeff Rensing, Oates Associates, Inc.
Ryan Riess, Farnsworth Group, Inc.
Kimberly Robinett, TREKK Design Group, LLC
Trent Robinett, TREKK Design Group, LLC
Jonathan Robison, GeoEngineers, Inc.
William Robison, S.H. Smith & Company, Inc.
Tim Ross, GBA, Inc.
Linda Rottinghaus, Affinis Corp.
Jennifer Russell, Garver
Rod Sachtleben, GBA, Inc.
Rosanna Saindon, Geotechnology LLC
Ty Sander, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
Jack Schaller, Olsson Associates
Brad Schleeter, Olsson Associates
Jason Schreckenberger, Civil Design, Inc.
Anne Schroer, GBA, Inc.
Steve Schultz, Bartlett & West, Inc.
Dick Scott, Olsson Associates
Cole Shippy, Alfred Benesch & Company
Jeff Smith, HNTB Corporation
Scott Smith, Lochmueller Group
Michael Spayd, Garver
Matt Spencer, Hg Consult, Inc.
Kandi Spraggs, TranSystems Corporation
Vernal Stewart, SE3, LLC
Dennis Stith, McClure
Gary Strack, Anderson Engineering, Inc.
Chris Tepen, Alfred Benesch & Company
Nicholas Thomas, Wilson & Company, Inc.
Chip Touzinsky, Kimley-Horn and Associates
Kevin Wallace, HNTB Corporation
Frank Weatherford, TranSystems Corporation
Joel Weinhold, Geotechnology, Inc.
Steve Wells, Hg Consult, Inc.
Todd Welz, Quigg Engineering, Inc.
Michael A. Wild, Burns & McDonnell
Christina Willson, Horner & Shiffrin, Inc.
Megan Wiskur, SE3, LLC
Srinivas Yanamanamanda, CBB
Sabin Yanez, CFS Engineers, P.A.
Pouya Yousefzadehfar, Garver
John Zimmermann, TranSystems Corp.

STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION OF ACEC/MO PROGRAMMING



Future Leaders Academy - continuing to prepare the next generation of leaders in the consulting engineering industry

Since 2010, ACEC/MO has been working to build leadership in the industry. This year the Future Leaders Academy Committee voted to expand the program from 3 in-person sessions to 4 in-person sessions, with additional programming in the areas of business etiquette and diversity/inclusion. FLA graduates also now attend a Council meeting in August to help them get involved.



The FLA program was great! It was highly engaging and encourages you to know your classmates by name, company, and discipline. There is an emphasis on building relationships and networking, while learning how to become a leader with a better understanding of our industry in general. ACEC encourages industry professionals to reach out to their individual State Representatives and Senators to establish a relationship with them. The program focused on this aspect, because it is important for our industry to have the ear of legislators and offer guidance to them when they are making decisions and voting on bills that impact our industry. - Aubrey Meyer, Affinis. 2022 Future Leaders Academy graduate.



Expanding our focus on environmental and energy

In 2023, ACEC Missouri partnered with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to conduct the first ever co-op meeting on energy and environmental issues. 10 speakers engaged with 30 members on the topics of alternative energy, electrification of transportation and PFAS.



Project Management Bootcamp

This year we offered the "Project Management Bootcamp" through our partner PSMJ. 31 people participated in this program in Columbia, MO during the month of April.



Business Development

ACEC/MO held a joint seminar in St. Louis with the Society of Marketing Professional Services entitled "Maximizing Your Business Development Return on Investment" by Richard Friedman.



Webinars

Through out the year, ACEC/MO hosted several webinars for members. Topics this year included marijuana in the workplace, employee retention and a report from the Missouri Attorney General on litigation surrounding WOTUS.

EXPANDING OUR PORTFOLIO

The Environmental & Energy seminar was developed as a way to try to provide more value and appeal for our ACEC Missouri membership by linking the hot topic of "energy" with transportation and environmental issues. Many of these issues are interrelated and affect most of our member firms in one way or another. We hope that this endeavor and future seminars that may be developed will grow our membership and provide additional value. - Mark Bross, Klingner & Associates, ACEC/MO Environmental Committee Co-Chair

ACEC/MO maintains 17 individual liaison committees that interact with various entities across the state. This includes the Corps of Engineers, Missouri Department of Transportation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, cities of Kansas City and St. Louis, Metropolitan Sewer District, just to name a few. These committees provide ACEC/MO members the access to information they need to make better decisions for their companies and clients.

To expand on the offerings surrounding our Council Meetings, we began offering site visits to engineering projects across the state. Members toured the Rocheport bridge project, the new SC Soccer Stadium in St. Louis, and the Springfield Watershed Project at the Midwest States Conference.

To encourage member participation at the Midwest States Conference, ACEC/MO changed the format to include more industry networking time, and added a National PAC event.



Topics covered via FLA, Council Meetings & Webinars:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diversity & Inclusion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employee recruitment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract Language |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 401K Plans | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cybersecurity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Legislation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design Build | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CEO Roundtables |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Legislation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workplace culture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Employee forecasts |

LIASION MEETINGS

39

Throughout the year

QUARTERLY COUNCIL MEETINGS

4

Across Kansas City, Springfield, St. Louis and mid Missouri

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

22

At Council Meetings and via Zoom calls



ENGAGING OUR CLIENTS

ACEC/MO member volunteers are the backbone of the organization and committee work is one of the most important benefits to our members. ACEC/MO offers its members a wide variety of committees and liaison committees tailored to the special interests of its members. This participation will dramatically increase the return on your dues investment in ACEC/MO. If you are an employee of a member firm, you have the opportunity to get involved by participating in a committee or liaison. The purpose of our committees is to provide members with the opportunity to improve working relationships with agency personnel, and work on public policy issues and other areas that affect the consulting engineering industry. Each liaison committee has its own agenda, but communications and problem-solving are primary concerns.



STANDING COMMITTEES

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Advisory | Governmental Affairs |
| Budget & Finance | Long Range Planning |
| Business Practices | Membership |
| Diversity | PAC Trustees |
| Engineering Excellence | Professional Procurement |
| Environmental | Programs & Seminars |
| Future Leaders | Transportation |

LIAISON COMMITTEES

Division of Facilities Management,
Design & Construction (FMDC)



OFFICE of ADMINISTRATION
Facilities Management, Design & Construction



City of Kansas City
Missouri (KCMO)

Kansas City Corps of
Engineers (KC COE)



US Army Corps
of Engineers®
Kansas City District



US Army Corps
of Engineers®
St. Louis District

St. Louis Corps of
Engineers (STL COE)

Metropolitan St. Louis
Sewer District (MSD)



Metropolitan
St. Louis
Sewer District



MISSOURI
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

Missouri Department of
Natural Resources
(MDNR)

Missouri Department of
Transportation (MoDOT -
Headquarters & 5 Districts)



MoDOT-ACECMO-AGC
Design/Build Forum

Professional Design Alliance (PDA)



St. Louis Construction Alliance (SL CA)



St. Louis Board of
Public Service (BPS)

St. Louis County



2023 Engineering Excellence Awards

Engineering Excellence Awards honor engineering achievements that demonstrate the highest degree of merit and ingenuity and provide a major contribution to technical, economic, or social advancement. An eminent panel of judges from outside the membership chose the 2023 winning projects from entries submitted across the state. Five of the top entries went on to compete at the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) competition in Washington, D.C.

Grand Conceptor Award

TranSystems, Kansas City

Project Title: Merchants Bridge Main Span Trusses & East Approach Replacement

Client/Owner: Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis



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Burns & McDonnell, Kansas City

Project Title: South/Central Terminal Baggage Handling

Client/Owner: Miami-Dade Aviation Department

EFK Moen, LLC, Ballwin

Project Title: MSD HQ Sustainable Entrance Improvements

Client/Owner: Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

Horner & Shifrin, Inc., O'Fallon

Project Title: Oglesby Park

Client/Owner: St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., St. Louis

Project Title: I-44 Over Meramec River and I-270 Interchange Improvements

Client/Owner: Missouri Department of Transportation

Walter P Moore & Associates, Inc., Kansas City

Project Title: GEODIS Park

Client/Owner: Nashville SC/Walsh Management, LLC

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ABNA Engineering, Inc., St. Louis

Project Title: Ameren Access Bridge Structure

Client/Owner: Ameren Missouri

Bartlett & West, Inc., Jefferson City

Project Title: Bicentennial Bridge to Adrian's Island

Client/Owner: City of Jefferson City, Missouri

Bartlett & West, Inc., Jefferson City

Project Title: I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector (Bella Vista Bypass)

Client/Owner: Missouri Department of Transportation

CFS Engineers, Kansas City

Project Title: Briarcliff Greenway Trail

Client/Owner: City of Kansas City, MO, Parks & Recreation

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Project Title: T.B. Hanna Station

Client/Owner: City of Raymore, MO, Parks & Recreation

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., St. Louis

Project Title: Joplin Regional Airport Runway 18/36 Reconstruction

Client/Owner: City of Joplin, MO

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., Springfield

Project Title: Route 160 Safety & Capacity Improvements

Client/Owner: Missouri Department of Transportation

Lochmueller Group, Inc., St. Louis

Project Title: North Lafayette Street Reconstruction for the City of Florissant

Client/Owner: City of Florissant

Oates Associates, Inc., St. Louis

Project Title: Lake Saint Louis Boulevard Roundabout

Client/Owner: City of Lake St. Louis, Missouri

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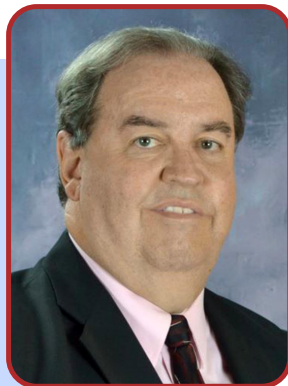
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2023 Policy Priorities

IIJA Implementation

Enactment of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) provides a historic opportunity to upgrade our transportation, water, energy, and communications networks to improve the quality of life for all Americans. The programs and projects funded over the next five years will facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods, improve safety, provide clean water, enhance environmental clean-up and mitigation, address the impacts of climate change, and provide new economic development opportunities for our communities.

ACEC Missouri requests that our members of Congress take the following positions:

- ✓ Ensure compliance with federal procurement rules so that contract terms and rates reflect actual costs and promote more utilization of value-based contracting.
- ✓ Protect project delivery reforms in the new law to reduce obstacles and facilitate efficient regulatory reviews.
- ✓ Adopt reasonable Buy America policies that accommodate access to necessary materials.
- ✓ Retain robust funding commitments in the law and reject reductions in user fees.



Project: Merchants Bridge Main Span Trusses & East Approach

Location: St. Louis, MO; & Illinois

The Merchants Bridge had exceeded its design life. Reconstruction of the bridge was completed by providing engineering components of the main span trusses, deck approaches and the east approach.

Project: I-44 Over Meramec River & I-270 Interchange Improvements

Location: St. Louis, MO

The project required careful design and planning due to its heavy commuter traffic and function as a busy freight route.

INFRA/MEGA Grants for Missouri Interstates

I-70 and I-44 are critical state and regional corridors and a nationally important interstate. Improving Missouri's interstates ensure that they continue to serve as a safe, efficient, and cost-effective facility for those traveling and moving goods within the state.

The Missouri Legislature is currently debating a plan to use surplus monies to help expand and rehabilitate I-70. ACEC Missouri supports this plan and asks the Missouri Congressional delegation to extend assistance and support to this effort, when possible, through additional federal grants and funding.



FAA Reauthorization

One of our top priorities is designing 21st century aviation infrastructure that supports the safe and reliable movement of people and goods. To that end, ACEC Missouri supports the following:

- ✓ The reauthorization bill should include a substantial increase in authorized annual funding for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and an expansion of eligible uses. Funding for AIP has been relatively flat for nearly 20 years, despite significant unmet needs as identified in the FAA National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems report.
- ✓ We also strongly support an expansion of AIP eligibility for terminal improvement projects, as undertaken in the IIJA. With passenger travel returning to pre-pandemic levels, these projects are essential to relieving congestion, improving safety, and enhancing the passenger experience, all of which will promote economic growth in and around the airport facility.
- ✓ ACEC also continues to call on Congress to lift the outdated cap on Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs). These local user fees are an essential component of funding and financing a wide array of projects. Many airports have fully leveraged their available financing options under the current cap; modernizing the PFC will provide an additional tool to meet their infrastructure needs.

R&D Innovation & Amortization

Since 1954, Section 174 of the federal tax code allowed businesses to deduct qualified research expenses in the year those costs were incurred. Congress created the related R&D tax credit in 1981.

As part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, Congress changed how taxpayers write off R&D expenses. Starting on January 1, 2022, firms could no longer write off R&D expenses in the year they were incurred and now must amortize those expenses over five years in most cases.

ACEC Missouri urges Congress to approve a repeal or multi-year delay of the R&D amortization requirement as soon as possible.

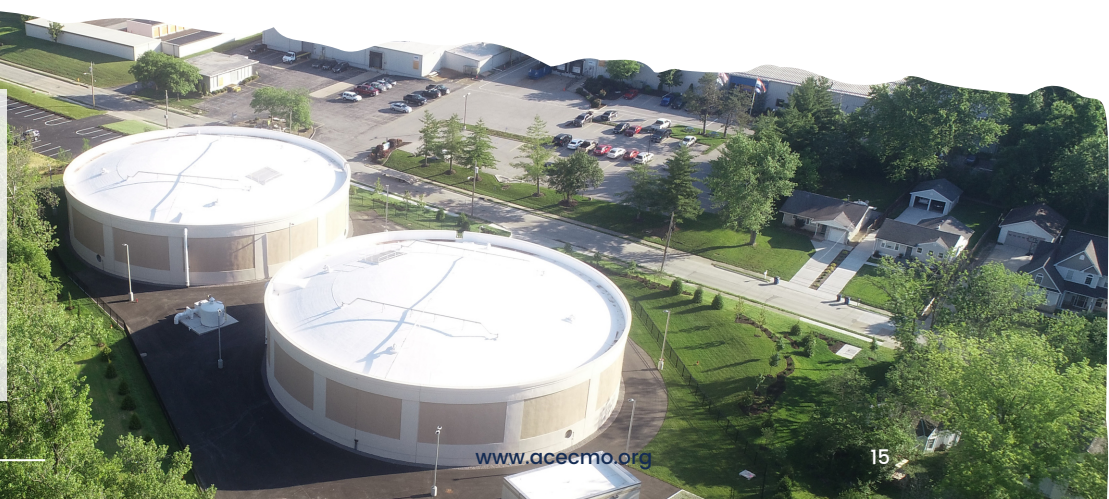
WOTUS

The Biden Administration published a final rule on January 18, 2023, to revise the definition of “waters of the United States.” 88 Fed. Reg. 3,004. This new rule will only create more confusion for consulting engineers and will inevitably slow down many of the important economic drivers that benefit our communities. This unnecessary regulatory red tape places a burden on landowners and small businesses, while stripping the states of their historic regulatory role. We need clean water and clear rules, which the final rule falls far short of delivering. ACEC Missouri supports concise regulatory language and certainty on the issue of WOTUS regulations.

Project: Gravois Trunk Sanitary Storage Facility

Location: Chesterfield, MO

This is a wet-weather sanitary storage facility that allows MSD to eliminate two significant Constructed Sanitary Sewer Overflow Outfalls into Gravois Creek.





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