

# General Information & Member Benefits



*ACEC Missouri*

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Missouri*

**ACEC Missouri Members – Designing the  
World Around You**

# About Our Association

## About ACEC Missouri

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri (ACEC/MO) is an organization of professional engineering firms in private practice. ACEC/MO is a founding member organization of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) headquartered in Washington, D.C.

The objectives of the organization as expressed in its Strategic Plan are: Business Affairs, Public Affairs, Governmental Affairs, and Organizational Affairs.

Member firms in Missouri benefit from an active participation in ACEC/MO through committee activities that focus on business issues important to the conduct of their businesses both in the state and at the national level.

# Vision

In 2022, ACEC/MO updated their strategic plan, which will provide the organization a blueprint for the next 5 years. ACEC/MO members convened for an intensive one-day retreat with follow up phone calls where they worked on priorities and the direction of ACEC/MO. It's the diversity of opinions and experiences that we bring together which makes us stronger as an organization. That strategic plan has been presented to the membership and your Board of Directors is excited to see what this organization can achieve by working towards common goals and objectives.

The culmination of this work resulted in 5 focuses for ACEC/MO members and staff to work on.

## Focus

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



# Governmental Affairs

## It's job #1 at ACEC Missouri

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.



### 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.



# 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

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

## LIAISON COMMITTEES

**Division of Facilities Management,  
Design & Construction (FMDC)**



**City of Kansas City  
Missouri (KCMO)**

**Kansas City Corps of  
Engineers (KC COE)**



**St. Louis Corps of  
Engineers (STL COE)**

**Metropolitan St. Louis  
Sewer District (MSD)**



**Missouri Department of  
Natural Resources  
(MDNR)**

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



**MoDOT-ACECMO-AGC  
Design/Build Forum**

**MoDOT Consultant Advisory  
Committee**



**Professional Design Alliance (PDA)**



**St. Louis Board of  
Public Service (BPS)**

**St. Louis County**



**Structural Assessment and Visual  
Evaluation (SAVE) Coalition**



# Awards



## Engineering Excellence Awards & QBS Awards

ACEC/MO offers your firm the opportunity to showcase its creativity with the annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition. This program promotes public awareness of engineering and how important it is to everyone's life. The top state winners are eligible to enter their projects in the national competition.

ACEC/MO also has an annual QBS Award where we recognize governmental and non-governmental agencies for their use of the QBS process.



# Meetings & Seminars



ACEC/MO holds quarterly meetings which are held in Columbia, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Osage Beach and St. Louis alternately during the year to provide easy access for the majority of member firms. The meetings provide forums for sharing ideas and experiences between experienced managers in engineering and often lead to partnering on projects in the state.

The Council also provides business-related seminars for member firms throughout the year. ACEC/MO can provide attendees at these seminars with professional development hours (PDH's). ACEC/MO seminars during the normal year collectively provide for a total of eighteen plus (18 +) PDH's. ACEC/MO hosts an annual seminar with PSMJ to provide more PDH's for members. ACEC/MO also holds an annual Future Leaders Academy with 36.5 PDH's.

Meetings are also held twice a year by ACEC in different locations across the United States. The Fall Conference is normally held in September/October and the Annual Conference (Spring) is normally held in April/May. These conferences provide for expanded forums on business related issues for member firms through a series of seminars tailored to meet the conference objectives.



# Insurance

Many member firms in ACEC/MO participate in insurance programs that are available through ACEC. These programs are cost effective and include: life, health, dental and vision plans, business and professional liability insurance plans, and retirement plans. All new member firms are urged to inquire into these plans and take advantage of any savings that might accrue to them as a member of ACEC/MO. Often, the money that ACEC/MO member firms save by participating in these programs more than pays for the cost of their membership investment.



# Publications

ACEC/MO and ACEC maintain contact with members through various publications sent routinely to member firms. ACEC/MO publishes a “Newsletter” that goes out each month to members, an Annual Report, and a directory of all member firms. ACEC/MO also sends out a weekly legislative report to all member representatives during the session.

ACEC/MO’s website ([www.acecmo.org](http://www.acecmo.org)) provides members with an even more effective service. We provide timely information on upcoming meetings and seminars, legislative updates, and other industry news. The website also contains an ACEC/MO member roster where potential clients are able to search by firm, areas of practice and location.

ACEC publishes “The Last Word”, weekly blog, the “Engineering, Inc.,” a national magazine that is published every two-months, and a national directory of all member organizations, which is online.

ACEC also operates and maintains a complete “Bookshop” in Washington devoted to publications related to the Business practices of member firms.





# Summary of Benefits

- Have a voice and be a part of our advocacy efforts.
- Receive members-only alerts on issues critical to your business.
- Earn professional development credits at member rates.
- Access competitive rates through ACEC Trust Programs.
- Provides a forum for sharing experiences and exchanging ideas.
- Offers opportunities for business contacts, partnering and marketing.
- Unifies the voice of the engineering design industry.
- Allows participation in a group improving business conditions.
- Enhances the image of engineers as a prestigious organization of professionals.
- Protects legislative and regulatory interests.
- Speaks for the profession at both the state and federal government level.
- Offers business practice advice, training programs, seminars, and provides a central information source.
- Provides beneficial and cost-effective insurance programs.
- Promotes qualifications-based selection through the use of a QBS Manual and QBS Brochure.
- Promotes quality through peer review program.

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