

**General Information About the
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The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the voice of America's engineering industry. Council members – numbering more than 5,000 firms representing more than 600,000 employees throughout the country – are engaged in a wide range of engineering works that propel the nation's economy, and enhance and safeguard America's quality of life. These works allow Americans to drink clean water, enjoy a healthy life, take advantage of new technologies, and travel safely and efficiently. The Council's mission is to contribute to America's prosperity and welfare by advancing the business interests of member firms.

ACEC's roots date back to 1909 when a small group of engineers in private practice established the American Institute of Consulting Engineers (AICE), the forerunner of ACEC. Today ACEC is a large federation of 52 state and regional councils representing the great breadth of America's engineering industry. ACEC member firms employ more than hundreds of thousands of engineers, architects, land surveyors, scientists, and other specialists, responsible for more than \$200 billion of private and public works annually. Member firms range in size from a single registered professional engineer to corporations employing thousands of professionals.

Governance

ACEC is governed by a national board of directors representing state and regional councils, called Member Organizations (MOs). A national Executive Committee acts for the Board when the Board is not in session. The President and a professional staff of 45 administer the Council's core programs. The board meets twice a year to determine the Council's policies and directives, which then are implemented and administered by a nine-member **Executive Committee** made up of ACEC's national volunteer officers. The Executive Committee meets four times a year.

ACEC's programs are managed by its President, the chief staff executive, who is assisted by a Vice President (COO) and a senior management group. Funding for ACEC's programs and activities comes from dues paid by the 52 Member Organizations, plus other income generated primarily by the sale of publications and by its meetings and seminars. The Board of Directors, the Executive Committee and ACEC's senior management group regularly review the Council's programs to ensure they provide value to members while meeting the Council's *strategic plan*, which focuses on:

WHAT WE DO: OUR CORE PURPOSE

To promote the business interests of engineering companies
by providing legislative advocacy and business services.

WHAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO: OUR CORE VALUES

Creating a better future through:

- Improving the quality of life through the application of science and technology
- Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public in the built environment
 - Adhering to a high level of ethical conduct in business practices
 - Promoting sustainability in the natural and built environments

WHERE WE ARE GOING: OUR VISION

To be the lead organization promoting the business interests of companies
providing professional knowledge and services for the built environment.