

### SPECIFIC MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR

- October 7-10** ~ ACEC Fall Conference  
La Quinta Golf Resort, Palm Springs, CA
- October 22** – ACEC-SC/SCDOT Annual Meeting & Trade Show, Seawell's Columbia
- November 13** – Annual Fall Golf Tournament, Charleston
- January, 19, 2010** – Legislative Reception – Clarion Hotel, Columbia
- February 9** – Engineering Excellence Awards Reception and Gala, Columbia
- March 10** – ACEC-SC Winter Meeting, Seawell's Columbia, SC
- March 19-21** – ACEC-SC Strategic Planning Retreat, Wild Dunes, Charleston
- April 12** – ACEC-SC Scholarship Golf Tournament, Columbia
- April 25-28** – ACEC Annual Convention & Consulting Congress Day
- June 10-13** – 2010 SC Engineering Conference, Marriott Hotel, Charleston, SC

### MEMBERSHIP

Engineering firms with current Certificates of Authorization from the SC Department of Labor Licensing & Regulation are eligible as regular members. Completed applications signed by an ACEC-SC member are approved by the Board of Directors.



ACEC-SC membership is linked to ACEC membership. A firm may not be a member of one without being a member of the other. However, branch offices of ACEC member firms only pay state dues, if the home office already pays national dues.

### SPECIAL DUES FOR ACEC-SC/ACEC NEW MEMBERS

Engineering firms who join for the first time qualify for a special reduced fee. New firms pay only one-third of their annual dues the first year and two-thirds annual dues the next year with the firm paying full dues the third year.

Dues are based on the number of full time equivalent employees working in South Carolina. This number includes all engineers, other professionals, and all support staff.

#### **Dues Examples:**

One person firm:

ACEC-SC Annual Dues \$354.

ACEC Annual Dues \$404

**Special \$251.47**

Five person firm;

ACEC-SC 3-Index Dues \$1,062

ACEC 2.5-Index Dues \$778

**Special \$544.00**

15 person firm:

ACEC-SC 4-Index Dues \$1,416

ACEC 4.5-Index Dues \$1,458

**Special \$831.78**

20 person firm:

ACEC-SC 5-Index Dues \$1,770

ACEC 5.5-Index Dues \$1,719

**Special \$1,013.85**

30 person firm:

ACEC-SC 6-Index Dues \$2,124

ACEC 7-Index Dues \$2,168

**Special \$1,242.92**

50 person firm:

ACEC-SC 8-Index Dues \$2,832

ACEC 9.4-Index Dues \$2,902

**Special \$1, 660.06**



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# ACEC

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of South Carolina*

# MEANS BUSINESS



ACEC-SC and ACEC are a dynamic affiliation for engineering companies throughout America. ACEC-SC concentrates its activities within the state of South Carolina and coordinates national activities with ACEC for governmental affairs, professional, business committees, various programs and services.

### RECENT ACEC-SC STATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Major Tort Reform
- Workers Compensation
- Buy South Carolina
- Engineering and Surveying Regulations



### RECENT ACEC NATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 9 % A/E tax deduction
- QBS protection
- Funding for transportation, water and energy
- Reduced government competition
- Liability protections
- Regulatory, procurement and labor reforms



ACEC-SC's mission is to promote and protect the business interests and professional standards of engineers in the state of South Carolina; and to improve member firms' ability to profitably provide quality services to their clients.



### ACEC-SC ACHIEVES ITS MISSION BY:

#### ACEC-SC ENGINEERING FIRM ADVOCACY

- **Presence at the State House and major state agencies.** Lobbyist covers committees, general session, and commission meetings.
- **ACEC-SC Political Action.** Last election cycle ACEC-SC PAC contributed over \$20,000 to legislators.
- **Buy South Carolina advocate.** ACEC-SC wants to keep its firms working.
- **Qualification Based Selection advocate.** ACEC-SC contacts public agencies when engineers are asked for bids informing them of state and federal laws requiring QBS.

#### ACEC-SC INFORMATION SOURCES

- **ACEC-SC Reports** – frequent e-newsletters with news for SC firms.
- **www.acecsc.org** – website, updated frequently includes calendar.
- **ACEC-SC Directory** – Distribution - member firms, state agencies, city and county offices.
- **ACEC Last Word** – ACEC weekly e-newsletter from Washington, DC
- **Engineering Inc.** – ACEC monthly magazine sent to members and decision makers.
- **www.acec.org** – Website includes all member firms. It is for member and a marketing tool for those seeking engineering services.



#### CONTINUING EDUCATION

ACEC-SC Member Firms' principals and employees have the opportunity to acquire professional development hours through the various meetings, programs and workshops ACEC-SC offers. Member discounts are available.

#### MEMBER ACTIVITIES

- **Legislative Committee** – Reviews legislative issues for ACEC-SC action

- **ACEC-SC PAC** – Members are encouraged to contribute directly to the PAC, and participate in the annual Fall Golf Tournament whose proceeds go to the ACEC-SC PAC.



- **ACEC PAC** – Members are encouraged to donate to this national PAC, which historically contributes significantly to the SC Congressional Delegation. The ACEC PAC is among the top 5 PACs in Washington with a war chest of near \$1 Million.
- **Annual Legislative Reception** for the SC General Assembly, Constitutional Officers and state agencies.
- **Consulting Congress Day in Washington, DC.** Engineers meet their congressmen and senators to discuss engineering issues and funding.
- **Environmental Committee** – Works with SC DHEC.
- **Transportation Committee** – Is the most active in ACEC-SC, meets regularly and then its designated members meet quarterly with SCDOT.
- **Engineering Excellence Committee** – Firms may enter projects designed in South Carolina in this annual competition.
- **Awards Committee** – ACEC-SC gives two significant awards annually, the Service to the Profession and the Professional Service Award.
- **Scholarship Committee** – ACEC-SC provides two \$3,500 scholarships to rising juniors or seniors at EAC/ABET SC colleges.
- **Small Firms Committee** – Looks out for firms with 30 or fewer employees.
- **Education Committee** – Reviews education programs ACEC-SC offers.
- **Membership Committee** – Leads membership drives and works to retain member firms. Two year goal is 100 member firms.
- **State Engineer / Large Agency Ad Hoc Committee** – Works on State procurement issues.