



2019 JUNE NEWSLETTER: THE CONNECTOR

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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Illinois

KEEPING UP WITH THE MEMBERS



Pictured:
Greg Cook (Farnsworth), Representative
Mike Marron, Matt Davidson and Jack Liang

ACEC Illinois members attending State
Representative District 104, Mike
Marron's session wrap up.



COMMITTEE LISTS

ACEC Illinois Committee Lists will be emailed
out *the week of July 8th!*
Be looking for these in your inbox.



DUES HAVE BEEN SENT

ACEC Illinois membership dues have been
mailed out! If you have any questions please
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UPGRADING YOUR CYBER SECURITY

This material is provided for informational purposes only. Before taking any action that could have legal or other important consequences, confer with a qualified professional who can provide guidance that considers your unique circumstances; including applicable employment laws.

Ransomware. Social engineering attacks. Fileless, zero-footprint assaults. Security breaches. Fund transfer fraud.

They sound like perils out of a James Bond novel that even the venerable 007 would have difficulty overcoming. But in truth, these are real life dangers facing all companies, large and small; including design firms. These dangers may fall under the umbrella of cyber liability.

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Alfred Benesch & Company | ACEC-IL Newsletter Article

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Over the past six years, the I-240 corridor, which curls around eastern Memphis, TN, and connects motorists to the Memphis International Airport, has been under constant construction. When the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) was faced with the urgent need to replace or repair four deficient structures on I-240, shutting the interstate down for weeks at a time to make it happen simply wasn't an option. With traffic levels of approximately 180,000 vehicles per day, TDOT wanted this critical project, dubbed MemFix 4, completed quickly with minimal impact to travelers.

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save the date UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 25

Emerging Professionals - Mix & Mingle with *Guest Speaker: Representative Marcus Evans*
Maize and Mash in Glen Ellyn, IL

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AUGUST 8

Bloomington, IL
IEPA/IDNR Nutrient Reduction Session

AUGUST 22

St. Louis, MO
Cardinal Party Suite: Business, Brats & Beer

SEPTEMBER 24

Chicago, IL
ACEC Illinois Principals and Owners Summit

SEPTEMBER 25

Springfield, IL
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OCTOBER 29

Suburbs
IDOT Phase 1 Seminar

NOVEMBER 14

Bloomington, IL
ACEC Illinois Fall Conference & Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 19
Chicago, IL
ACEC Illinois Winter Board Meeting

FEBRUARY 20
Chicago, IL
2020 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala

JUNE 11
Bloomington, IL
ACEC Illinois Spring Meeting & Board Meeting

JUNE 12
Bloomington, IL
Spring Golf Outing

Bender Joins ACEC as Engineers Double Down on Advocacy

Washington, DC – Doubling down on its recent wins in tax reform, the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation’s engineering industry – recently announced the hire of veteran lobbyist and association leader Dave Bender to its DC advocacy team. Bender, who most recently served as President of ACEC-IL (the federation’s Illinois branch,) has been brought on as the organization works to leverage the strength of its growing PAC and experienced policy shop in support of their 5,600 member engineering firms.

According to **ACEC President & CEO, Linda Bauer Darr**, engineers face a dynamic policy environment, which include both the threats of commoditization of their profession, challenges to licensure standards, and qualifications-based selection (versus price selection) as well as significant opportunities to press for greater infrastructure investment and private market growth.

During consideration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, ACEC pulled out a last-minute win with passage of language that secured access to the new 20 percent tax deduction for passthrough firms, which represent the majority of ACEC’s membership. This victory saved engineering firms millions and raised the profile of the 100+ year old organization.

“Dave is a known quantity in our industry. He’s part of the ACEC family with a track record of success in Illinois,” said **ACEC Chair, Manish Kothari**. “Dave served the state of Illinois in cabinet agencies and in the Governor’s office for years and has 20 years of association management experience, so he understands our firms, the industry and government. He will use those strengths to hit the ground running. Our members are fortunate to have him on the team.”

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WEBINAR SUGGESTIONS:

ACEC-IL is proud to announce we have expanded our educational outreach to include Webinars.

This affords our membership greater flexibility in participation of sessions which aim at enhancing business productivity. If there is a topic that you would like to see presented, please contact us at bethany@acecil.org

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