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Sargent & Lundy Acquires ARES Corporation's Energy Business

Transaction positions Sargent & Lundy for substantial expansion in government services capacity

CHICAGO - **Sargent & Lundy**, one of the oldest and most experienced power engineering consulting companies in the world, announced today it has acquired ARES Corporation's energy business, ARES Energy Services Division (ESD) effective May 1. The transaction positions Sargent & Lundy to achieve significant growth in the government services sector.

ARES ESD, an engineering solutions business focused on the nuclear sector, primarily serves the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). It has core competencies in engineering and design; facility operations, management and maintenance; project management; and safety, security and risk management, which greatly complement Sargent & Lundy's own core competencies in comprehensive engineering,



WE NEED YOU – to fill out a survey!

The ACEC-IDOT Policies Subcommittee is collecting input and feedback from the engineering consulting industry to identify key issues and challenges relating to procedures that could be improved in collaboration with the IDOT Central

project development and implementation services, energy business consulting and environmental services for new and operating power generation assets.

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Office. Feedback obtained will help guide the subcommittee for future coordination with IDOT. The survey is short and only takes a few minutes to complete.

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CALL FOR SUBMITTALS 2019 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The **ACEC-Illinois 2019 Community Service Award** is intended to recognize ACEC-Illinois members for their accomplishments in community service.

APPLICATION: [HERE](#)

NAME OF AWARD: Community Service Award.

ELIGIBILITY: Any ACEC-Illinois member

DEADLINE: 3:00pm on Thursday, June 6, 2019

1. All applications must be completed and submitted electronically to Bethany@acecil.org
2. The submittal fee of \$100 must be received by the ACEC Illinois Office by June 6th, 2019.
3. Mail submittal fee to:
ACEC Illinois, 5221 S. 6th St. Rd., Springfield, IL 62703

AGENCY NEWS

SNOW 'ROADEO' PROMOTES SAFETY THROUGH COMPETITION, FUN

On a hot and humid September day in Edwardsville, volunteers and contestants of the 2018 American Public Works Association - Illinois Chapter Snow Rodeo were improbably focused on winter driving conditions.

The Snow Rodeo provided friendly competition and a chance for public works employees to show off their talent and skills behind the wheel of a highway maintenance truck by driving through an obstacle course. Other competitions included a vehicle inspection, a written test and a mini-excavator skills test.

Thirteen local jurisdictions participated in this one-day event.

"The purpose of this event is training for all the people involved," said Bob Hotz of Volkert Engineer, event chair. "The snow plow drivers need to think about their speed, accuracy and equipment, and if there are any equipment problems, they need to be addressed before they get on the road."

As a gold sponsor providing six volunteers and playing a major role in planning, IDOT is an important partner for this event. The IDOT Technology Transfer Center created and facilitated the written test for the event.

"The reason we are pushing this event is safety for all of our snow plow operators," said [Barry Kent](#),



A team from O'Fallon weaves through traffic barrels in the Snow Rodeo obstacle course.

Technology Transfer Center program manager. "We get local agencies such as counties, road districts and municipalities to participate. It's a fun competition, and they get to learn a little about safety."



The Highland Public Works Department wins the traveling trophy for the seventh time.

Contestants competed in several categories, including "best dressed" snow plow, for which snow-related artwork was added to plow blades. This year's category winner was the

Bloomington Public Works Department.

The traveling trophy, the most coveted award of the event, went to the Highland Public Works Department, their seventh championship.

In addition, there was a friendly celebrity competition between Edwardsville Mayor Hal Patton and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Chancellor Randall Pembroke, in which both raced through the obstacle course while striving for accuracy and the fastest completion time. In the end, Patton beat out Pembroke to win the Gold Shovel Award.

Jim Karch, Bloomington Public Works Director, said this event would not be possible without the support of IDOT. The event was enjoyed by all, and rematches are planned for 2019.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 SPRING MEETING GATHER GOLF & GOODBYE

June 6, 2019

12:00pm IDOT Consultant Awards & Luncheon

2:00pm ACEC Illinois Board of Directors' Meeting
General Membership Meeting
Induction of new Board Members & Service Awards

5:30-6:30pm - Cocktail Hour

6:30-8:30pm - Dinner & Farewell to Dave Bender, ACEC Illinois
President & CEO



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June 7, 2019

7:00am Golf Outing Registration

8:00am Shotgun Start

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CBBEL VP Recognized with Award from American Academy of Water Resources Engineers

2019 Service to the Academy Award honors Kay Whitlock's contributions to the organization



Rosemont, Ill. (May 22, 2019) – The American Academy of Water Resources Engineers honored Kay Whitlock, PE, D.WRE and Vice President at Rosemont-based Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. with the 2019 Service to the Academy Award. The recognition came Monday at a ceremony during the Environmental & Water Resources Institute Congress in Pittsburgh.

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BRADLEY UNIVERSITY 2019 OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

Minal Hahm of M Squared

Minal Hahm presented with the 2019 Outstanding Alumnus Award by Bradley University CEC Advisory Board. The award recognizes those graduates like Minal, who bring the highest distinction to themselves, their community, and to Bradley University's engineering department.



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WELCOME P.J. FITZPATRICK, PE TO KASKASKIA ENGINEERING



Kaskaskia Engineering Group, LLC (KEG) is excited to announce that P.J. Fitzpatrick, PE, has joined the firm and will lead the new Geneva, Illinois, office!

P.J. has over 30 years of experience leading the planning, design, and construction of transportation-related projects in Northern Illinois. P.J. looks to establish and grow the Geneva office to better serve our clients throughout IDOT Districts 1, 2, and 3; the Illinois Tollway; and the INDOT LaPorte District.

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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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