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NEWSLETTER:  
**THE CONNECTOR**



## LEADERSHIP & POLICY BRIEFING

ACEC ILLINOIS PRESIDENT & CEO - KEVIN ARTL

### ***Governor Announces 2022/2023 State Budget***



Amidst an avalanche of federal cash, Gov. Pritzker outlined his 2022/2023 \$45.8 billion budget proposal that proposes nearly \$1 billion in various tax relief programs, provides additional funding for the state pension program and creates a rainy day fund. This year's budget is in stark contrast to the one the Governor issued two years ago when he advocated for an across the board income tax increase to in order to fund government functions and pay obligated expenses—that tax increase measure was rejected by voters in 2020.

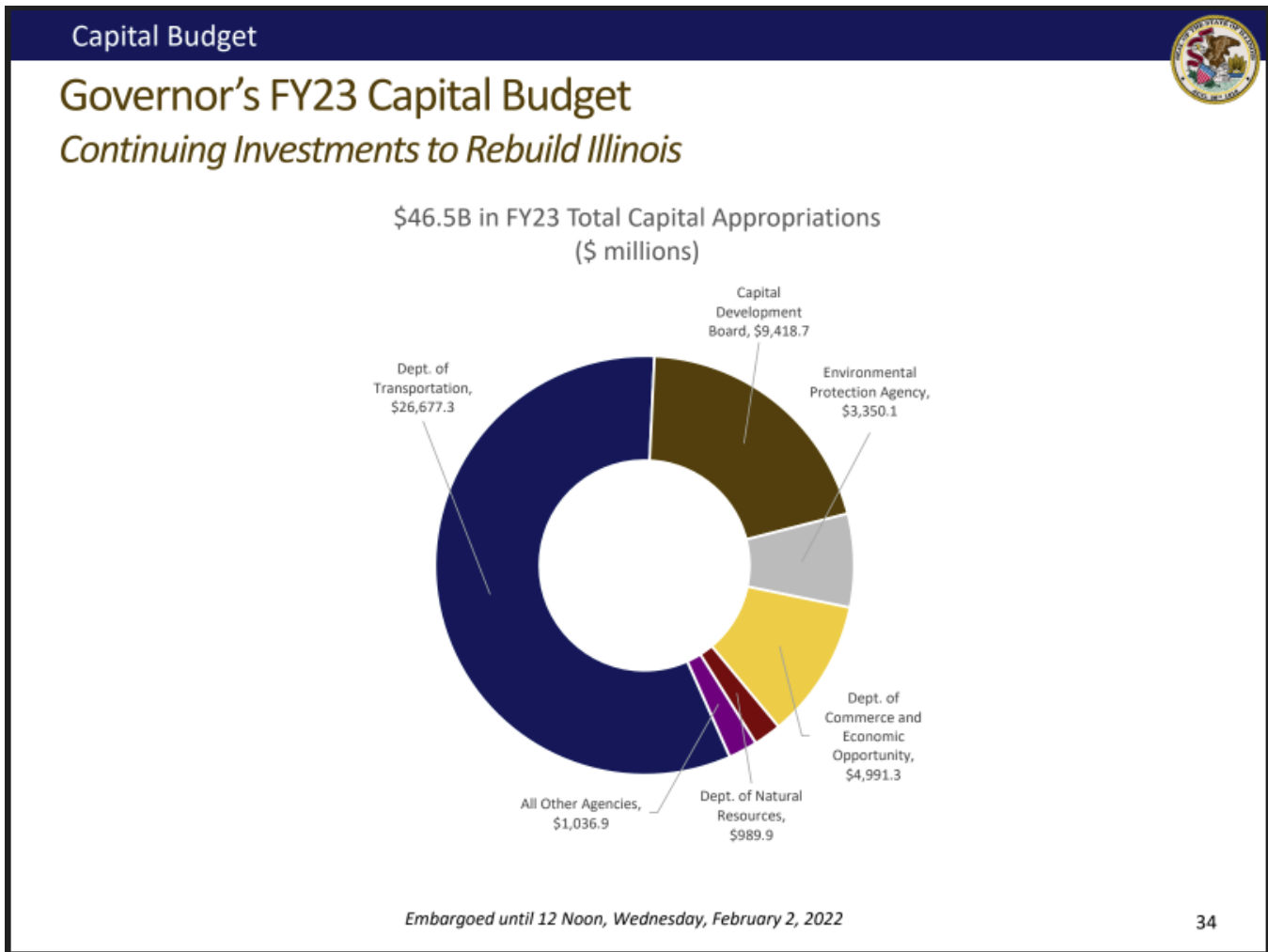
The tax relief portion of the Governor's budget proposal includes:

- **Grocery Tax Freeze (\$360 million):** One-year holiday from state sales taxes on essential groceries
- **Property Tax Rebates (\$475 million):** One-time property tax rebate payment to Illinois homeowners of 5% of property taxes paid up to \$300 for those eligible for an income tax credit
- **Gas Tax Suspension (\$135 million):** One-year freeze on a scheduled cost of living increase in the motor fuel tax
- **License Fee Waivers (\$38 million):** One-year waiver of license fees for frontline healthcare workers and liquor license fees for bars and restaurants

ACEC Illinois has been in contact with the Governor's office regarding the one-year freeze on the gas tax and we have outlined our concerns with that position for both this fiscal year the potential for

# Governor Pritzker's Budget Proposal

click the image below for the entire budget proposal



## TFIC, Operators React to Budget Proposal



*The Transportation for Illinois Coalition, an umbrella organization of business, labor and infrastructure groups that advocates for federal and state transportation funding, today issued the following statement in response to Gov. Pritzker's proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget plan:*

*"We are concerned about the Governor's proposal to skip the expected small increase in the state's motor fuel tax this summer, as part of his plan to provide tax relief in the upcoming budget year.*

*We understand the desire to address drivers' concerns with current high gas prices. But this change – skipping an expected increase of 2.2 cents per gallon scheduled for July 1 – will save the average driver a maximum of less than \$1 per fill up.*

*While those savings will take a long time to make a difference in the daily commute for drivers, the \$135 million in revenue loss to the state's Road Fund will be more significant and long lasting.*

*For many years, Illinois diverted money intended for road and bridge construction into other needs and allowed revenues to fall short of inflation, creating a huge backlog of billions of dollars in infrastructure needs. In 2019, we worked with the Legislature and Gov. Pritzker to increase the state's motor fuel tax to begin to address the backlog, and to tie the tax in the future to a cost-of-living increase each summer to keep up with increasing construction costs.*

*Taking \$135 million out of the planned construction program now will have a more significant impact over several years, as projects that could be planned with those funds will be delayed. At the same time, revenues will not keep up with rising inflation-driven construction costs. It also could create a political temptation to skip future scheduled small tax increases that will worsen our funding problem.*

*We encourage the Governor and Legislature to carefully consider this change and weigh whether the small relief for consumers will be worth the larger costs to the state's infrastructure system – costs that we all pay."*

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*While Local 150 supports the Governor's plan to seek tax relief for families during these difficult times, providing that relief by raiding \$135 million from Illinois' road fund is not a responsible option.*

*Only a week ago, we saw a bridge collapse in Pennsylvania, and there are currently more than 2,000 structurally deficient bridges in Illinois. Our state is only beginning to make progress on this, and now is not the time to start writing IOU's for our critical infrastructure.*

*When 80 percent of Illinois voters passed the Safe Roads Amendment in 2016, they made clear their opposition to political interference with the road fund. Investing in the safety of our infrastructure is popular with voters of every political stripe in Illinois, and voters overwhelmingly disapprove of diverting money from the road fund.*

*There are ways for the Governor to accomplish his goal without short-changing the road fund, and we look forward to engaging in a meaningful dialogue with his office in the days to come to find solutions that provide relief without compromising safety or economic competitiveness.*

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## **Springfield Legislative Watch**

**HB 4357:** This legislation would move Illinois away from the Federal DBE program and into a new model with statewide goals not driven by individual project evaluation or a disparity study. Programs that do not follow Federal guidelines will not receive Federal Transportation Funding.

While ACEC IL testified in opposition to the legislation, we have met with the bill sponsor and are committed to working with him to reduce barriers to entry that do not create greater bureaucracy for our firms or threaten the delivery of billions in Federal transportation dollars.

**SB 2981:** Design Build Legislation that provides authority to IDOT and Tollway to utilize Design Build, Progressive Design Build and CMGC procurement and delivery methods.

**SB 3796:** Makes the Illinois Tollway Executive Director a position that requires Senate confirmation and codifies that role as the CEO of the Tollway.

**SB 3742:** Student loan repayment bonus for Illinois engineering graduates who work for IDOT for 5 years.

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===== PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN =====

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## *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Resources*

### [State apportionments for FY22 for the bridge formula program of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.](#)

The IIJA appropriated \$5.5 billion for FY'22 for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, protection, and construction. Of that amount, 15% is set aside for "off-system" bridges not on roads on the National Highway System. The federal share for off-system bridges owned by a local agency (e.g. county, city, town, municipality) is 100%.

The formula for distribution to the states is 75% by the proportion of the total cost of replacing all bridges classified in poor condition, and 25% by the proportion of the total cost of rehabilitating all bridges classified in fair condition. Each state is guaranteed a minimum of \$45 million.

Note that the IIJA also includes a discretionary competitive grant program for bridges totaling \$12.5 billion over five years. U.S. DOT has not announced the notice of funding availability yet for that program.

### [White House Memo to Congress documenting 60 days of implementation actions on the infrastructure bill.](#)

### [White House Memo on Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments](#)

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Thanks,  
Kevin Artl  
President and CEO  
American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois

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## LEGISLATION

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**16,914** bills introduced in the  
101st and 102nd General  
Assembly Sessions

ACEC Illinois tracked **183** bills  
that impacted our member firms

ACEC Illinois testified in **5**  
legislative hearings

# ACEC

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of Illinois

**2.23.2022 LEGISLATIVE LOBBY DAY**

**Stratton Building - CDB Board Room**  
**401 S. Spring St. Ste 3, Springfield, IL**  
8am Morning Connect - Coffee & Briefing  
Noon - Lunch in Board Room  
1pm Scheduled Meetings

**Buzz Bomb Brewing Company**  
**406 E Adams St., Springfield, IL**  
4:30pm-6pm - Happy Hour & Networking



Legislative Lobby Day gives our legislators face time with our ACEC Illinois members to help them understand the human impact of engineering in our state. Attendees will meet with State Representatives and State Senators to discuss REBUILD Illinois, pending infrastructure legislation and other matters coming before the legislature.

We will be following all regulations and recommendations of Public Health for this event. Additional health and safety information will be sent closer to the event.

Register [Here](#)

## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Scott Harding, CPSS/SC**  
**President & CEO**  
**SCI Engineering Inc.**

- How long have you been in the Engineering industry?
  - I have been involved with the AEC Industry for 28 years.
- What position(s) have you held within the ACEC-IL organization?
  - I have sat on numerous committees but chaired the IEPA/IDNR committee

and co-chaired the Regional Luncheons committee.

- **What's the number one reason firms should become an ACEC-IL member?**
    - Not many other organizations can garner the attention of the legislators that ACEC Illinois can, and firms should become members of ACEC Illinois to give their industry and their companies a voice on issues that are important to them. Our organization does a great job at the state and federal levels promoting the issues that are important to our industry.
  - **What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**
    - In the warmer months, you can find me golfing and, in the winter, I am snow skiing out west.
  - **Tell us one fun fact about yourself.**
    - I live on an old dairy farmstead and still have a few goats in the barn that are remnant farm pets from when my kids still lived at home.
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## MEMBER FIRM SPOTLIGHT



### **Michael Baker International**

- **How long have you been in the engineering industry?**
  - Michael Baker has been in business for more than 80 years. We've been in IL since 1972.
- **What projects are you currently working on?**
  - Harlem Avenue Phase I – IDOT, McClugage Bridge Ph. III – IDOT, Cook County Ph. III, Cedar Street Ph. I/II – IDOT, ISTHA – Ph. II/III, ISTHA GEC, IDOT BBS V/V
- **What project are you most proud of?**
  - Michael Baker International serves as project lead and managing partner for IDOT's McClugage Bridge Reconstruction Construction Management team of IDOT District 4, HR Green, Inc., Hermann & Associates, LLC, Illinois Construction & Environmental Consulting, Inc., Infrastructure Engineering, Inc., Kaskaskia Engineering Group, LLC, Maurer-Stutz, Inc., Terra Engineering, LTD, and Images, Inc. The project's construction cost is approximately \$167 million and work on the eastbound bridge continues to progress in 2022. The bridge will span 0.9 miles and have 24 piers, most of which require cofferdam construction techniques and special consideration for temperature control of mass concrete. The design features a signature 652-foot deck tied arch span over the navigational channel. The new structure will improve capacity, increase safety, reduce travel times and give additional access with bicycle and pedestrian accommodations.
  - Project challenges, for the Contractor, have included river access, flooding, and coordination of mass concrete mix design. Cofferdam construction and inspection has presented several principal hazards and risks associated with

this type of work, which include failure or overtopping of the cofferdam, falls from height into excavation or the river, and noise and vibration from piling operations. MBI project staff developed and implemented cofferdam safety training as part of the project health and safety plan in order to minimize personnel exposure to risk.

- **What has been the biggest benefit of you joining ACEC-IL?**
  - ACEC-IL gives a unified and powerful voice to our industry. The organization advocates for engineers and engineering companies, promoting the value and importance of good engineering by qualified experts.
- **Why do you feel firms should join ACEC-IL?**
  - Being a member of ACEC-IL gives a firm a unified and powerful voice in our industry. It offers excellent educational and networking opportunities as well as group rates on life, health and business insurance services and discounts on multiple items and services we use every day.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

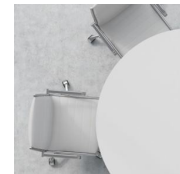
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## **Tax Credits & Incentives 2022 Update for Engineering Firms**

February 3, 2022 1pm - 2pm

Join Tri-Merit to discuss new tax laws that could impact engineering firms.

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## **PSMJ - Project Management Boot Camp**

February 9, 2022 8:30 am to February 10, 2022 3:30 pm

The 2-day workshop guarantees to give proven skills to improve project delivery, financial performance & client satisfaction:  
Master the 11 must-use parts of an ironclad project schedule  
Avoid the 5 budget busters that put projects in a financial hole  
Negotiate win-win subcontractor agreements  
Seize opportunities for new revenue through upselling & cross-selling  
Learn the PM “wow!” factors that turn clients into evangelists for your firm  
Spot-& fix—issues before they become major problems

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## **Webinar: Working With Contractors - Bridging the Gap**

February 9, 2022 12pm - 1pm

Host: Nick Fishburn, Kimley Horn

Most often, the best people to talk to about construction site best practices and what makes a quality set of plans are the folks in the field doing the work. Please join our panel discussion with a few of the key individuals bringing heavy civil projects to fruition in Illinois as we dive into these topics. Panelists: Ben Steele - Senior Project Manager, Plote Construction Chris Weir - Director of Agile Operations, Aldridge Electric Ken Crawford - Project Implementation, IDOT District 5

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## **2022 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala**

February 17, 2021 6pm - 11:45pm

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## **LEGISLATIVE LOBBY DAY**

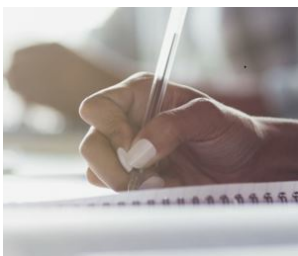
February 23, 2022 9:00 AM TO February 26, 2022 9:00 AM

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## **Reverse Panel: See What's on Young Professionals' Minds**

February 23, 2022 12pm - 1pm

The event will feature a panel of 4 ACEC Emerging Professional members who will respond to questions provided by more experienced and senior professionals in the civil engineering industry. The goal of this event is to provide insight into what young professionals in the industry feel is important to them and their opinions about various topics.

Register [Here](#)



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## **Webinar: Proposal Writing - How To and Lessons Learned**

March 9, 2022 12pm - 1pm

Host: Kyle Duffy, Transystems

Proposal Writing - How To and Lessons Learned

Whether you've been writing proposals for years or your 2022 goal is to get involved with your first one, we'll have a panel discussion sharing their tips and advice. We'll touch on what makes a good proposal, how you can get involved, and best ways to add value. Come with questions in mind to ask our panel!

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## **Webinar: Choose Your Own Adventure - Internal and External Entrepreneurship**

April 13, 2022 12pm - 1pm

Host: Meghan Milewski, Farnsworth Group LLC

Choose Your Own Adventure - Internal and External Entrepreneurship

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## **UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Click Here: [Committee Meeting Schedule \(acecil.org\)](#)

Please contact Emily Martinez, Director of Membership, for committee meeting details: [emily@acecil.org](mailto:emily@acecil.org)

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Read about our 2022 Engineering Excellence Award Nominees [Here](#)

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# Congratulations 2021-2022 Leadership Series Graduates!



Trudy Buehler  
Mackie Consultants



Kristin Timmons  
Crawford, Murphy & Tilly



Ryan Gall, P.E.  
EFK Moen



Micah Pitner  
Crawford, Murphy & Tilly



Theresa Goetz  
Horner & Shifrin



Beth Norton  
Epstein



Nihar Shah  
Rubinos & Mesia  
Engineers



Jeffery Large  
Crawford, Murphy & Tilly



Nicholas Rademacher  
Clark Dietz, Inc.



Matt Turk  
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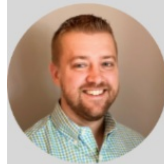


Al Lapinkas  
Clark Dietz, Inc.



Joe Lowrance, SE, PE  
Farnsworth Group

# Congratulations 2021-2022 Leadership Series Graduates!



Jake Hohl  
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Eric Meschewski  
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Divya Singh  
WSP USA Inc.



Diana Decker  
Ciorba Group, Inc.



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Rebecca Boyer  
Kaskaskia  
Engineering Group,  
LLC



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1. Please complete the attached application and email as an attachment to: [Emily@acecil.org](mailto:Emily@acecil.org)
2. Subject line: Your Name - Board of Directors Application
3. Submission Deadline: March 4, 2022

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## NEW AFFILIATE MEMBER

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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

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# ACEC Illinois 2022 Leadership Series Graduates had their last session and are now graduates!



The 2021-2022 Leadership Series went through five sessions. Session 1 was People Skills & Etiquette Dinner; this was a great groundbreaking session for everyone to get to know each other and have a meal together. The learning, networking and story telling began at session one and carried throughout the series. Session 2 was Business Economics & Finance where David Cohen of Matheson Advisors got to spend two full days with the class going over balance sheets, budgeting, transition planning, risk, all the way to the client expectations. Session 3 was on Writing at Work; this class session drug out the creativity in the class and was a very interactive course. Marketing and Business Development was Session 4, and this was seen to be very educational for the class. It was a good refresh and building block for enhancement. The final session was the Legislative Process. The class got to meet with ACEC Illinois President & CEO Kevin Artl, TFIC Rebecca Mason, Illinois Tollway, IDOT, ACEC Illinois lobbyists from Mac Strategies and got to meet with and get a tour from State Representative Tim Butler.

Everyone will agree with that the Leadership Series is a series worth your time and money. It broadens your view of business, it engages your thought process for deeper development, and paves the way for future connections

Graduation Album [Here](#)  
Leadership Class Album [Here](#)



## EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE: First Annual Professional Clothing Drive

The ACEC Illinois Emerging Professionals Committees gathered a subcommittee to head a

professional clothing drive. The committee quickly decided to make it a competition between ACEC Illinois, ASCE, ITE and WTS. Clothing was collected across the state for weeks and finally a grand distribution to the Salvation Army in Chicago was planned on January 27.

Kevin Spitz, ACEC IL Emerging Professional Committee Chair, presented ASCE with the winning trophy at the Salvation Army collection trailer. Thank you to all who contributed hundreds of clothing items and congratulations to ASCE.

Photos: [Here](#)

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**Benton & Associates, Inc.  
announces  
C. Cameron Jones as  
Principal**

Benton & Associates, Inc. is pleased to announce **C. Cameron Jones, PE, SIT**, has attained the position of *Principal* of the firm in recognition of his years of service, contributions to our client's projects and ownership commitment to the future of Benton & Associates, Inc.

Mr. Jones has many years of experience in civil engineering design and project delivery. Assisting clients in water and wastewater treatment, collection, distribution and operations along with general civil engineering, surveying and GIS services. Cameron leads the firm's wastewater treatment focused efforts assisting clients in finding the right fit to meet their treatment needs. He enjoys working closely with clients to walk them through the process of concepts through funding, construction and operations. Mr. Jones manages the GIS services throughout the company to bring a consistent user-friendly product to the end user.

Cameron is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois, Missouri and Indiana, and a licensed Surveyor-in-Training in Illinois. He is a member of the Illinois Water Environment Association, Water Environment Federation, Illinois American Water Works Association, Illinois GIS Association, Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association, and Jacksonville Bible Church in Jacksonville. Cameron enjoys volunteering his time to his church, the Morgan County Fair and the community as a whole. He resides in the Jacksonville area with his wife and two daughters.

Benton & Associates, Inc. of Jacksonville, Illinois, is a Consulting Engineering Firm providing Civil Engineering and Land Surveying Services for both public and private clients in Illinois and Missouri. Services include: Environmental, Transportation, Land Development, and Structural Engineering. [www.bentonassociates.com](http://www.bentonassociates.com)

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## **Understanding Clean Construction Demolition Debris (CCDD): A Guide For Regular People**

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## Brian Fairwood Named Central Region Senior Vice President

**Chicago - January 21, 2022** - TranSystems Corp., a consulting firm that provides engineering, architecture, planning, and construction management solutions to the transportation marketplace, names Brian Fairwood as Central Region Senior Vice President overseeing sales and operations for eight offices in five states in the Central Region.

Fairwood has more than 28 years of experience with planning reports, contract plan preparation, and coordination for municipal projects, including roadway and intersection geometrics, bikeway and pedestrian facilities, streetscape design, capacity analysis, traffic and accident studies, signal warrants, right-of-way requirements, funding analysis, and public coordination and involvement. Brian has also worked with our clients within the Chicago region in utilizing more than 40 distinct funding sources for transportation improvements. He's held multiple roles within the company leading sales and operations for our Chicago offices and serving as a Principal-in-Charge on numerous projects.

Fairwood holds a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from Marquette University. He's a member of the American Public Works Association.

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## Ciorba Group New Leadership Roles



**SALVATORE DI BERNARDO,**  
PE, SE, MBA  
**CEO & President**



**DUANE O'LAUGHLIN, PE**  
**Chief Operating Officer**

Ciorba Group is pleased to announce that Salvatore Di Bernardo will now serve as the CEO and President and Duane O'Laughlin has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer and principal of the company. Salvatore and Duane will direct our management team to continue to grow our company in Illinois and in the Midwest region.

These leadership changes follow the retirement of Jerry Heimsoth at the end of 2021. We are all grateful to Jerry for his service and dedication the company and to ACEC Illinois over the years.

Full Article [Here](#)

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## **Klingner Names New Environmental Department Manager**

**BURLINGTON, IA, JANUARY 10, 2022** – Klingner & Associates, P.C. (Klingner) has named Jessica Cary, PE, its new Environmental Department manager. In this role, Cary will oversee a staff of engineers and technicians performing environmental engineering and testing services across Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri.

The promotion comes as former Environmental Department manager, Lance Schuette, transitions full-time into firm leadership responsibilities.

“Jessica has demonstrated exceptional skills as they relate to quality, client responsiveness, report writing, and project management, among others,” said Schuette. “We have great confidence in her as she begins to manage our environmental projects and meet the needs of our clients.”

Klingner has completed over 1,000 environmental projects for over 800 communities and organizations since Cary joined the firm in 2015. Her work has included a wide array of environmental permitting, post-closure landfill monitoring, Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, indoor air quality testing, mold investigations and remediation, wetland delineations,



and asbestos inspections.

“I am excited and grateful to build off of Lance’s leadership of the department,” said Cary. “I look forward to continuing to build new and existing client relationships by providing quality and timely environmental services.”

Cary belongs to the Iowa Groundwater Association and the Iowa Engineering Society. She is a licensed professional engineer in Iowa and Illinois; an asbestos building inspector in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri; and an FAA-certified drone pilot. Cary holds a bachelor of science in agricultural engineering from Iowa State University.

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## **CBBEL Promotes Two Long-Serving Employees to Vice President**



**Kevin Wilson**



**Orion Galey**

**Rosemont, IL (Jan. 4, 2022)** - Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) is announcing the promotion of two long-serving employees to Vice President of the 200-person firm: Senior Project Manager Orion Galey, PE and Assistant Construction Engineering Department Head Kevin Wilson, PE.

“For nearly 20 years, Orion and Kevin have lent their tremendous expertise to our team and clients,” said CBBEL President Mike Kerr, PE. “In recognition of their hard work and commitment to CBBEL, we’re thrilled to announce their promotions to Vice President.”

### **Orion Galey, PE**

Orion Galey is a **Professional Civil Engineer** with vast experience in construction and design engineering. He joined CBBEL in 2003 and has managed complex transportation, streetscape, water and stormwater management projects. Orion serves as CBBEL’s main point of contact for multiple municipalities, including the Villages of Elmwood Park, Riverside, Bloomingdale and Oak Brook.

Orion’s experience includes roadway, streetscape, green infrastructure and utility improvements. He served as project manager for the Elmwood Park Flood Mitigation Project, which was named the 2017 Public Works Project of the Year, Environment Category (\$25 million-\$75 million) by the American Public Works Association.

He manages numerous multidisciplinary designer-led, design-build projects, including the Village of Algonquin’s Main Street Reconstruction and Streetscape Project - a major redevelopment of historic downtown Algonquin - as well as the Village of Bloomingdale’s Old Town and Lake Street Streetscape and Roadway Improvement Projects.

Orion earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in

2002.

### **Kevin Wilson, PE**

Kevin Wilson is a Professional Civil Engineer and Assistant Department Head of CBBEL's Construction Department. Kevin joined the firm in 2002 and his construction management experience consists of water main, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and highway resurfacing and reconstruction projects of a value up to \$30 million.

He has served as Project Manager on some of the Chicago suburbs' most significant improvement projects, including the Village of Wilmette's Neighborhood Storage Project and the Village of Lincolnwood's Transmission Main Project, which saw the Village transition its water supply from the City of Chicago to the City of Evanston.

Kevin has served as Resident Engineer on dozens of road safety and improvement projects, including the Chicago Avenue and Sheridan Road reconstruction project through downtown Evanston and the campus of Northwestern University. He is currently the Resident Engineer for the \$28 million expansion and reconstruction of Franklin Avenue in the Village of Franklin Park.

Kevin earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2002.



## **AN INSIDE JOB: COMBATING EMPLOYEE CRIME**

Lately, a lot of attention has been given to the rise in criminal activities targeting manufacturing and service companies both large and small. Criminals worldwide are attacking businesses with highly sophisticated computer techniques such as ransomware, phishing, and other electronic "weapons." Meanwhile, companies are also being targeted by intruders with acts of vandalism, arson, and other destructive actions during sparks of civil unrest. The headlines and news flashes paint a disheartening picture for business owners just trying to make a living by offering needed products and services.

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## **ACEC Illinois Leads Statewide Effort to Build Interest in Engineering Careers**

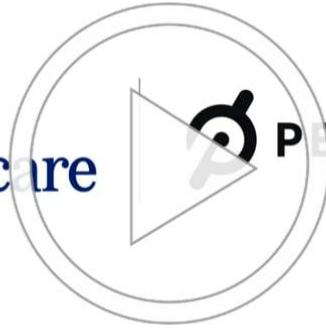


ACEC Illinois and our partners across the state's engineering industry have joined forces with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (Illinois Tollway) to launch a campaign focused on building interest in careers in engineering among Illinois' students. With billions of dollars in investments from the State of Illinois' Rebuild Illinois Capital Plan and potentially billions more from a federal infrastructure bill, filling open engineering jobs with qualified workers is going to be vital to designing, engineering, and building the state's priority infrastructure projects.

The industry partners and state agencies jointly produced an informational video which will be shown in classrooms around the state so students can better understand the opportunities available to them in the engineering field. The video, featuring occasional memorable clips from the TV comedy "The Office", walks students through the different types of engineering fields that exist, from civil and mechanical to geotechnical and aeronautical, and explains that engineering jobs don't only exist in big cities but are located in communities big and small across the state. The video also touches on the advantages of a career in an engineering field, highlighting that ten of the seventeen highest paying careers in the country are in engineering and that not all engineering jobs require advanced degrees, most only requiring a bachelor's degree and some only an associate degree. ACEC Illinois has created a dedicated page on their website to provide resources for students, educators, and career day speakers. The video along with additional information can be found at <https://www.acecil.org/acec-students/>

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