



**KEVIN ARTL**  
PRESIDENT & CEO

## LEADERSHIP & POLICY BRIEFING

### ACEC Illinois Participates in National Conference



ACEC Illinois Board Chair Linda Moen and National Director Steve Donahue participated in the ACEC National Conference in Austin, TX in October. During the Board meeting, Moen and Donahue urged support for an aggressive advocacy effort with Congress to provide a fix to the current harmful R&D amortization schedule.

The conference also provided updates on the current political climate in the Capitol as well as updates on the utilization of AI in the A/E/C industry sector. Over 20 ACEC Illinois members attended the national conference.

### Carrato Honored at ACEC National Conference



The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) has presented the 2023 Chair Emeritus Award to John Carrato, PE, SE, past President, CEO and Chairman of the Board at Benesch. This highly prestigious award is given each year to individuals who have provided exceptional service and value to ACEC.

John's commitment to the organization spans many years. He served as the inaugural Chair of the ACEC Research Institute and currently serves as Past Chair. The vision of the Institute is to be the leading source of knowledge and thought leadership for creating a more sustainable, safe, secure and technically advanced built environment.

In addition to his work with the Institute, he has served ACEC in a variety of ways including as Vice Chair on the ACEC Executive Committee, and as President and National Director for

ACEC-Illinois. Additionally, he has served on numerous state and national committees and is an ACEC Fellow.



## Illinois Engineer Named Young Professional of the Year

Ryan Delves, P.E., PMP, CFM – Stanley Consultants, was recognized at the National level as one of the 2023 Young Professionals of the Year. He was awarded at the 2023 ACEC Illinois Fall Conference Awards Luncheon in Austin, TX.

ACEC Launches National Effort to Fix R&D

ACEC is moving full speed ahead with a campaign to fix the 5-year R&D amortization mandate, launching a new advocacy campaign to enable members to contact their representatives in Washington and share their stories on why this misguided and short-sighted policy must be repealed.

The cornerstone of this effort is a new television ad that will run on CNN, MSNBC, and FOX News nationally, and then concentrate among decision makers in Washington, DC. ACEC bringing the noise of democracy directly into the living rooms and offices of decisionmakers, making the case that R&D amortization is a punitive policy imposing an onerous burden on the innovators who drive our nation's economy forward.

Check out our new [Engineer Innovation](#) website, where you can directly link to your Members of Congress, view testimonials from our Member Firms, and see our TV ad or click the picture below to see the ad.



## Mayor Johnson Releases City of Chicago Budget Proposal

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson released his 2024 Budget Overview last month. Johnson's budget reflects a strong commitment to rebuilding the city's infrastructure as there are significant increases for CDOT, Aviation and Water Management. CDOT would see its budget increase from

*\$665,107,182 in 2023 to \$1,480,240,225 in 2024. Engineering services would nearly triple under the proposed budget, increasing from \$444 million to \$1.165 billion.*

CDA spending would increase from \$1.15 billion to \$1.42 billion. The Department of Water Management budget also increases from \$384,430,460 to \$397,830,838 next year. ***Overall, total infrastructure spending for the City of Chicago would increase from \$2.5 billion to \$3.6 billion in 2024 under the proposed budget.***

Join fellow ACEC IL members at the [SOS Children's Villages Illinois Evening of Hope 2023](#) on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at the IUOE Local 399, 2260 S. Grove Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616. The VIP reception begins at 5:00 PM and the main event is from 6:00-10:00 PM.

Proceeds will support the youth in foster care at SOS Illinois to ensure that they have the best chance for a bright future. [Download the invitation flyer.](#) [Visit the event website on Givesmart](#) for more information and tickets.



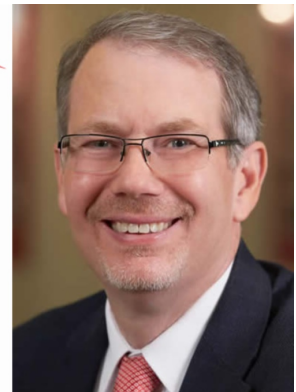
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Thanks,  
*Kevin Artl*  
President and CEO  
American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois

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### *"Engineering Works" Podcast*

ACEC-IL's new podcast "Engineering Works" interviews Chuck Stenzel, Senior Vice President of TranSystems. Chuck discusses the Circle Interchange project, its focus on reuniting communities, and how it tackled one of the worst bottlenecks in the country.



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# O'Hare International Airport Opportunity Fair

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Terminal 3

West Mezzanine Level Conference Room

The O'Hare Opportunity Fair fosters networking with aviation-industry contractors specializing in engineering, design and construction. American Airlines will answer questions and provide information during the event. In addition to networking, the event will include a presentation about securing work in the aviation industry.

**Businesses will have the opportunity to:**

- Meet with aviation industry prime contractors and procurement experts.
- Learn about bid opportunities related to American Airlines.
- Learn how to become a certified aviation contractor.

**Highlighted projects include:**

- Concourse Upgrades: L, H/K, and G Concourse Renovations
- Terminal HVAC
- Equipment Replacement: Passenger Boarding Bridge, PC Air, and GPU Replacement
- CCTV
- Other Types of Projects (on spaces leased by American):
  - Space Refresh/Renovation/Fit-out - Design, GC, MEP
  - Hangar Roofing
  - HVAC
  - Electrical
  - Data cabling
  - Pavement

Whether you're a long-time partner in aviation or new to the industry you'll want to join us to see how American Airlines can benefit you!

To register, click [here](#) or scan the QR code. Space is limited to the first 50 respondents. Parking is available in Lot A, B or C. Additional details will be provided upon registration.



O'Hare International Airport  
10000 W Balmoral Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60666



# UPCOMING EVENTS...

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*of Illinois*

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## Economic Forecast Webinar with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 9TH  
10AM - 11AM**

WITH POLICY ADVISOR DAVID OPPEDAHL

David Oppedahl is a policy advisor in the Economic Research Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Oppedahl conducts research on the agricultural sector and rural development, as well as analyzing business conditions and the regional economy.



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ENGINEERING  
EXCELLENCE  
AWARDS **2024**

*Project  
Submittals  
Due!*

**November  
9, 2023**

The Engineering Excellence Awards recognize the year's most outstanding engineering firms achievements for projects that demonstrate an exceptional degree of innovation, complexity, achievement and value.

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# Webinar Series

Presented by: ACEC IL  
Emerging Professional Committee



**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH | NOON-1PM**

HOW TO WORK WITH INTERNS TO LEAD TO FULL TIME HIRES + TRAINING  
INFRASTRUCTURE

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH | NOON-1PM**

BEST PRACTICES OF INTEGRATING 3-D MODEL INTO THE WORK FLOW

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST | NOON-1PM**

ESG OR SOCIAL VALUE EQUITY AND INCLUSION, SAFETY

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH | NOON-1PM**

DEVELOPING QAQC SKILLS / PEER REVIEW SKILLS

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH | NOON-1PM**

NETWORKING - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH | NOON-1PM**

DOS AND DON'TS OF BEING AN RE

[WEBINAR HERE](#)

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# Putt Putt



*Grip & Social*

PUTT PUTT - FOOD - OPEN BAR - NETWORKING - FUN



NOVEMBER 16, 2023

5:00 - 7:00PM

 Puttshack Oak Brook  
1828 Oakbrook Center  
Oak Brook, IL 60523

HOSTED BY:  
ACEC IL EMERGING PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

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-Firm of the Year  
-Mentor of the year  
-Emerging Professional of the Year  
**SUBMITTALS DUE!**

November  
30, 2023



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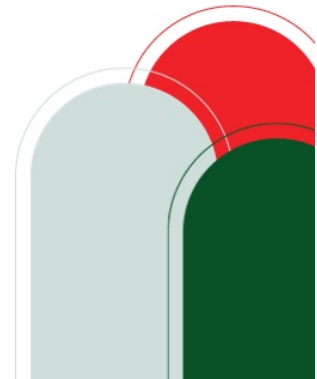
# ACEC Illinois Reception

**MONDAY**  
**12.18.2023**  
**6:00-9:00PM**  
**SPRINGFIELD, IL**

HOSTED BY:



*with Illinois  
Department of  
Transportation  
Secretary  
Amer Osman*



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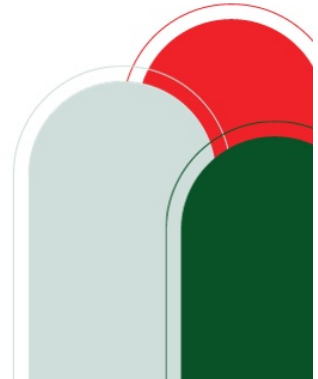
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**WEDNESDAY**  
**12.20.2023**  
**6:00-9:00PM**  
**OAK BROOK, IL**

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Department of  
Transportation  
Secretary  
Omer Osman*



HOSTED BY:





#### ABOUT:

ACEC Illinois Leadership Series was created to provide career development for future leaders of Illinois consulting engineering firms. It is designed to launch the industry's most promising up-and-coming professionals on a development track leading to successful general management, project management, and principal positions within Illinois firms.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- 5 Sessions across the state of Illinois
- Printed material and binders
- Meals, Beverages, and Snacks provided
- PDH Certificates will be awarded
- Awarded a Completion Certificate



# 2024 LEADERSHIP SERIES

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of Illinois



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ENGINEERING  
EXCELLENCE  
AWARDS **2024**

*February 22, 2024*

Engineering Excellence Awards Gala  
in Rosemont, IL

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date*

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

10:00am Registration

11am Start Time

**BERTO CENTER  
550 LAKE COOK RD  
DEERFIELD, IL 60015**



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# A/E/C PRINCIPALS BOOTCAMP PSMJ | Resources, Inc.®

**MARCH  
19-20  
2024**

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**AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF ILLINOIS**

**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 | GENEVA, IL**



*Eagle Brook Country Club*

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date



JUNE 4 | LOMBARD, IL

HARRY CARAY'S - BALLROOM  
70 YORKTOWN SHOPPING CENTER  
LOMBARD, IL

## REMINDER

ACEC IL dues invoices have been sent out. If you need a new copy or would like to pay via credit card, please contact Emily Martinez at [emily@acecil.org](mailto:emily@acecil.org)

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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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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

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### **Stephen Sichmeller Joins Horner & Shifrin as Assistant Regional Manager – Transportation**



Stephen Sichmeller, PE has joined Horner & Shifrin as Assistant Regional Manager responsible for leading Transportation efforts in Arkansas. Stephen has more than 12 years of experience in transportation engineering design, with an emphasis on roadway infrastructure. He has spent the last 12 years at Arkansas Department of Transportation (ArDOT), most recently as Assistant Division Head of Roadway Design for Northwest

Arkansas.

Stephen is a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Arkansas. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas. He currently serves as President of the Institute of Transportation Engineers Arkansas Section (ARITE). In 2022, Stephen was recognized with the ArDOT Director's Diamond Award for Outstanding Public Service. Stephen has broad experience in the supervision, planning, design and construction of highways including evaluation of design activities, review of construction plans and permit applications, and coordination of design projects.

*"Horner & Shifrin welcomes Stephen to our Transportation team," said Jarrett Jasper, Senior Vice President, Business Unit Leader – Transportation. "Stephen's first-hand knowledge of roadway design, specifically in the Arkansas region, strengthens our team's ability to deliver high-quality designs to our partners throughout the region. His expertise and experience will help H&S grow our operations in Northwest Arkansas and beyond."*

## SAVE ★ THE ★ DATE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH  IOUE 399 UNION HALL  
2260 S. GROVE ST, CHICAGO IL.

# EVENING



# OF HOPE

to benefit SOS Children's Villages Illinois

**VIP RECEPTION: 5PM-6PM**

**MAIN EVENT: 6PM-10PM**

we're getting the band back together..

### 2023 COMMITTEE:

John Trotta, WSP USA, Chair  
Melissa Angelucci, Synnov Group  
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Dave Crosson, HNTB Corp.  
Santiago Garcia, HOH Group  
Wes Hampsch, Gonzalez Companies  
Rashod Johnson, Ardmore Roderick  
Mary Person, Clayco  
Amar Rajpurkar, Parsons  
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**HONOREE ANNOUNCEMENT  
COMING SOON...**

MORE INFORMATION



**NICOLE FAYANT**  
PE

**Roadway Project Manager**

Ciorba Group is pleased to welcome Nicole Fayant, P.E., as our new Roadway Project Manager. Nicole brings over 18 years of experience in transportation engineering and project delivery. She has extensive expertise in all phases of roadway projects including preliminary engineering, final design, construction engineering, and contract administration. Previously, Nicole served as Project Engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation's District Four office where she successfully managed major reconstruction projects, leading multi-disciplinary teams to deliver results on time and budget. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Bradley University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Illinois. In her new role, Nicole will utilize her strong technical background and management skills honed at IDOT to lead our new Peoria office. Her proven track record with complex state highway projects and collaborating with regional stakeholders will be invaluable as we expand our transportation design capabilities. We are delighted to have Nicole join our team and lead this strategic growth initiative.



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## Exploring ACEC's New Technology Committee

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New ACEC ExCom Embraces Opportunities

Half Goes All In With Community Service Efforts

ACEC/MA's Impact

Firms Extra Cautious About Work Over Risk  
Concerns, PII Survey Shows

## SOARING ACHIEVEMENT

HNTB'S SIXTH STREET VIADUCT TOPS STELLAR PROJECT LINEUP  
AT 2023 ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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Full Magazine  
Here



Student &  
Teacher  
Resources

When students dream big about their careers, engineering may not be the first thing that pops to mind. But maybe it should be. The fact is, there is unlimited opportunity and variety within the engineering field itself, allowing students to follow their passions, land that dream job and make a difference in the world. And engineers are in demand, providing endless options to build their future.

This initiative was launched to help Illinois students see themselves in the engineering field. It is part of a larger effort by the Illinois Department of Transportation to educate and hire engineers in the face of a national shortage. From introducing individual disciplines, to discussing job satisfaction, opportunities and compensation, this web page is intended as a resource for students and educators to explore all that is possible with a career in engineering.

Engineering may not be the first job students think of, but a career in the field might just become a dream come true.



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