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## This n' That: In the News

### Do You Have a Voice in Congress? And at the State Level?

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### ACEC National Committees and Coalitions Come to Colorado



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Besides excellent education programs, the committee attendees found time for fun with a tour of Merrick's Ethanol Plant at Coors Brewing Company (*pictured left*) and dinner at The Fort in Morrison. [Read More..](#)

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### **2010 ENGINEERING COLORADO CALL FOR ARTICLES**

***Deadline approaching to submit project articles for the ACEC/CO's 2010 edition of "Engineering Colorado." Don't miss out on this free marketing opportunity!***

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## **Bi-Annual QBS Newsletter Now Available**

Headlines Include:

- House Approves \$13.8 Billion ACEC-Backed Water Infrastructure Bill, Expands QBS
- City of Fountain Utilities Department Receives QBS Colorado 2009 Award
- QBS Colorado Delivers Message to Graduating Engineers .. and much more.. [Click here to view](#)

## **Membership Notices and Engineers in the News**

See our [Membership Notices](#) section for new and prospective members and other membership changes, and our [Engineers in the News](#) to hear the latest from our member firms.

## **News from National**

### **EPA Eases Stimulus 'Buy American' Rule**

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted a nationwide waiver that dilutes somewhat the "Buy American" requirements for water projects, as originally set down in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), or economic stimulus program.

[Read More..](#)

### **ACEC President's Report**

News from ACEC's President Dave Raymond on the latest developments of ACEC's government affairs on your behalf. [Read More..](#)

### **ACEC Introduces New Publication**

ACEC's newest resource is a special report examining health care coverage from the past, the present, and the future. *Health Insurance Coverage for Engineering and A/E/C Firms* provides an in-depth look at the challenges A/E/C firms face in providing affordable, accessible, and flexible health care insurance programs. This publication is now available in [printed format](#) or as a [downloadable PDF](#).

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- **VA Hospital Small Business Outreach**

You are invited to an open house to discuss business opportunities for the Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Health Care System Replacement Hospital on Wednesday, August 26. [Read More..](#)

- **FMI/AMI Executive Workshop**

AMI and FMI invite you to attend "Many Skylines: Future of the A/E/C Industry" workshop on **October 29, 2009** at the Embassy Suites, Chicago, O'Hare Airport. [Read More..](#)

- **Wall Certificates Now Available**

The Division of Registration has outsourced wall certificates to Wall Certificate Service (WCS), a division of Professional Credential Services, Inc., (PCS). New licensees will be notified on their wallet card license and will be directed to our [new web page](#). Licensees will be able to order and pay the fee online. The fee for U.S. residents is \$25 and for international residents there is an additional international shipping fee.

## 2009 ACEC/CO Golf Tournament Round Up



Thank you to all who attended and volunteered at the 2009 ACEC/CO Member-Guest Golf Tournament on August 10. The annual tournament raised over \$8,000 for the ACEC/CO Scholarship Fund. This year's tournament was held at Hiwan Golf Club (pictured left) and was a great day of fun and networking for a good cause.

This year \$32,500 was awarded to students through the scholarship program, with an additional \$1,000 going to high school students through Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA). This was the largest amount awarded in ACEC/CO history!

Congratulations to the **URS Corporation** team for winning first place and to **David Evans and Associates** team for winning second place in the tournament.

### Thank you to our 2009 Tournament Sponsors:

Lunch Sponsor: Van Gilder Insurance Corporation  
 Beverage Cart Sponsor: Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig  
 Beverage Cart Sponsor: Summit Engineering Group, Inc.  
 Golf Bag Sponsor: The RMH Group, Inc.  
 Hole-in-One Sponsor: AECOM  
 Brochure Sponsor: URS  
 Sign Sponsor: Ken's Reproductions  
 Tees: Xerox

### Thank you to our 2009 Hole Sponsors:

Bohannon-Huston  
 David Evans and Associates, Inc.  
 Hatch Mott MacDonald  
 Jackson Kelly PLLC  
 Kleinfelder  
 Leonard Rice Engineers, Inc.  
 Martin/Martin, Inc.  
 Quicksilver Express Courier  
 SouthWest Traffic Engineering  
 TST Infrastructure, LLC  
 United Reprographics  
 Vessel Consultants  
 Volt Technical Services



URS Corporation Team (L-R): Rick Pilgrim, Bill Ettenger, Dave Kline & Derek Brown



David Evans & Associates Team (L-R): Bill McDonnell, Joe Hart, Gregg Teets & Ridley Moorman

## Do You Have a Voice in Congress?

Congress is now debating several measures that will dramatically affect the profitability of engineering firms: transportation funding to state DOTs, funding for infrastructure projects (including water and aviation), changes to the federal tax code, and of course, health care reform. Each of these federal issues has far-reaching consequences for us here in Colorado, as well as the entire industry.

That's the bad news. The good news is that ACEC members have a way to make sure their voice is heard on Capitol Hill: the ACEC Political Action Committee. ACEC/PAC is the primary weapon in our industry's political arsenal to help elect candidates to office who support pro-business, pro-engineering positions. ACEC/PAC is bipartisan and operates out in the open in full compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act and applicable state laws.

ACEC certainly is interested in your support of this critical political program, but federal law first requires ACEC/PAC to seek your approval before soliciting you on behalf of ACEC/PAC. To see if your firm has given approval for the current year, [Click Here](#). If it has, you can then go to the ACEC/PAC online contribution center: [http://www.acec.org/pacmembers/av\\_login.cfm](http://www.acec.org/pacmembers/av_login.cfm)

Supporting political programs like ACEC/PAC is the best thing we can do to make sure engineering firms have a voice at the table when key decisions are made affecting our future. If you have questions about ACEC/PAC, please contact Colorado's PAC Champions Rob Refvem at [rob.refvem@fhueng.com](mailto:rob.refvem@fhueng.com) or Marilen Reimer at [mar@acec-co.org](mailto:mar@acec-co.org).

## You Have a Voice in the State Legislature too!

Besides watching what's going on at the federal level, we must keep up with the legislation that comes out of the state house. And it's much easier to be involved at the state level. Here are some ways to do this:

1. Get to know your legislators. If you don't know your legislators, please go to the Vote Smart website at <http://www.votesmart.org/>.
2. Contact your state senator and representative and introduce yourself as a constituent who is an engineer and business owner. Right now creating jobs is a big issue so they are listening to people like you! Tell you legislator that you are very interested in legislation that impacts your business and are willing to be a resource on business issues that come across his desk.
3. Plan to attend one of our upcoming legislative breakfasts or lunches. We have scheduled informal meetings with legislators throughout the state to talk about our [issues](#).

Since the 2010 session will start soon, it is important that we take this time to talk with our legislators. Please join us in this effort!

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As a state organization, it is important that we hear about the issues facing our member firms in outlying areas. Last week, ACEC/CO President Rob Refvem, VP Bill Hoffmann and Executive Director Marilen Reimer met with members in Vail and Glenwood Springs. On September 24th, we'll be meeting in Grand Junction. Quarterly meetings are held in Colorado Springs at CH2M Hill's office (next meeting is Oct. 14th) and in Ft. Collins at CTL/Thompson's office (next meeting is Sept. 16th).



Vail Area Membership Meeting



Glenwood Springs Area Membership Meeting

## ACEC National Committees and Coalitions Visit Colorado



*ACEC Environment & Energy Committee tours Ethanol Plant*

Denver has been a popular destination for ACEC National to hold their environment and energy committee meeting and the steering committees meetings for ACEC two coalitions - Council of Professional Surveyors (COPS) and new Land Development Coalition(LDC).

Besides reviewing key federal legislation, the Environment and Energy Committee had several agencies give presentations on topics such as water/water supply, renewable energy and related technologies, Section 404 wetlands permit issues, and emerging markets. Kudos go to ACEC/CO members Lauren Evans, Dave Stewart, Ralph Christie and Bill Wallace who were instrumental in putting together an excellent program. Besides the business portion of the meeting, the committee attendees found time for fun with a tour of Merrick's Ethanol Plant at Coors Brewing Company and dinner at The Fort in Morrison.

The newly formed Land Development Coalition met to discuss further programs and products that are important to our land development firms. ACEC/CO is interested in knowing if Colorado members would like to form a similar committee at the state level. Please contact Marilen Reimer, [mar@acec-co.org](mailto:mar@acec-co.org) or 303-832-2200, if interested in forming a state committee.

The Steering Committee for the Council of Professional Surveyors (COPS) discussed the upcoming educational program they are hosting at the ACEC fall conference in Palm Springs on Oct. 7-10. As with many ACEC coalitions, COPS has developed many terrific products to help firms that do surveying and can be found at <http://www.acec.org/coalitions/COPS/index.cfm>.

If you are interested in joining any of these ACEC coalitions or committees, please contact Marilen Reimer, [mar@acec-co.org](mailto:mar@acec-co.org) or 303-832-2200 for more information.



*ACEC Environment & Energy Committee enjoys camaraderie at dinner at "The Fort."*

## Call for Nominations for the New Faces of Engineering Awards

### Deadline: September 25, 2009

Submit your nominations now for the New Faces in Engineering program. This award recognizes our young engineers for their outstanding work and the impact their work has on society. The award enhances and improves the image of engineering – and it's a great way to recognize your firm's young engineers.

ACEC/CO will submit the top awardees to ACEC for consideration for their national Young Professional of the Year Award and the Engineers Week New Faces of Engineering Award. Winners of the New Faces in Engineering Award will be profiled on the Engineers Week website and in *USA Today* and other publications.

Nominees must be 30 years of younger as of December 31, 2009, and must have a degree from a recognized U.S. college or university, or from an equivalent international educational institution. Nominees must be employees of ACEC/CO member firms.

Download the nomination form at [www.acec-co.org](http://www.acec-co.org), click on "Call for Nominations" under "What's New." Fax the form to ACEC/CO at (303) 832-0400. For questions, contact Jennifer Shaw at [jennifer@acec-co.org](mailto:jennifer@acec-co.org) or 303-832-2200.

## News From National

### President's Report

#### General

- The ACEC Executive Committee underscored the importance of ACEC taking an industry leadership position on the issue of sustainability; a task force was appointed to develop recommendations; and the Board will discuss the issue at the upcoming meeting in Palm Springs.



- Approved Minuteman Fund grants for ACEC/Hawaii to enact tort reform legislation to protect designers on highway project; and ACEC/Indiana for defense of the economic loss doctrine. ACEC/Hawaii achieved an early victory as reported in *Last Word*, July 23.

#### **Government Affairs**

- Helped to secure House and Senate passage of a \$7 billion transfer from the General Fund to the Highway Trust Fund to prevent looming cuts to state transportation programs.
- Initiated member grassroots effort to encourage Congress to make passage of a six-year transportation bill as a top priority this year.
- ACEC President Dave Raymond appeared in the editorial section of the *Washington Post* opposing the Administration's decision to delay action on a new surface transportation program.
- Outlined ACEC's concerns with the current draft of the AASHTO Audit Guide in a letter to AASHTO's Executive Director John Horsley and FHWA's Chief Financial Officer Elissa Konove.
- Successfully overturned an Air Force bridge inspection solicitation that failed to comply with QBS.
- Supported ACEC/Nebraska's request to FHWA for a two-year evaluation period of a potential change in state conflict-of-interest policy, which would have prohibited firms from performing both design and construction inspection on the same project.
- Reps. Allyson Schwartz (D-PA) and Sam Johnson (R-TX) introduced the Qualified Personal Service Corporations Clarification Act of 2009 (HR 3255), to preserve the ability of engineering firms to use the cash method of accounting.
- ACEC International Committee meeting at ACEC headquarters featured a presentation by the U.S. Executive Director's office at the World Bank on how U.S. engineering firms can identify and win international opportunities in their earliest stages.
- ACEC Federal Agencies and Procurement Advocacy Committee hosted representatives from the Department of Homeland Security to discuss plans and programs for design firms.

#### **Institute for Business Management**

- IBM's designation program (MgtEng, ExecEng, and MgtPro) will be launched this summer to provide recognition for member achievement in continuing education, and will dovetail with implementation of the on-line records-keeping capability of NCEES-ACEC Registered Continuing Education Program (RCEP).
- The 2009 Professional Liability Insurance Survey of member firms, published in *Engineering Inc*, July-August, showed that frivolous lawsuits had increased substantially.
- Provided members with e-links to federal agency websites that track economic stimulus money for engineering and construction projects.
- Released *Health Insurance Coverage for Engineering and A/E/C firms – Challenges and Strategies*, an analysis of healthcare and health insurance options for firms – as the first in a series of business issues reports; available through the ACEC Bookstore to members for \$29 as a download or \$49 in printed format.

## Membership Notices

### Prospective Individual Member:

**Jeremy Musson**, Pinyon Environmental Engineering Resources, Inc.

**James O'Neill**, Lidstone & Associates, Inc.

**John Muscatell**, URS Corporation

**Bradley Frederick**, The Frederick Group, LLC

**David Guetig**, Galloway & Company

**Phil Gioia**, Mazzetti, Nash, Liset Burch

**James Thomas**, Peak Environmental Consulting, Inc.

### Welcome New Individual Members:

**Donald (Leo) Whiteley, Whiteley Consulting, A Structural Consulting, LLC:** PO Box 270671, Littleton, CO 80127. 303-862-4160 lwhiteley@whiteleyllc.com. Donald is a graduate of University of Colorado- Boulder with a bachelor of Architecture. He also is a graduate of University of Colorado-Denver with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. Recommendations came from Jim Harris, Ronald Hedrick, and Wyane Muir.

### Resignations:

Denis Miller, DMCE Engineering, Inc.

## Engineers in the News

**URS Corporation** recently held a silent auction through its Employee Volunteer Program, raising more than \$4,200.00 for charity. Both the URS Division and the Washington Division of the firm participated. Westcore Properties followed suit by donating an additional \$5,000.000 to be allocated equally among the five recipient organizations. The organizations that received the proceeds from the fundraising event include the Alzheimer's Association, Brent's Place, the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and the Children's Hospital.



**Jamie Eichenberger** with **Richard P. Associates** has obtained his professional engineering license from the state of Colorado. Jamie has over four years of experience in water treatment and distribution systems and collection system design. He received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering and a Masters of Science in Environmental Science and Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.

**Aqua Engineering, Inc.** would like to announce that **Richard (Rick) Aust, P.E.**, Partner and Vice President will be retiring from the company this summer. He is going on to pursue his other water passion: boating.

## In Memory of Bill Clevenger

We are saddened to hear of ACEC/CO Past President Bill Clevenger passing on July 9, 2009 in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. He was 90 years old. Bill was born on September 12, 1919 in Wheatland Wyoming. He was raised in Sunrise, Wyoming where he attended grade school and High School. He attended the University of Wyoming where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1943. Bill then served three years as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. He was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant and married his life-long partner, Jan Tucker of Spokane, Washington. The next ten years, he worked as a soils engineer for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Denver, Colorado.

In 1973, Bill became Chairman of the Board of Woodward-Clyde Consultants. He served as President of ACEC/CO in 1966 and ACEC National President in 1977. He co-authored a book, *Earth and Earth-Rock Dams*, published in 1963 by John Wiley and Sons. The book is still popular and continues as a text book in college courses.

A Celebration of Life gathering was conducted on August 8 at the family cabin on Priest Lake, Idaho. Donations in his name may be made to the University of Wyoming, College of Engineering, 1000 East University Avenue, Laramie, WY 82071. Our deepest condolences go out to Bill's family and friends.



Bill Clevenger, (right) accepts the Orley Phillips Award from Gordon Meuer on April 18, 2008 at the ACEC/CO annual meeting.

## ACEC/CO Events

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## Breakfast Series Podcasts For Sale

Missed a Wake-up Call Breakfast Series? Not to worry! Now you can catch up by purchasing our breakfast series presentations podcasts. Available to members for \$20 each or 3 for \$45. To purchase, contact [jennifer@acec-co.org](mailto:jennifer@acec-co.org) or call 303-832-2200. The following are now available:



- May 6th, 2009, *The Current Economic Meltdown & Its Implications For Infrastructure Planning*, by Edward F. Harvey, Harvey Economics
- April 1st, 2009, *Colorado Economy*, by Richard Wobbekind, of the Business Research Division and Associate Dean for External Relations at the University of Colorado at Boulder
- March 4th, 2009, *Renewable Energy Sources and Costs* by Lee Boughey, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
- January 7th, 2009: *It's Not As Bad As You Think: An Economic Review* by Brian Coggon, Engineered Finance, LLC
- December 3rd, 2008: *Important Emerging Trends & Issues* by Bill Wallace of Wallace Futures Group, LLC,
- November 5th, 2008: *Demographics and the World of Predicting Your Market* by Rod Hoffman, CEO and co-founder of S&H Consulting.

## Marketing and Business Development

### ACEC/CO's *Engineering Colorado* 2010 [Call for Articles](#)

Don't miss out on being a part of ACEC/CO's 2010 edition of *Engineering Colorado*, the council's annual award winning magazine. The 2010 edition will again feature member firm projects. Firms are invited to submit any current Colorado projects on the board and/or under construction for the feature. To participate, submit a 250-word summary of the project and indicate if pictures will be provided to Robyn at [robyn@acec-co.org](mailto:robyn@acec-co.org) by **August 31**. All projects submitted by the deadline will be included as either full-page features or sidebars, including photographs. This is a **free marketing opportunity** to expose your firm visually through this widely-circulated industry magazine.

### 2010 Magazine Submission Opportunity

**Philanthropy: How Engineers are Making an Impact** - ACEC/CO would like to feature brief stories in the 2010 edition of *Engineering Colorado* that share how current members, retired members and member firms are using their engineering skills to give back to the community. Projects or activities can be local, national or global.

#### Criteria:

Word count: 250 – 300 words

Photo: Send one photo, size 4X6, 300 dpi jpeg that shows the project or activity

#### Submissions should include:

- Description of the project or activity
- Passion behind the purpose (why the project or activity was selected by the individual or the firm)
- Outcome of support
- Name of person and/or firm, phone number, email contact and professional registrations and affiliations

Submit to: Robyn at [robyn@acec-co.org](mailto:robyn@acec-co.org) by **Friday, Sept. 11, 2009** for consideration to be included in the magazine.

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Enrollment is limited to 25 participants, so enroll early! To register call the Grantsmanship Center at 800-421-9512 or at 213-482-9860, or you may enroll online by [clicking here](#).

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### Colorado Construction Days: Need Volunteers

The 2009 Construction Career Days Committee and the construction industry are preparing to host 1600 students from schools all over the state at the 2009 Colorado Construction Career Days event on **October 6 & 7, 2009** at Adams County Fairgrounds. Volunteers and financial sponsors are needed to provide activities, equipment, and meet our expected costs to host this unique, fun, and hands-on exploration of careers in the construction industry.

Be a Champion of Construction Career Days by supporting the event at any level that works for you. No amount is too large or too small. Those who provide their logo and web site link will see them displayed on the web site.

You can also help by providing a hands-on activity, volunteering your time, or encouraging others at your organization to get involved. For more information view volunteer form [here](#), or contact the Event Coordinator at [cccdcoordinator@agccolorado.org](mailto:cccdcoordinator@agccolorado.org), or visit our web site at [www.coloradoconstructioncareerdays.com](http://www.coloradoconstructioncareerdays.com). If you are interested in providing a hands-on activity please contact Kim at [kimbrezall@acec-co.org](mailto:kimbrezall@acec-co.org).

### Construction Career Days Magazine: Reserve Your Ad Space Now

Looking to grow your business or organization? McGraw-Hill is producing the official publication for Colorado Construction Career Day (CCD) 2009. Magazine distribution will include high school counselors across the state, the entire readership of Colorado Construction magazine and the approximate 2000 high school aged attendees of this year's event. Additional distribution will go to area associations and job fairs. If you are involved in education, training or hiring talent, contact McGraw-Hill to plan your advertisement today. [Click here](#) to view flier and and contact information.

### Save the Date: QBS Breakfast Forum

The ARRA-QBS breakfast forum is **Tuesday, October 20**, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. at the PPA Event Center, 2105 Decatur St., Denver. This Forum will help you qualify for ARRA funding. Federally funded projects must follow the Qualifications Based Selection process and this forum will help you to understand and facilitate the QBS guidelines. For more information or to register contact Sue Bertram at [sue@bertramlaw.net](mailto:sue@bertramlaw.net). To learn more about Qualifications Based Selection visit our website [www.acec-co/qbs](http://www.acec-co/qbs). This forum is offered free of charge and is sponsored by QBS Colorado. Please RSVP by October 16th.

### VA Hospital Small Business Outreach

If you own a commercial construction related business, you are invited to attend an open house to discuss business opportunities for the Veterans Affairs Eastern Colorado Health Care System Replacement Hospital in Aurora, CO. This event will be held on **Wednesday, August 26**, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Police Protective Association (PPA) Event Center, 2105 Decatur St., Denver. Refreshments will be served. RSVP by August 22 online at [www.ghphipp.com/event/openhouse/.asp](http://www.ghphipp.com/event/openhouse/.asp) or by phone at 303-389-3880.

### FMI/AMI Executive Workshop for the A/E/C Industry

AMI and FMI Present "Many Skylines: Future of the A/E/C Industry." You are invited to attend this workshop on **October 29, 2009** at the Embassy Suites, Chicago, O'Hare Airport to explore the future of the A/E/C Industry and help prepare your firm to leverage its uncertainties. Discussions and presentations will be anchored by the renowned futurist and author, Watts Wacker, who will present *Once Upon the 21st Century*. This is a one-day event limited to 75 participants. It is designed for firm leaders who seek to prepare for success in the coming decade of the 21st Century. [Click here](#) for more details and registration information.

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