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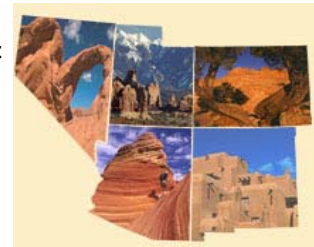
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Find out about the latest from our members and member firms making the news.

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Marketing and Business Development

New ACEC/CO Sponsorship Opportunities

ACEC/CO would like to encourage our members to consider sponsoring a meeting and/or event as a marketing strategy to get your name out there and in front of other member firms. [Read more..](#)

Additional Professional Development Opportunities and Events

- **Business Certification Program**
Held every Friday morning: Learn how to certify your small or disadvantaged business for contracting opportunities offered through the city and county of Denver. [Read more..](#)
- **Northern Colorado Pumpkin Chunkin Competition**
CTL Thompson, Inc. is sponsoring a pumpkin chunkin competition in Loveland, October 24th. [Read more..](#)
- **SMPS Upcoming Events:**
 - Leadership Forum Breakfast: Improving the Bottom Line with a Strategic Marketing Plan on October 27th.
 - Colorado Springs Networking & Happy Hour Program: Innovations In Public Relations - Joint Program with AGC, on October 27th. For more information and registration, [click here](#).
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Man-made global warming or not? In terms of opportunities for the engineering community, and future client requirements, the answer to that question doesn't matter. "Sustainability" addresses considerations far beyond that narrow discussion, and the fact is, corporate America is embracing the concept of sustainability and adaptation planning. The U.S. is now experiencing the results of decades of expanding resource demands and other resultant impacts to the environment. Increasing energy prices, spreading water shortages, overtaxed electrical power grids, mounting traffic congestion, collapsing bridges, urban sprawl, devastating forest fires, unprecedented flood damage, dead zones in the world's oceans, loss of fisheries resources, reduced food security, global climate change: incidents once seen as disturbing but manageable are now viewed as contributors to a rapidly-declining quality of life.

Presenters: Bill Wallace of Wallace Futures Group Inc., Dave Stewart of Stewart Environmental Consultants, and Lauren Evans of Pinyon Environmental Engineering Resources, Inc.

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Please introduce yourselves to [your state legislators](#) as they want to know you and hear from you.

Save the date: ACEC/CO's Annual "Day at the Capitol" is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd, 2010 at the Old Supreme Court Chambers at the Capitol from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. A program is being planned to hear from leadership, have lunch with legislators and attend committee hearings.



Jefferson County Legislative Breakfast Meeting: (L-R) Tony Marcello, Rick Luce, Lauren Evans, Sally Corey, Rep. Sara Gagliardi and Jennifer Edwards

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Proposals to implement community or neighborhood improvements in Denver are also being solicited. The City and County of Denver has received a one-time CDBG-R allocation of \$2,462,903. Funding proposals are due October 29, 2009. For more information, including specific business lending criteria, application process and to view the notices of funding availability, visit www.milehigh.com

To date, the City and County of Denver has received \$55 million in ARRA funding for a variety of projects and programs. For more information visit www.denvergov.org/stimulus.

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ACEC is presenting an online seminar on October 27th. ACEC/CO will be hosting the webinar at the ACEC/CO offices from 11:30

a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The webinar will provide an overview of the new Guide featuring senior state DOT, FHWA and industry representatives discussing the major changes and new requirements, as well as how the new rules will be implemented and enforced going forward. Cost is \$30/member including lunch. Register by contacting Kim at kimbrezall@acec-co.org or at 303-832-2200.

ACEC Responds to Health Care Legislation

As Congress moves forward with health care legislation, ACEC President Dave Raymond submitted suggestions to Senate leaders stating that while ACEC agrees that there is a need for affordable health care, there is a concern that elements of the new health care legislation would boost costs for engineering firms and its employees.

[Click here](#) to read Dave Raymond's letter to Senator Harry Reid. Also check out ACEC's [health care reform fact sheet](#).

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Why choose the ACEC Workers' Compensation Program available for firms in Colorado?

- Broad range of coverages that go beyond the statutory requirements.
- Competitive rates for ACEC member engineers, **including a 5% group credit achieved for promoting loss prevention. This credit is only available through the ACEC Business Insurance Program.**
- A network of healthcare providers that must meet high quality and credentialing standards.
- A wealth of loss control information that may help make your work place safer.

Sharon Zach of the ACEC Business Insurance Program will be on-site at our conference in November to further discuss the advantages of this program. Please feel free to reach out to Sharon in advance of the conference at Sharon.L.Zach@marsh.com or 800-338-1391.

President's Report

General

- The U.S. House of Representatives passed a Resolution honoring ACEC on its 100th anniversary "recognizing the remarkable contributions of the American Council of Engineering Companies to the engineering industry and the Nation." (Full text in *Last Word*, September 17, 2009).
- At the Annual FIDIC conference, ACEC Chairman Tim Psomas led a delegation that actively promoted ACEC business interests; Stanley Consultants' CEO Greg Thomopoulos was elected FIDIC President; AECOM's CEO John Dionisio was a plenary speaker on sustainable development; Dave Raymond and other U.S. members spoke on a range of business and advocacy issues.
- Met with the new Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Victor Mendez, to discuss ongoing priorities including uniform procurement procedures.
- The long-awaited landmark QBS study – *An Analysis of Issues Pertaining to Qualifications-Based Selection* – which provides empirical evidence of the advantages of QBS, is now available as a downloadable document through the Bookstore on ACEC's website.



ACEC President
Dave Raymond

Government Affairs

- Worked with ACEC/Wisconsin to oppose an effort by Wisconsin DOT to unilaterally reduce contracted fees which FHWA has determined to be in violation of federal law and regulations.
- Helped secure passage in the Senate of appropriations legislation that more than doubles funding for federal wastewater and drinking water infrastructure to \$3.5 billion.
- ACEC moderated a panel discussion at the National Defense Industrial Association's annual Homeland Security Symposium on whether current infrastructure spending is adequately addressing security, resiliency and other priority issues.
- Discussed industry concerns regarding QBS and the use of country procurement systems with officials at the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC).

Membership Notices

Prospective Members

Thomas Marnik, Lamp, Ryneerson & Associates, Inc.

Welcome New Individual Members:

Al Brown, PBS&J: 4601 DTC Blvd., Ste. 700, Denver, CO 80237. arbrown@pbsj.com. Al is a graduate of University of Colorado with a M.S. in Civil Engineering. Recommendations came from Ken Burns, Jim Brady, and Bob Felsburg.

Bradley Frederick, The Frederick Group, LLC: 950 W. 145th Way, Westminster, CO 80023 brad@thefrederickgroupplc.com. Bradley is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He also received his A.S. degree in Engineering Science from State University of New York at Delhi. Recommendations came from James Jones, Brant Richard, and Wilfred Barry.

John Muscatell, URS Corporation: 8181 E. Tufts Avenue, Denver, CO 80237 john_muscatell@urscorp.com. John is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He also received his M.E. degree in transportation engineering. Recommendations came from Mark Schaefer, Bill Ettenger, and Bob Reish.

David Poe, Anchor Engineering, Inc. 3611 Blake Street, Denver, CO 80205, david@anchoreng.com. David is a graduate of University of Colorado-Boulder with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering and a M.S. in Civil Engineering. Anchor Engineering, Inc. is a diverse full service consulting structural engineering company capable of designing single/multi-family residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial structures. David was interviewed by the membership committee.

Transfer:

Rick Weed, D.B.A. Carroll & Lange-Manhard

Resignations:

Black & Veatch
Caveo Consulting Engineers
Building Systems, LLC
Fritz Consulting Engineers
RE Tech +
Peak Environmental Consulting, Inc.

Engineers in the News



Neil F. Dunbar, P.E.

Congratulations to **Regnier & Associates** for celebrating its five year anniversary!

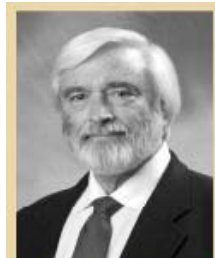
Martin/Martin, Inc. Consulting Engineers recently announced the retirement of two, long-time principals. **Neil F. Dunbar, P.E.** and **David D. Gillaspie, P.E.**, both University of Colorado/Boulder graduates, retired with 87+ combined years practicing engineering in Colorado.

Martin/Martin, Inc. received the first ACE Mentor Program Award at McGraw Hill Publications' Hard Hat Awards Event for its support of the program to mentor students interested in engineering.

Michael Baker Jr., Inc. announced that **Craig M. Friesen, P.E.**, recently joined Baker's Denver-area office as Civil Design Manager. Friesen has been working in Colorado for more than 19 years.

The RMH Group has recently added four new engineers to its staff: **Aimee Ainsworth, Thomas Bakane, Rebecca Losier** and **Kelly Short**.

Ainsworth is a mechanical engineer and project manager with more than 13 years of experience creating engineered designs and performing studies for office buildings, correctional, higher education and healthcare facilities. She received her B.S. in mechanical engineering from Colorado State University.



David D. Gillaspie

Bakane is a mechanical engineer with more than seven years experience designing HVAC systems for office buildings and several facilities. He received his B.S. in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University.

Losier is a mechanical engineer-in-training with more than two years of experience designing HVAC systems for residential buildings, office buildings, medical and military facilities. Rebecca has a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder.



Aimee Ainsworth



Thomas Bakane



Rebecca Losier



Kelly Short

Short is an electrical engineer-in-training with more than four years of experience designing normal and backup power, alarm and security systems, and communications systems. Kelly has dual B.S. degrees in electrical engineering and computer engineering from the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Engineering Excellence Awards Entries

- AECOM Technology Corporation, Woodmen Road Corridor Improvements, Colorado Springs, CO
- Ayres Associates, Protecting the Pleasant Valley Pipeline, Fort Collins, CO
- Brown and Caldwell, Littleton/Englewood Wastewater Treatment Plant - Phase 2, Englewood, CO
- Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc., Fairplay WWTF, New Plant Design, Fairplay, CO
- Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc., Increasing Generation Capability at Craig U3, Craig, CO
- Drexel, Barrell & Co., Fruita Reservoir No. 1 Rehabilitation, Mesa County, CO
- E M C Engineers, Inc., Monte Vista Auditorium ESPC, Monte Vista, CO
- Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, C-470/Alameda Parkway Interchange, Lakewood - Jefferson County, CO
- Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., Innovative Strategies for Radio nuclides Rule Compliance, Colorado
- M-E Engineers, Inc., Research 2, University of Colorado Denver, Aurora, CO
- Merrick & Company, Levee Certification Using Geospatial Technologies, Wichita, KS
- Merrick & Company, Water and Sewer Master Programming Services, Lakewood, CO
- PBS&J, I-70/Eagle County Traffic Incident Management Plan, Eagle County, CO
- PBS&J, RidgeGate Parkway and I-25 Interchange, Lone Tree, CO
- Richard P. Arber Associates, Inc., City of Alamosa Arsenic Treatment Project, Alamosa, CO
- Richard P. Arber Associates, Inc., ACWWA Lone Tree Creek Water Reuse Facility Expansion, Centennial, CO
- Summit Engineering Group, Inc., SH58 Ramp A Flyover Bridge, Golden, CO
- Terracon Consultants, Inc., University Village Colorado Retail Center, Colorado Springs, CO
- The RMH Group, Inc., LDS Church, Church History Library, Salt Lake City, UT
- URS Corporation, In Situ Bioremediation at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, WY
- URS Corporation, I-25 North Corridor, Longmont, CO

ACEC/CO Events

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Wake-Up Call Breakfast Series Meeting

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The conference program – "The Future of Consulting Engineering: Are You Ready?" will focus on a paradigm shift related to sustainability; promoting your firm using social networks; intellectual property; and inventive, unusual and new marketing activities. Up to 12 PDH's can be earned at this conference.

Our popular annual Ethics Seminar will also be part of this conference. If you are not going to the regional conference you may still attend the Ethics Seminar as a one-day program for \$179/member. Register by October 29th. [Click here for more information.](#)



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 or call 303-832-2200. The following are now available:



- September 2, 2009: *Fastracks & RTD Update*, by Phil Washington, RTD GM
- May 6, 2009: *The Current Economic Meltdown & Its Implications for Infrastructure Planning*, by Edward F. Harvey, Harvey Economics
- April 1, 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 4, 2009: *Renewable Energy Sources and Costs* by Lee Boughey, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
- January 7, 2009: *It's Not As Bad As You Think: An Economic Review* by Brian Coggon, Engineered Finance, LLC
- December 3, 2008: *Important Emerging Trends & Issues* by Bill Wallace of Wallace Futures Group, LLC,
- November 5, 2008: *Demographics and the World of Predicting Your Market* by Rod Hoffman, CEO and co-founder of S&H Consulting.

Marketing and Business Development

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Rocky Mountain Green 2010: Save The Date

USGBC Colorado's Annual Green Building Conference will be held April 21-22, 2010 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. Sponsorship, booth, and early bird registration information is coming soon!

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