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RTD Manager Speaks at Wake-up Call Breakfast

For our first Wake-Up Call of the season, RTD Interim General Manager Phil Washington addressed the membership giving us an update on FasTracks and RTD programs, and in particular, Phil addressed the Penta P program for the east corridor. His program was recorded as part of our [podcast series](#). Plan to attend our next Wake-Up call program on October 7th at 7:30 a.m. at the Sunrise Sunset Restaurant in Lakewood.



RTD GM Phil Washington
speaks to ACEC/CO mem-
bers at the Wake-up Call
Breakfast September 2

Call for Nominations for New Faces in Engineering Awards

Do you know someone who shows outstanding productivity in their work and has an impact on society? Are they an engineer and under the age of 30? Please nominate them for ACEC/CO's 2010 New Faces in Engineering Awards. This is a great way to recognize exceptional young individuals. The deadline for nominations is September 25th. [Read more..](#)

Engineering Excellence Awards Entries Announced

The ACEC/CO Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2009-10 Awards entries. The Engineering Excellence Awards luncheon and presentation of awards will be held on Monday, November 2nd, at 11:30 a.m. at the Brown Palace. [Click here to see who is entered!](#)

ARTICLES

Submit a philanthropy article to be included in the 2010 edition of Engineering Colorado. Share how members are using their engineering skills to give back to the community.

NEW ACEC/CO SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

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FHWA Releases Summer Edition of the Environmental Quarterly

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Resource Center Environment Technical Service Team and Office of Planning, Environment & Realty (HEP) are pleased to provide you with the [Summer Edition of the Environmental Quarterly](#). This issue includes Part 2 of the 2 Part Series of Frequently Asked Questions on FHWA's NEPA reevaluation process and much more.

Fourth Annual Regional Conference



The annual regional conference for ACEC Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah will be held on November 12th - 14th at Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs. 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. Our annual Ethics Seminar will also be part of this conference. Up to 12 PHS's can be earned. [Register](#) and make your [hotel reservations](#) now! [Read More..](#)

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Membership Notices and Engineers in the News

Membership Notices

See this section for new and prospective members and other membership changes.

Engineers in the News

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

In Memory of Ralph Peterson

Ralph R. Peterson, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CH2M Hill, died at his home September 1, 2009. [Read more..](#)

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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..](#)

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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. [Read more..](#)

ACEC 2009 Fall Conference - Palm Springs

The Fall Conference of ACEC's Centennial Year will be held on October 7-10, 2009 at the La Quinta Resort & Club in Palm Springs, California. "Engineering America's Recovery" will address industry trends, markets and business practices in a challenging economy. For more information and to register online visit www.acec.org

ACEC/CO Events and Professional Development

Register [online](#), by calling 303-832-2200, or by [e-mail](#) for ACEC/CO programs.

- **September General Meeting**
Tuesday, September 22, 11:30 a.m. at the Four Points by Sheraton Southeast. President and CEO of the Western Business Roundtable will be speaking. [Read more..](#)
- **Wake-Up Call Breakfast Series**
Wednesday, October 7, 7:30 a.m. - Topic: Casino Developers
- **Legislative Breakfasts & Lunch**
Invite your legislators to join us for breakfast and discuss your issues with them before the 2010 session. [Read more about scheduled breakfasts in your area](#)
- **Engineering Excellence Awards Luncheon**
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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..](#)

More Submission Opportunities for 2010 Magazine

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Take this opportunity to reach out to young people about careers in engineering while also sharing information about your own firm. Volunteers are *still* needed for two dates of the 2009 Fall Career Fairs. [Read more..](#)
- **Group Leaders Needed for Colorado Construction Days**
Make a difference at the 2009 Colorado Construction Career Days on October 6th or 7th, by volunteering as a group leader. You will guide 10 students through a morning of fun hands-on activities while helping them explore careers in the construction industry. [Read more..](#)
- **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..](#)

- **Save the Date: QBS Breakfast Forum**
Tuesday, October 20, at the PPA Event Center. This forum will help you and your clients use QBS on ARRA projects. [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.
- **Three October Courses from ACEC**
Choose your October course! "Business of Design Consulting," "Building Information Modeling (BIM)," or "Applying Expertise as an Engineering Expert Witness." [Read More..](#)
- **Rocky Mountain Green 2010**
Save the date: April 21-22, 2010 [Read more..](#)

President's Report

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Remember the campaign promise of "change"? Of course the question is what kind of change? Change in certain areas are good for some but not for others. We have seen this in our industry over the last 10 or more years. Many design firms had worked on the model of Design – Bid – Build (DBB). Over the last 10 years this has been changing. Design – Build (DB) first came on the scene in the vertical design disciplines and then in later years the infrastructure field. At first this was only with large projects where time was of the essence. Now we are seeing more DB with smaller projects that allow the owners to shift more of the risk to the DB team. With the present reduction in revenues for all government agencies and entities we are seeing greater interest in Public Private Partnerships (P3).



For mid-size and small firms this presents a problem, because we do not have the financial backing to prime DB and we do not have the resources to find financing for P3 projects. Where we could have primed projects in the past, we may find ourselves being in the secondary or less role. For large design firms they may find themselves in the unfamiliar role of playing sub to a large contractor.

Our clients are shifting. On many projects we no longer have a direct tie to the client; instead it is through the contractor. More risk is being pushed our way. QBS is tougher to sell to contractors that have worked for decades with low bid. We have to create new business models and we have to shift how we react to our biggest clients. We have to market contractors now, where in the past we only consulted with them for contractibility issues.

All of this means that things they are a changing and we have to be nimble enough to change with the times or perish. Change isn't always good but we will always have change. The key is to see change coming and to find ways in which we can benefit from the change. I always felt that changing times create a level of excitement and challenge. Sometimes we need that to get those creative juices flowing to keep us coming to work. By embracing change, we can energize ourselves and our staff for that bold new tomorrow.

One way to position yourself and your firm in this changing climate is to attend the Regional Conference hosted by ACEC/CO for ACEC AZ, CO, NM, NV and UT at Cheyenne Mountain Resort on November 12-14th. 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. Our annual ethics seminar will also be part of this program. You won't want to miss this opportunity. Watch for the brochure that will be out next week.

- Robert Refvem, ACEC/CO President

Recognizing Your Up-and-Comers Through an ACEC/CO Membership

As you develop the future leaders of your firm, please consider submitting their application for membership under the affiliate category. By encouraging this next generation of leaders to join and participate now, ACEC/CO will continue to be a strong organization. An ACEC/CO membership is another recognition that your future leader will have to show others that their firm sees them as a valuable member of your team.

Affiliate Members are employees of member firms who, in the opinion of the member firm's key principal, have the potential to become a principal in the firm and who will be encouraged to participate in the activities of the Council. Affiliate Members may be members of committees and serve as committee chair, but shall not hold office in the ACEC/CO.

Joining is simple by going onto the ACEC/CO website at www.acec-co.org and clicking on the [Join](#) button.

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 web site and in *USA Today* and other publications.

Nominees must be 30 years of age or 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, 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 or 303-832-2200.

Openings for ACEC/CO Members on QBS Colorado Board

Two ACEC/CO positions are available on the QBS (Qualification Based Selection) Colorado Board. QBS Colorado is an advocate for qualifications-based selection of professional services. Its mission is to promote quality and value in professional design services in the construction industry to public agencies and organizations. Besides ACEC/CO, QBS Colorado Board is composed of members from supporting organizations AIA/CO, NSPE/CO, and CAGE. For more information, please contact Tracy Lyman with Lyman Henn at 303-534-1100, tyman@lymanhenn.com or Marilen Reimer at the ACEC/CO office – 303-832-2200, mar@acec-co.org

News From National

President's Report

General

- ACEC annual audit conducted by the CPA firm of Larson-Allen gave the Council a clean bill of health and high marks for financial management.
- Continued to work closely with AASHTO and FHWA on latest audit guide which will be unveiled at ACEC Fall Conference in Palm Springs next month.
- Briefed the Design Professionals Coalition on ACEC liability survey results, as part of their summer meeting agenda of legislative and business issues for ACEC's largest firms.
- *Engineering Inc.* September/October issue focuses on New Mexico Senator Jeff Bingaman who is the key player on energy/climate and health care legislation.



ACEC President
Dave Raymond

Government Affairs

- Provided ACEC's views on health care reform – including opposition to potentially onerous new employer mandates – to congressional leaders; and created new web resource for ACEC members on current health care reform proposals.
- Participated on panel sponsored by the Society of American Military Engineers to present the industry's views on liability issues related to disaster response projects.
- Successfully challenged QBS violations and addressed other A/E contracting issues at the Indian Health Service, FEMA, and other federal agencies.
- Coordinated with ACEC/California in opposing legislation from Congressman Bob Filner (D-CA) that would prohibit state DOTs from contracting out for construction inspection activities on federal-aid highway projects.

Institute for Business Management

- Begon the fall online seminar series with *Recession Marketing – How to Win in Tough Times* by Clare Ross.
- CASE hosted a workshop in Chicago on “How Can Structural Firms Benefit by Understanding Sustainable Design.”
- CASE RMP e-news carried a current status and spending report on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, including specific links to which projects are funded, which programs in Federal agencies are getting a boost, and how the states are spending their stimulus money.

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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. Each state is represented by PAC Champions to help meet its state's annual PAC goal.

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.

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 our PAC Champions Rob Refvem at rob.refvem@fhueng.com or Marilen Reimer at mar@acec-co.org.

[View the August 2009 fundraising numbers from each state.](#)

Over half of the 500 tickets for the Fall Sweepstakes drawing for the 2009 Fall Conference have already been sold, so if you are looking for a time-tested method to fund raise for ACEC/PAC, now is the time to promote the [Sweepstakes raffle](#) to your prospects.

Membership Notices

Welcome New Individual Members:

David Guetig, Galloway & Company: 5300 DTC Parkway, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. 303-770-8884 daveguetig@gallowayus.com. David is a graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Galloway & Company is a full-service planning, architecture, and engineering firm that has all disciplines under one roof. Recommendations came from Kurt Lang, Bob Felsburg, Greg Roush, and Bill Barreire.

Jeremy Musson, Pinyon Environmental Engineering Resources, Inc.: 9600 W. Jewell Ave., Ste. 1, Lakewood, CO 80232. 303-980-5200 musson@pinyon-env.com. Jeremy is a graduate of Eckerd College, Florida with a B.S. in Marine Geology. Recommendations came from Lauren Evans, Karlene Thomas, and Scott Epstein.

Phil Gioia, Mazzetti, Nash, Lisey Burch: 820 16th St., Suite 440, Denver, CO 80202. 303-629-8775 philg@mazzetti.com Phil is a graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder with a B.S. degree in Architectural Engineering and information systems. Mazzetti, Nash, Lipsey Burch provides MEP consulting services for commercial projects of all sizes. Interviewed by the membership committee.

Resignations:

Tom Fairley, Kiowa Engineering Corporation
Tom Pitts, Tom Pitts & Associates

Engineers in the News



Steve Holt (left) and Bob Felsburg celebrate FHU's 25th anniversary

Congratulations to **Kumar & Associates, Inc.** on celebrating the firm's 20th anniversary!

Holland & Hart LLP has been named among the 2009 Best Law Firms for Women by Working Mother magazine and Flex-Time Lawyers. The firm was recognized for its attention to work/life balance and women's issues.

Employees of **CH2M Hill** contributed \$229,000 to Water for People, a nonprofit agency, to help bring clean drinking water, sanitation and hygiene education to people in 10 developing countries.

Felsburg, Holt & Ullevig recently celebrated the firm's 25th anniversary. Congratulations to the firm for its accomplishments and to Steve Holt upon his retirement.

Architectural Engineering Consultants (AEC) has announced that each and every one of its employees has now attained the status of LEED AP.

Lamp Rynearson & Associates is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! Congratulations!

The U.S. Commerce Association has awarded **Nolte Associates Inc's** Centennial office the 2009 Best of Centennial Award in the civil engineering

category.

AES Group has announced that it is a finalist for the ColoradoBiz Magazine's "Top Company 2009." Last month the firm was also named one of Denver Business Journal's fastest growing companies.

Terracon Inc. has announced that **John Graves, P.G.** will serve as the Fort Collins office manager. Transferring from office manager at Terracon's Rock Springs, WY office, he will provide overall administrative management and business development. John has nine years of experience as an environmental professional and 11 years as a geologist. He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental geology from Purdue University.



John Graves, P.G., Terracon's new Fort Collins Office Manager

Martin/Martin Inc. Consulting Engineers has announced the promotion of **Michael A. Piper, PE**, and **John C. Moore, PE**, to Principal, and **William A. Raatz, PE, LEED AP**, to Associate in the firm.



Michael Piper, PE



William Raatz, PE, LEED AP



John Moore, PE

In Memory of Ralph Peterson



*Ralph Peterson,
former Chairman &
CEO of CH2M Hill*

Ralph R. Peterson, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CH2M Hill, died at his home September 1, 2009. He was 64 years old. During his 17-year tenure as chief executive, Ralph saw CH2M Hill evolve from a regional company to an international leader in the engineering industry, growing from \$500 million in annual revenue to \$6.2 billion at his retirement. Ralph joined CH2M Hill in 1965 as an intern and has never worked anywhere else.

Ralph received an associate of science degree in engineering from Boise State University, a bachelor of science in civil engineering from Oregon State University and a master of science in environmental engineering from Stanford University. He also graduated from the advanced management program in the School of Business at Harvard University. He was given an honorary doctor of engineering from Colorado School of Mines and Boise State University.

Ralph received numerous honors and awards throughout his career. Among many notable honors, he was awarded the American Society of Civil Engineers President's Medal and its John I. Parcel-Leif J. Sverdrup Civil Engineering Management Award, the Keystone Center Leadership in Industry Award, the American Jewish Society National Human Relations Award and named a fellow to the United Kingdom's Institution of Civil Engineers. He was named Colorado Business Person of the Year by both the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Business Journal and he was inducted into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame.

In May, ACEC/CO recognized Ralph with the 2009 George Washington Award, an award that is given to an ACEC/CO member for outstanding community service, the progress of Colorado, and the advancement of the public image of consulting engineering as a profession. Ralph will receive the 2009 Distinguished Award of Merit posthumously at the 2009 ACEC Fall Conference in Palm Springs. This award is the highest honor the Council bestows upon an individual—for his lifetime of contributions to the industry and the nation.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 45 years, Betty Peterson; daughter Jamie Jones; son Jeffery Peterson; and five grandchildren.

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 Radionuclides 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

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Wake-Up Call Breakfast Series Meeting

Join us on **Wednesday, October 7**, for our monthly Wake-up Call Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at the Sunrise Sunset Restaurant, 1424 Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood. The topic to be covered is casino developers.

ACEC/CO Legislative Breakfast and Lunch Schedule:



Elizabeth Stolfus (left) of Stolfus Associates talks with her state representative Beth McCann at the Denver Legislative Breakfast. Both Rep. McCann and Rep. Nancy Todd heard members' views on healthcare, education and outsourcing. Please contact your state representatives and invite them to our legislative breakfasts and lunches to share your thoughts on issues that are impacting your business.

The 2010 session is starting soon and its important that we take the time to talk with our legislators. Take advantage of an opportunity to speak out about your concerns and [issues](#) by joining us for a legislative breakfast or lunch in your area:

Douglas/Arapahoe Counties	September 16, 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe, Lone Tree
Larimer/Weld Counties	September 16, 11:30 a.m. at CTL/Thompson Office in Ft. Collins
Mesa County	September 24, 7:30 a.m. in Grand Junction
Jefferson County	September 30, 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe, 14265 W. Colfax, in Golden
Boulder County	October 1, 7:30 a.m. at the Golden Buff Restaurant in Boulder
El Paso County	October 14, 11:30 a.m. at CH2M Hill's Office, Colorado Springs

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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 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

New ACEC/CO Sponsorship Packages Available

ACEC/CO is pleased to present you new sponsorship packages for you. Being a sponsor of a meeting or event will give you the opportunity to get your name and company before our membership. Sponsorships allow ACEC/CO to continue to provide quality programs and activities at a reasonable price. [Click here to view sponsorship packets and more information.](#)

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 by **Friday, Sept. 11, 2009** for consideration to be included in the magazine.

Additional Professional Development Opportunities and Events

Volunteers Needed for Spring Career Fairs

We *still* needs volunteers to work the ACEC/CO booth for the 2009 Fall Career Fairs on September 17th at CSU and on October 6th at CU-Boulder. Take this opportunity to reach out to young people about careers in engineering while also sharing information about your own firm. There are a number of spots that need to be filled so please review the [schedule and sign up sheet](#) and pick out a date and time that works for you. You can also sign up to volunteer by contacting Kim at kimbrezall@acec-co.org. We thank you for your support and for keeping the future of engineering in mind!

Wanted: Group Leaders for Colorado Construction Career Days

Be a champion of the 2009 Construction Career Days by volunteering as a group leader. Group leaders are those who are excited about their careers and enjoy sharing their experiences with others. As a group leader, you will spend a morning guiding a group of 10 high school students through a schedule of hands-on activities and equipment. Encourage your company to send out energetic employees to participate in this event on **October 6 & 7, 2009** at Adams County Fairgrounds. For more information view volunteer form [here](#), or contact the event coordinator at cccdcoordinator@agccolorado.org, or visit the web site at www.coloradoconstructioncareerdays.com. If you are interested in providing a hands-on activity please contact Kim at kimbrezall@acec-co.org.

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 and your clients to understand and facilitate the QBS guidelines when doing ARRA funded projects and other federal and state projects. Federally funded projects must follow the Qualifications Based Selection process. For more information or to register contact Sue Bertram at sue@bertramlaw.net. To learn more about Qualifications Based Selection visit our web site www.acec-co/qbs. This forum is offered free of charge and is sponsored by QBS Colorado. Please RSVP by October 16th.

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.

ACEC Offering Three October Courses - "New Knowledge That Pays"

Choose your October course! ACEC is offering three courses next month: The Business of Design Consulting - "Managing for Success in Climate Change" will be held October 21-24 in St. Louis, MO. This program addresses the challenging realities of the current business environment, providing the strategic insights and management skills fundamental to success for design professionals. The second course, Building Information Modeling (BIM) - "The Promise and the 2009 Reality for A/E/C Firms" will be October 29-30 in Seattle, WA. "Applying Expertise as an Engineering Expert Witness" seminar will be October 29-30 in Dearborn, MI. For more information on these programs please visit the ACEC website at www.acec.org.

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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