

ACEC

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Louisiana*

**ACEC of Louisiana**

*Advancing the Business  
of Consulting Engineering*

# ACEC of Louisiana

## Stronger Together

With a primary mission to strengthen the business environment for our member firms through government and industry advocacy, thought leadership, and business education, ACEC of Louisiana (ACECL) provides the only full-time effort to protect, promote, and advance the business of engineering.

Membership in ACECL and our national ACEC association provides opportunities for active involvement in identifying and solving problems that affect your business and impact the future of engineering.

**Advocacy  
Networking  
Industry Engagement  
Professional Development  
Member Benefits**



[Click here to see a list of current ACECL member firms.](#)



# ADVOCACY

## Local/State/Federal



### One Voice

Standing together and guided by the principals of our industry, ACECL works on your behalf at the local, state, and federal level to promote and defend the business of engineering to increase your company's opportunities for success. ACEC of Louisiana is committed to aggressive involvement in legislative and public sector decision-making.

#### FEDERAL ISSUES

- Designing a 21st Century infrastructure agenda
- Supporting tax and bonding policies that incentivize private investment in vertical infrastructure
- Promoting innovation and competitiveness
- Developing a robust, sustainable energy agenda
- Advocating for water & environmental protection
- Partnering with federal, state & local governments
- Supporting workforce development efforts
- Positioned as the global leader in engineering services

#### STATE ISSUES

- Protecting consulting engineering relative to public procurement laws
- Defending industry against laws adverse to the practice of engineering
- Improving liability protections for engineers
- Ensuring public ethics laws appropriately recognize the role of private engineering
- Promoting increased investment in state infrastructure spending
- Investing in the success of key legislative allies
- Funding legal reviews, briefs, and court filings
- Appointing members to serve on key policymaking panels, committees, and engineering selection boards



*“...the people of ACEC National and our 52 affiliate State Member Organizations work tirelessly to advocate for policies that protect and improve the engineering industry.”*

-Linda Bauer Darr, ACEC President & CEO

# NETWORKING

## *Personal & Professional Connections*

By taking full advantage of membership in ACECL and ACEC National, firms make important business connections allowing them to stay informed about current trends, upcoming projects, and changes in law.

Chapter meetings and events hosted by ACECL allow members the opportunity to stay connected professionally and personally, build friendships, and connect on teaming opportunities and client referrals.

The ACECL Engineering Excellence Awards, designed to celebrate engineering projects, showcase the work of Louisiana engineers, and draw hundreds of attendees to a semi-formal gala each year.



*"The members of ACEC Louisiana represent the most successful firms in the state who all recognize that sharing best practices, having a forum to discuss issues of concern and helping drive change, protects the industry for everyone."*

*-Jerry Lazenby, PE,  
Lazenby & Associates, Inc.*

# INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT



**Unified Voice**  
**Committee Activism**  
**Industry Representation**  
**Strength in Numbers**



## Focused Leadership

Our members and staff are engaged and highly effective in promoting the engineering community and related service industries. Becoming involved and working side-by-side with your colleagues means having a voice on current issues which affect your business.

ACECL has a seat at the table with major local and state agencies to help guide regulatory policymaking.

"ACECL is able to be the voice for our members. We can speak on behalf of the membership so no firm has to navigate challenges alone. What one firm cannot do alone is achieved by the power of many."

-Doreen Brasseaux,  
ACECL President & CEO

## COMMITTEES >

Legislative  
Membership  
Water Resources  
Transportation  
Risk Management  
Facilities  
AGC/AIA Liaison  
LES/LAPELS Liaison  
ACECL PAC

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National Fall & Spring Conferences  
State Fall Conference & Awards Luncheon  
Critical Issues Summit with AGC  
Deep South Summer Convention  
Virtual Business Webinars  
Monthly Chapter Meetings  
Committee and Forum Meetings  
Emerging Leaders Institute



## Continued Growth

Continuing education is the cornerstone of the engineering industry. Within this noble profession lies a relentless desire to serve the public with efficient and sustainable solutions.

It is our job to provide ACECL members with relevant and substantive business education opportunities to boost their business acumen and increase firm profitability.



## *Value Proposition*

Our members enjoy resources, benefits, and access to information that provides leverage in today's competitive business environment. As a professional organization, we remain committed to our members and work tirelessly to ensure a high return on your investment.

The benefits of membership are evident in the number of engineering firms and affiliate member organizations that have joined our ranks. Despite being one of the smaller states when it comes to the number of engineering firms, Louisiana has the tenth largest membership of all state ACEC member organizations.

# MEMBER BENEFITS

**Legislative, Policy & Legal Advocacy**

**Public-Private Partnerships**

**Professional Development**

**Education & Networking**

**Professional Recognition**

**Timely Communication**

**Cost-Effective Business Insurance**



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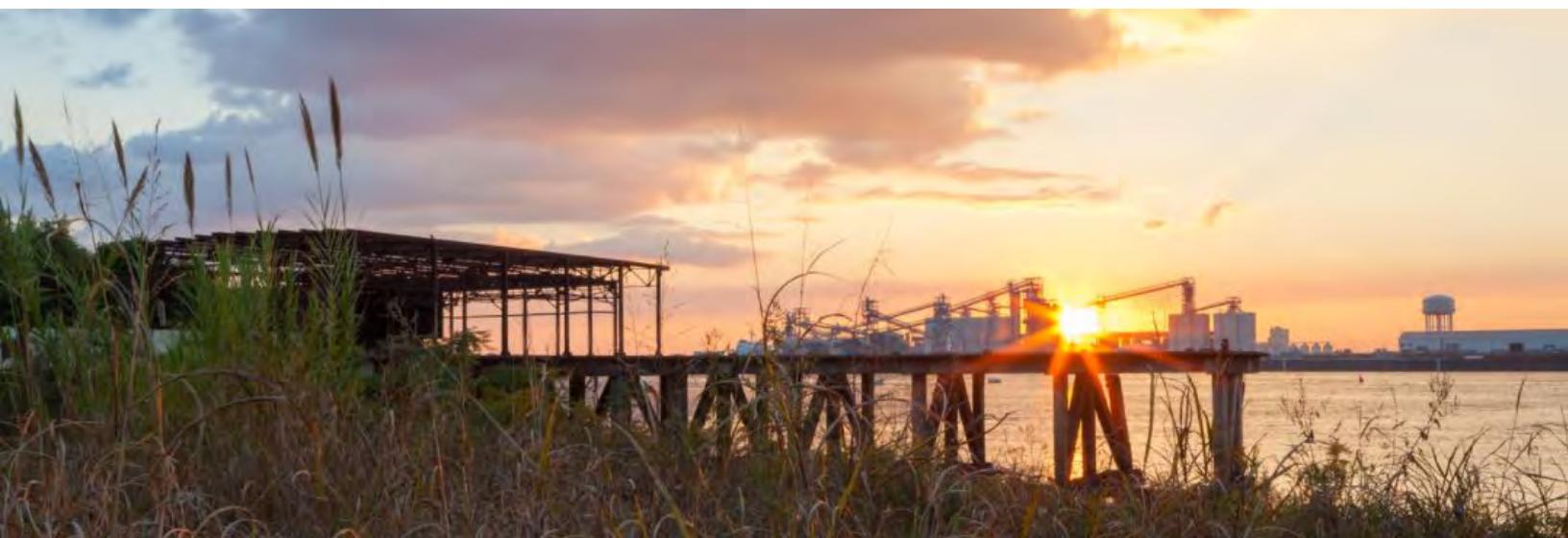
*“I have found that membership in ACEC of Louisiana is critical in keeping me abreast of legal, legislative, and policy issues that impact my business. If you want to have a voice in decisions that impact your consulting engineering business, involvement in ACEC of Louisiana is the right place to devote your time and resources. It’s been a critical component to our success.”*

*-Ann Trappey, P.E., Forte and Tablada, Inc.*

# BECOME A MEMBER OF ACECL TODAY!

**Firm Membership Application**

**Affiliate Membership Application**



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