



REPRESENTATIVE DADE PHELAN

ACEC Texas Presents Representative Dade Phelan with the “Champion of Infrastructure” Award for the 89th Legislature

Austin, TX – The American Council of Engineering Companies of Texas (ACEC Texas) is pleased to recognize Representative Dade Phelan (R-Beaumont) with the **Champion of Infrastructure Award** for his work on behalf of Texas engineering firms during the 2025 Legislative Session.

The Champion of Infrastructure Award recognizes elected officials who support the engineering business community by promoting policies that encourage infrastructure development and create a fair, business-friendly environment in the State of Texas. The award recipients are chosen by the members of the ACEC Texas Public Policy Council.

Speaker Phelan has served in several leadership roles in the Texas House of Representatives, most recently as Chairman of the House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures, which oversees all professional licensing issues and related state agencies, and as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives during the 2021 and 2023 Legislative Sessions.

“Speaker Phelan has been an unwavering leader in the Texas House since being first elected in 2014,” said ACEC Texas President Peyton McKnight. “Throughout his tenure, Speaker Phelan has developed policies that benefit all Texans including the passage of legislation that created the Flood Infrastructure Fund for flood control, mitigation, and drainage projects. In 2025, Speaker Phelan authored legislation to create more transparency on state transportation projects and oversaw a host of issues affecting our industry as the Chairman of the House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures. On behalf of ACEC Texas, we send our sincere appreciation to Speaker Phelan for his friendship and work on behalf of the engineering community and the State of Texas and wish him and his family the very best on his retirement from the Texas House at the end of the year.”

ACEC Texas is the business association of Texas engineering firms. The organization is committed to advancing the private practice of consulting engineering, enhancing markets for private engineering services, educating the public on the importance of infrastructure investment, and promoting sound business practices within the industry and its client base.