NACE ANNUAL STATE REPORT

State Association Name: <u>Association of County Engineers of Alabama (ACEA)</u>
For year of: <u>2023-2024</u>
Number of Counties: <u>67</u> Number of State Assoc. Members: <u>67</u>
Number NACE Member: <u>67</u>
State Annual Meeting/Conferences held at:
<u>Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL</u> on April 16-20, 2023
In conjunction with the Annual NACE Conference.

Other significant meeting held during the year:

<u>Association of County Commissions of Alabama's Annual Convention</u> (August 21st– 24th, 2023) at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL Annual Alabama Legislative Conference (November 29-30, 2023) at Dixon Conference Center in Auburn, AL

Notable achievements of State Association and/or Individual members:

County Engineer of the Year Award was not awarded this year. The John F. Courson, Excellence in Engineering Award for Leadership, Research, Guidance, and Support was not awarded this year.

Important Events in which State Association participated during year:

The ACEA holds monthly webinars and sends out weekly emails to its members to try and keep them engaged in programs and issues happening around the state and with NACE. The ACEA has been working with Auburn University and the Alabama Community College System to continue utilizing a CDL Training program. Auburn was awarded 3 grants for CDL Training and utilizes the Community College System to implement the program. As of March 31, 2024, sixty-seven county employees have earned their CDL license (40 Class A and 27 Class B).

Issues and topics of particular importance for which action and efforts of State Association were directed during the year: State Issues: <u>The ACEA has continued to work with the Association of County</u> <u>Commissioners of Alabama to implement training and certifications for</u> <u>County and Assistant County Engineers through the County Government</u> <u>Education Institute. This program provides training including Disaster</u> <u>Preparedness, Legal Primer, Finance and Revenue, Ethics, Personnel</u> <u>Administration, Communication and Media Relations, and more.</u>

National Issues:

The ACEA also collaborated on I.I.J.A. funding opportunities to help members follow spending guidelines. Four counties received a SS4A planning grant to update each one of their individual road safety plans.

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