

Works for Engineering Firms



ACEC/PAC plays an essential role in advancing policies benefitting the engineering industry. By supporting lawmakers who support the industry's agenda, ACEC/PAC has helped to produce tangible results for member firms:

- » **Tax Reform** – Engineering C corps received a lower 21% tax rate and ACEC secured a new 20% tax deduction for engineering S corps and other passthrough firms.
- » **Transportation Funding** – Congress provided tens of billions in emergency relief funding to State DOTs, transit agencies, airports, and other state and local agencies.
- » **Expanding QBS** – New QBS requirements for federally-funded wastewater projects and airport projects that mix federal and non-federal sources of funds.
- » **Promoting Contracting Out** through language in the FAST Act and WRDA to increase private sector engagement by State DOTs and the Corps of Engineers; ACEC also defeated harmful insourcing amendments.
- » **Reinforcing Federal Audit/Procurement Rules** to prohibit arbitrary caps on overhead by State DOTs and bolster QBS requirements.
- » **Pandemic Assistance** including PPP loan forgiveness and full deductibility of expenses, tax relief for business losses, and an employee retention tax credit. Won a six-week delay of the federal contractor vaccine mandate.
- » **Expanding Energy Markets** – through legislation to streamline pipeline construction and LNG facilities, expand renewable energy, and invest in new technology development.



2021-2022 Policy Agenda

- » **Protect firms with forgiven PPP loans** from unfair regulatory requirements.
- » **Passage of Infrastructure** bills to boost federal investment in transportation and core federal water programs, incentivize P3 projects, and promote efficient project delivery.
- » **A New Energy Agenda** to modernize permitting; tax and other incentivizes to commercialize innovative clean energy technologies such as storage, carbon capture, renewables and nuclear.
- » **Advance Common Sense Regulatory Requirements**, including protecting NEPA reforms, a new wetlands policy, and advocating risk-based strategies to address emerging contaminants.
- » **Resilience** – to support federal development of data and analytical tools for use in local infrastructure design to address threats e.g., floods, drought, wind, earthquakes, and wildfires.
- » **Tax Policy** – continue balanced tax treatment of engineering firms regardless of their business structure.
- » **Workforce Development** – support STEM education, incentives for firms to help employees with student debt, more H-1B visas to attract the best and brightest around the world.