

# ACEC *Minnesota*

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#### Bolton & Menk

**Project:** Minneapolis North High School Track & Field Improvements, Minneapolis Public Schools

**Photographer:** Bolton & Menk Creative Studio

**Description:** : The Minneapolis North High School track and field stadium was constrained by city streets and a private parking lot. The site contained original school foundations, basement tunnels, and coal burning furnaces which needed to be removed and treated to meet environmental and structural requirements of a new running track and synthetic turf field. Bolton & Menk provided site planning, civil engineering, and landscape architectural services through the facility redesign and revitalization process while working with school staff and involving community members. Through in-depth neighborhood and school involvement during the planning process, the new stadium has been embraced by the community and will be a landmark for years to come.

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## From The Board Chair C. Brett Morse, TKDA

It is my privilege to serve as your current ACEC/MN chair. As a government market manager for my firm and a structural engineer I have observed and appreciate all that ACEC provides for our industry through education, networking opportunities, relationships with public agencies and the support to aid in transformation and growth of our workforce in order to provide improvements to infrastructure and to continue a solid foundation for future generations of engineers.

I am proud to be part of this professional organization and to see the positive changes and growth we have made over the past few years. Growth in **Leadership** through continued transparent communications with local and state public agencies and policy efforts at the national level, bringing **Value** to our firms and employees through heightened awareness in our communities and the **Transformation** of our workforce through diversity, inspiration and innovation.

This year I look forward to working on continued growth of ACEC/MN through the addition of member firms and affiliates, a strategic effort to expand our reach to greater Minnesota, continued efforts to support our 501(c)(3) non-profit arm of our organization, Engineering Education Foundation of America (EEFA) and provide an updated 3-year strategic plan to ensure we have a thoughtful vision of our future and have the guidance to attain our goals.

If you have been involved in ACEC in the past, I thank you and your firm's support. If you are looking to get involved, I invite you to engage and participate with our many opportunities, whether it is as a member of one of our committees, continuing our efforts with workforce development, advocating through conversations with public representatives and agencies or joining us at one of our many events throughout the year. I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Sincerely,  
C. Brett Morse, PE  
Chair, ACEC/MN



# ACEC Research Institute Study: Provision of Engineering Services on a Lump Sum Basis



The ACEC Research Institute commissioned this study – in partnership with Virginia Tech – to enhance awareness of the potential opportunities and challenges of lump sum structures for engineering and design services in the transportation sector. The study undertook expert interviews to provide a rich data set on perspectives surrounding lump sum contracting. Researchers conducted interviews with 14 client organizations made up of nine DOTs, three federal agencies, and two public transportation authorities.

**Scan the code or click here for the report**





# ADVOCACY: ACEC/MN Fly-In

## DC Hill Visits, September 11, 2024



**ACEC/MN members met with nearly every member of the Minnesota Congressional Delegation for another successful Fly-In. Check out pictures and quotes from attendees. For more information, please connect with ACEC/MN CEO Jon Curry.**

Advocacy is a pillar of ACEC. The legislative Fly-Ins have leveraged our PAC investments to build relationship capital with our Members of Congress. *Jason Meyer, Client Service Manager, Stanley Consultants*



ACEC MN Fly-In's have been extremely valuable to our industry. The Fly-In gives us the ability to have direct contact with our US delegates in D.C. so that they understand our industry needs. Our Fly ins have helped to obtain House bills and awareness of our needs as an industry. We have made significant progress and will continue to with these trips and the help of ACEC National supporting our efforts.

*Dave Krueger, Project Funding and Government Relations Manager, SEH*



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## DC Hill Visits, September 11, 2024

This was my first experience attending the ACEC/MN DC Fly-In, and it was truly remarkable. Meeting with our Minnesota delegation and walking the halls of Congress was a fantastic opportunity. I was in awe of the historical significance of the buildings and the privilege of meeting each legislator in their own offices. From the very beginning, it was evident that our legislators highly value the information we shared about our industry and are committed to supporting us.

*Matt Jensen, Senior Project Manager, Kimley-Horn*



Years of support from Minnesotans to the ACEC national PAC have allowed us to slowly build key relationships with Minnesota Representatives and Senators and their very influential senior staff. We now have key allies that we can call upon when our Minnesota member firms really need it.

*Matt Ruble, Vice President, Braun Intertec*

There is no substitute for visiting your legislators where they work. On Capitol Hill, you get their full attention on the most pressing issues facing our industry, society and world.

*Dan Larson, CEO, American Engineering Testing*



Each year having a delegation visit our Minnesota Representatives in Washington DC is a very important part of ACEC/MN's value to our industry and community. I appreciate this groups commitment to advocacy at the local and national level.

*Steven Carleton, CEO, Rani Engineering*





# ACEC/MN Member Benefit Highlight

## Young Professionals Committee

The ACEC/MN Young Professionals Committee offers professionals in the early stages of their career networking, growth and career advancement opportunities. The YP Committee hosts social events to connect with peers, exciting site tours, opportunities for skills and leadership development, and legislative panels to raise awareness and build advocacy skills.

Past events are highlighted below - to join the Committee email list, please reach out to current Chair Shan Morgen of Isthmus Engineering at [smorgen@isthmusengineering.com](mailto:smorgen@isthmusengineering.com).



2024 YP Kickoff:  
Axe Throwing at MN Axe



Fall 2022 Tour: MnDOT I-35W  
Stormwater Storage Facility



2023 Politics in Engineering  
with WTS MN

## Thank you to our 2024-25 Young Professionals Sponsors!

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# EEFA Scholarship Softball Tournament August 24 @ Andrews Park in Champlin MN

13 teams showed up to compete at the 42nd Annual DuWayne "Dewey" Kasma EEFA Scholarship Softball Tournament held at Andrews Park in Champlin, raising more than \$11,000 for scholarships and workforce development initiatives.

It was a beautiful day for softball and competition was both friendly and fierce:

- SRF Consulting were the Champions of the A Bracket with a 10 to 6 win over KLJ
- Braun Intertec won the B Bracket crown over WSB, 15 to 7
- Bolton & Menk took the trophy for the C Bracket with a 18 to 16 win over Dunham.

We want to thank our generous sponsors for the Tournament - Grand Slam Sponsor Bolton & Menk, Home Run Sponsors KLJ & TKDA, and RBI Sponsor Stantec.

We hope to see everyone again next year!

## A Bracket Champions



SRF

## B Bracket Champions



BRAUN  
INTERTEC

## C Bracket Champions



BOLTON  
& MENK

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Thanks to all the teams who came out to play in the Tournament:  
BKBM Engineers, Bolton & Menk, Braun Intertec, Dunham, IMEG,  
Kimley-Horn, KLJ, SEH, SRF Consulting Group, Stantec, TKDA, VAA & WSB

Take a look below at some of the great pictures from the tournament  
[and see this link for even more tournament action shots.](#)





# ACEC/MN Events & Education

Big events and programs are rolling in October - like entry deadlines for the the Engineering Excellence Awards Competition, the Call for Presentations for the 2025 MN Transportation Conference & Expo and our annual Campaign Fund Clay Shoot Fundraiser.

Keep an eye on our [calendar page](#), new events are added all the time. See you all soon!

## Thursday, October 3rd

[Preliminary Deadline for 2025 Engineering Excellence Awards Projects](#)

## Monday, October 7th

[ACEC/MN Campaign Fund Clay Shoot Fundraiser](#)

Horse & Hunt Club, Prior Lake

## October 15th

[MN Transportation Conference & Expo Presentation Submission Deadline](#)

## October 20-23

[ACEC National Fall Conference](#)

New Orleans, LA

## Tuesday, October 22nd

[MnDOT ORD: Quantities](#) (virtual)

## Wednesday, October 23rd

[MnDOT & Consultants Partnership Meeting](#) (hybrid)

## Thursday, October 24th

[Final Deadline for 2025 Engineering Excellence Awards Projects](#)

## December 12th

EEFA Winter Social

## January 15th & 22nd, 2025

Smarter Not Harder:

- Time Blocking Planning and Individual Kanban (1/15)
- Individual Kanban (cont.) and Team Kanban (1/22)

## February 21st , 2025

Engineering Excellence Awards Gala

## February 26th & March 5th, 2025

Smarter Not Harder:

- Preparing Processes for AI / Removing Waste (2/26)
- Process Mapping & Bottlenecks (3/5)

## March 6th, 2025

ACEC/MN Day at the Capitol

## March 19-21, 2025

MN Transportation Conference & Expo

## April 2025

Spring Emerging Leaders Training Series



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-  Auto & Property Deductible Assistance
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-  Conference Reimbursement

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# ACEC Minnesota 2025 Engineering Excellence Awards

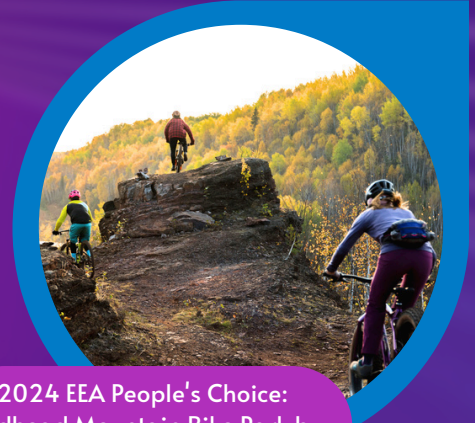
2024 EEA Grand Conceptor:  
3rd Avenue Bridge  
Rehabilitation by HNTB



EEA Season is in full swing -make sure you get your projects submitted before our Preliminary Entry Deadline this Thursday, October 3rd!

And be sure to mark the Gala on your calendar to join us for the year's biggest celebration of engineering!

- Thursday, October 3rd: Preliminary EEA Entry Deadline
- Thursday, October 24th: Final EEA Entry Deadline
- Week of November 18th: Results Shared with Entrants
- Friday, February 21st, 2025: Engineering Excellence Awards Gala at A'BULAE



2024 EEA People's Choice:  
Redhead Mountain Bike Park by  
Barr Engineering Co.

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CONFERENCE & EXPO



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passion



Showcase your  
enthusiasm



Ignite your  
ideas

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Join us as a speaker at the most significant transportation event for Minnesota engineers and contractors from the public and private sectors. Approximately 1,600 attendees and 100 exhibitors will participate in the 2025 conference. Don't miss out! We would love to have your presentation included!

Throughout the conference, programs of interest to industry leaders and staff from small, medium, and large municipalities, counties, tribes, agencies, universities, consultants, and contractors were offered. All program attendees will be awarded professional development hours for their attendance.

### What information is needed to submit an abstract:

- Name and contact information of Speaker(s)
- Title of your presentation
- Learning Objective (300 Characters Max)
- Presentation Details (10,000 Characters Max)
- The Submission Deadline is October 15, 2024.

**Submit your Presentation today at [www.mtcexpo.com](http://www.mtcexpo.com)**