

Works for Engineering Firms



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

- » **Historic Infrastructure Investment** - Helped to secure passage of \$1.3 trillion funding package for transportation, water, energy, broadband, environmental clean-up, and other critical infrastructure programs.
- » **Tax Policy** – ACEC successfully advocated for permanent extension of the 20% tax deduction for S corps and other passthrough firms, retention of the 21% corporate rate, a permanent return to R&D deductibility, with retroactive relief for smaller firms and flexibility for larger firms, and improvement of incentives for firms to help employees with educational expenses and student debt.
- » **Expanding QBS** – Protecting federal rules that mandate QBS for federally funded highway, transit, wastewater and airport projects, as well as updated research to reinforce the cost and schedule benefits of QBS.
- » **Promoting Contracting Out** through transportation and water legislation 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.
- » **Increased A/E Design Fees** from 6% to 10% for firms working with the Army Corps of Engineers, NAVFAC, and AFCEC.
- » **Infrastructure** – Secured ACEC priorities in legislation to reauthorize FAA funding programs that support airport projects and the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).



2025-2026 Policy Agenda

- » **Tax Policy** – Protect key industry priorities, including the 21% corporate tax rate, the 20% deduction for S Corps and other passthrough firms, and restore full R&D deductibility.
- » **Infrastructure** – Secure industry priorities in a new surface transportation program, including increased funding, greater use of lump-sum contracts with State DOTs, and other contracting reforms.
- » **Expanding Energy Markets** – Support expansion of traditional oil, gas, and nuclear markets while also protecting renewable markets; also push permitting reform to move energy projects forward.
- » **Advance ACEC's Workforce Agenda** – Including more H1-B visas, investment in STEM education, and greater use of lump-sum contracts by State DOTs.
- » **Environmental Regulation** - Advance NEPA reforms, a new wetlands (WOTUS) policy, and risk-based strategies to address emerging contaminants.

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