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Promoting the professional and business interests of member engineering companies.

## ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet Highlights

ACEC/MO hosted the annual Winter Meeting/Awards Banquet in Columbia on February 9-10. The programs included: board / membership meeting; lunch & speaker; business practice seminars; local color night at D. Rowe's Restaurant; breakfast & speaker; Critical Business Issues Roundtable discussion; and our annual Awards Reception and Banquet. We presented awards to Engineering Excellence project winners and recognized firms with Distinguished Service Awards for years of service.

### SPONSORS:

Please help us thank the following companies that helped sponsor our Design Excellence Reception:

- [Greyling Insurance Brokerage, ACEC Business Insurance Trust](#)
- [RubinBrown, LLP](#)
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### SPEAKERS; SEMINARS & BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Left Photo: Friday Lunch Speaker - **Dean Elizabeth Lobo**, College of Engineering, University of Missouri. Left Center Photo: Saturday Breakfast Speaker - **Senator Caleb Rowden**, Missouri Senate. Right Center Photo: **Sandy Riley**, Missouri Department of Transportation, presented a seminar on 'FAR and MoDOT's Financial Pre-Qualification Process.' Right Photo: **John Thomas**, University of Missouri, presented a seminar on 'Effective Coaching & Mentoring High Performers.'



Critical Business Issues Roundtable: This was again very informative with many items of discussion.



Board/Membership Meeting: Led by Chairman Mike DeBacker. Items of discussion included financials, quarterly reports, PAC, committee & liaison committee reports, legislative, membership and Mercury Alliance.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS



Burns & McDonnell for 120 years of service. Representatives (l to r): Julie Sarson, Kevin Eisenbeis, Mike DeBacker, and Jeff Heidrick.



Horner & Shifrin, Inc. for 85 years of service. Representatives (l to r): Ramin Ashrafzadeh, Gino Bernardez, Steve Donahue, and Jarrett Jasper.



S.H. Smith & Company, Inc. for 50 years of service. Representatives (l to r): Bill Robison and Steve Hicks.



Taliaferro & Browne, Inc. for 50 years of service. Representatives (l to r): Leonard Graham and Hagos Andebrhan.



Left Photo: CBB for 45 years of service. Representative: Srinivas Yanamanamanda. Center Photo: CM Engineering, Inc. for 25 years of service. Representative: Kent Hayes. Right Photo: EDM Incorporated for 45 years of service. Representative: Len Madalon.

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## 2018 Engineering Excellence Awards



**GRAND CONCEPTOR AWARD**

Alper Audi, Inc. Structural Engineers; and Geotechnology, Inc.  
Project: Olin Library Transformation at Washington University



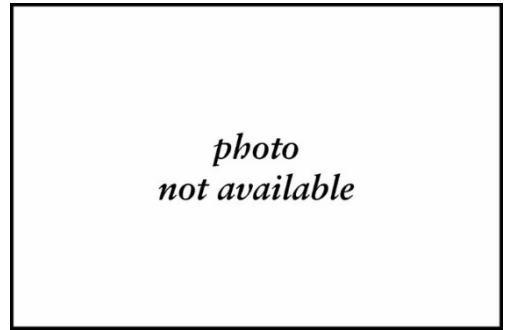
**GRAND AWARD**

Bartlett & West, Inc.  
Project: James Bridge Replacement Over the North Fork River



**GRAND AWARD**

Bartlett & West, Inc.  
Project: LiDAR Survey of Chief Standing Bear Memorial Bridge - North Bank



**GRAND AWARD**

Black & Veatch  
Project: Lemay Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Improvements



**GRAND AWARD**

Burns & McDonnell  
Project: Union Station of Kansas City, Western Expansion



**GRAND AWARD**

CDM Smith, Inc.  
Project: JCB & Miami Sewer Separation and Adams Park Detention



**GRAND AWARD**

CH2M  
Project: I-270 North Environmental Assessment



**GRAND AWARD**

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.  
Project: Liberty WWTP Design Build



**GRAND AWARD**

HNTB Corporation

Project: Replacement of Kosciuszko Bridge - Phase 1



**GRAND AWARD**

IMEG Corp.

Project: The University of Pikeville Health Professions Education Building



**HONOR AWARD**

ABNA

Project: Washington Avenue Streetscape (7th Street to Memorial Drive)



**HONOR AWARD**

Barr Engineering Company

Project: Assessing Stormwater Runoff at Industrial Sites



**HONOR AWARD**

Burns & McDonnell

Project: West Blue River Interceptor Sewer



**HONOR AWARD**

CDM Smith, Inc.

Project: Turkey Creek Wastewater Pump Station Improvements



**HONOR AWARD**

Garver, LLC

Project: US 69 Missouri River Bridge Replacement



**HONOR AWARD**

HNTB Corporation

Project: BNSF Br. 482.1 West Approach Replacement



**HONOR AWARD**

Horner & Shifrin, Inc.

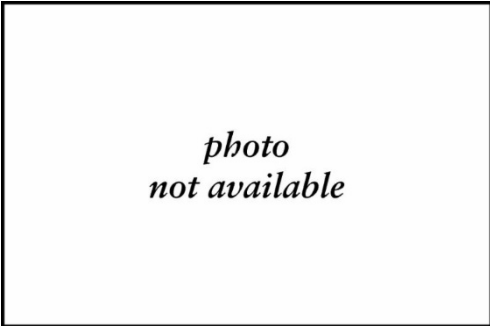
Project: S. Sprigg St. Bridge Over Active Sinkholes



**HONOR AWARD**

TranSystems

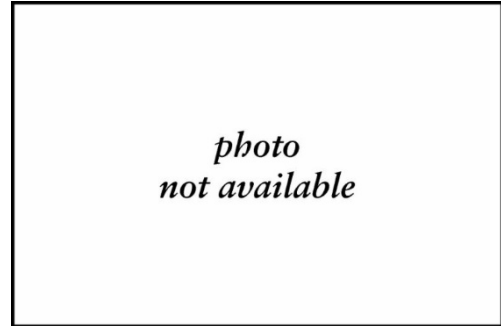
Project: Lee's Summit Road Improvements



**HONOR AWARD**

Walter P Moore

Project: Daily's Place at EverBank Field



**HONOR AWARD**

Woodard & Curran

Project: Innovative Approach Treats Mine Water

**ACEC/MO Legislative Day on March 27**

The Mercury Alliance will hold their annual Legislative Day on **Tuesday, March 27, 2018**. Transportation advocates from across Missouri will come together to promote the need for a strong transportation system to support Missouri's economy. ACEC/MO members are invited to attend and participate in this event. Talking points for key ACEC/MO legislation will be provided in addition to information about transportation legislation.



The event will begin with a kickoff orientation at 9:30 a.m. at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Following orientation, members will spend the day visiting with their elected senators and representatives to discuss the impact our transportation system has on Missouri families and businesses. Participants will be provided materials to outline Mercury Alliance positions and policy statements on transportation. There is no registration fee for this event, however registration is required. Click [here](#) to register for the event. We hope to see you in Jefferson City on March 27th!

**ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9  
(Joint meeting with Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma)**

We are in the process of finalizing the agenda for the ACEC Midwest State Conference scheduled for **June 7-9, 2018** at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson. This is a joint convention with ACEC Missouri, ACEC Kansas, and ACEC Oklahoma. Our goal is to have the completed registration information sent out this month. The draft agenda is listed below but will be updated on our [website](#) as it becomes available.

**DRAFT  
AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 7**

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. – Welcoming Reception

**FRIDAY, JUNE 8**

7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m. – Breakfast / Program  
9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. – CEO Roundtable Discussion  
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. – Lunch / Program  
2:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m. – ACEC State Meetings

6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. – Dinner / Show

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m. – Breakfast / Program  
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. – Business Practice Seminar  
12:00 p.m. - Golf Tournament  
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. – Banquet Reception  
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. – Banquet

**HOTEL INFO:** All events will be held at Chateau on the Lake located at 415 N. State Highway 265, Branson, MO 65616. The room block for the ACEC Midwest States Conference at Chateau on the Lake will be held until **Tuesday, May 8, 2018**. Contact the hotel at (888) 333-5253 or (417) 334-1161 for a rate of \$175 (single/double rate) for Mountain View/Lake View (\$195 triple rate and \$215 quad rate) and tell then you are with the ACEC Midwest States Meeting. For more information on the Chateau on the Lake, visit their website at: <https://www.chateauonthelake.com/>.

We hope to see you in the Branson for our 2018 ACEC Midwest States Conference!

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## ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit on April 15-18

The 2018 ACEC Annual Convention and Legislative Summit will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC, **April 18-18, 2018**. Here is a [link](#) to the conference information. In addition to great speakers and educational programs, ACEC members will be carrying ACEC's 2018 legislative agenda to the Hill. We hope you can join us for this great convention.



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## The Power of ACEC

"What has ACEC done for me lately?" We simply can't count the number of times that question has been asked over the years. To answer that and other questions, ACEC has produced a new video, "The POWER of ACEC." Click the ACEC logo to the right, and all of your questions will be answered!



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## Sign Up Now for National Committees

ACEC's committees are a primary means of carrying out functions that advance the Council's Strategic Plan. Committees undertake a wide range of activities, including recommending legislation and regulations to promote and protect the engineering industry; providing essential information on engineering business issues; reviewing and recommending business products and services that benefit member firms; and overseeing the performance of ACEC programs.

ACEC's committees are either "open" or "appointed". Open committees are generally market-related, and any employee of any member firm may join an open committee at any time of year. To join, start the process by clicking on the link at the bottom of this page - this takes you to a log-in page (log-in is required because ACEC membership is a prerequisite for joining any committee.) "Appointed" committees are generally smaller with narrower scope; an individual interested in an appointed committee may apply during January-March of each year for appointment by the ACEC Chair-elect or other responsible official. To apply for an appointed committee, start the process by clicking on the same link at the bottom of this page. For committees not appointed by the ACEC Chair-elect (such as the Trusts or Coalition committees), visit the committee's respective web page(s).

You may click on any of the Committees listed below to view information on that committee.

### **OPEN COMMITTEES:**

[Business Resources and Education Committee](#); [Contract Documents Committee](#); [Environment & Energy Committee](#); [Federal Agencies & Procurement Advocacy Committee](#); [International Committee](#); [Management Practices Committee](#); [Membership Committee](#) (Includes: [Mergers and Acquisitions Task Force](#)); [Public Relations Committee](#); [Risk Management Committee](#); [Tax and Regulatory Affairs Committee](#); [Transportation Committee](#) (Includes: [Transportation Steering Committee](#); [ACEC/AASHTO Joint Committee](#))

### **APPOINTED COMMITTEES:**

[ACEC/PAC Champions Committee](#); [Budget Committee](#); [CAMEE Executive Committee](#); [CASE Contracts Committee](#); [CASE Executive Committee](#); [CASE Guidelines Committee](#); [CASE Program & Communications Committee](#); [CASE Toolkit Committee](#); [Chairmen Emeritus Committee](#); [Coalition Leaders Steering Committee](#); [Committee of Fellows](#); [COPS Business Practices Committee](#); [COPS Steering Committee](#); [Engineering Excellence Awards Committee](#); [Fellows of ACEC](#); [Government Advocacy Coordinating Committee](#); [Land Development Executive Committee](#); [Life Fellows of ACEC](#); [Nominating Committee](#); [Past Chairmen Fellows Committee](#); [Planning Cabinet](#); [Professional Conduct Committee](#); [Research and Management Foundation](#); [Small Firm Council Steering Committee](#); [Tellers Committee](#)

Click [here](#) if you would like to join an ACEC committee. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Emely at 202-682-4300 or [memely@acec.org](mailto:memely@acec.org).

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## St. Louis Construction Guidelines

Members of the Construction Alliance (ACEC/MO, AIA-St. Louis, AGCMO, CSI-STL, IFMA-St. Louis and SLCCC) meet bi-monthly to continually update the guidelines to keep pace with current industry practices. The Construction Guidelines are housed on the [AGC of Missouri's website](#) under the Member Resources tab.

We invite you to review the latest Construction Guidelines via the links below and encourage you to send your thoughts on these guidelines. You may send your comments to [Denise Hasty](#).

- [Bonding](#)
- [Building Commissioning](#)
- [By Others](#)
- [Compliance with Contract Diversity Terms](#)
- [Construction Documents for Multiple-Prime Contracts](#)
- [Pre-Construction Services by a Pre-Selected Contractor/Construction Manager \(C/CM\)](#)
- [Pre-Qualification of Prime Contractors](#)

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## ACEC Business Insurance Trust Appoints Greyling Insurance Brokerage as Trust Administrator

Effective January 1, 2018, Greyling Insurance Brokerage & Risk Consulting - a division of EPIC - replaced Marsh as the broker and program administrator for the ACEC Business Insurance Trust (ACEC BIT) Program.

Founded in 2005, Greyling is a specialty insurance broker and risk consultant dedicated to serving the design and construction industries. Greyling has experienced veterans of the insurance industry, design industry and legal profession which results in taking a multi-focal view of risk to develop risk management and insurance solutions for firms of all sizes. This includes access not only to the ACEC BIT's customized Business Insurance Program that economically fits the needs of most member firms, but also access to the most sophisticated insurance markets in the world for large ACEC member firms with complex risk exposures.

The ACEC BIT program provides access to insurance products and risk management services specifically designed by engineers for engineers. Unique benefits include: Deductible assistance program; royalty sharing; coalition program dues; and royalty sharing for ACEC/National and State Organizations. This is only a change in administrators! The Hartford will continue to be the underwriter for the ACEC Business Insurance Trust program.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIRMS CURRENTLY WITH THE ACEC BUSINESS INSURANCE TRUST

All firms who currently have their insurance through the ACEC BIT Program and serviced by Marsh will need to **transfer their policies over to Greyling**, the new program administrator. This will be done through a very simple process of signing a broker of record letter which will be provided by Greyling. Failure to transfer the policies over to Greyling will result in the following:

- **Loss of ACEC special coverages**
- **Loss of ACEC BIT benefits including deductible assistance and royalty payment to policyholders**
- **Potential increase in premiums due to no longer participating in the ACEC BIT group program**
- **Loss of non-dues revenue to National and State Member Organizations – This will have a significant impact on the non-dues revenue the ACEC BIT pays to our MO**

#### Here is what you need to do:

- **Greyling will contact you with instructions on how to transfer your policy from Marsh to Greyling.**

**Again, if you choose to stay in the ACEC Business Insurance Trust Program you must transfer your policies over to Greyling, the new program administrator for the ACEC BIT.**

If your firm is not currently participating in the ACEC Business Insurance Program, we strongly recommend that you contact the Trust to review your current coverages and learn what the ACEC Business Insurance Program can do for your firm. Many ACEC Missouri members already participate and realize cost savings that have a tremendous impact on your bottom line.

To see what the ACEC Business Insurance Trust can do for you, contact:

Jeff Connelly, Program Manager  
ACEC Business Insurance Trust  
Greyling Insurance Brokerage, a division of EPIC  
3780 Mansell Road, Ste 370

## ACEC President's Monthly Update

### General

- The ACEC Executive Committee approved the Council's 2018 legislative agenda, which focuses on infrastructure funding, energy legislation, regulatory reforms, and other key measures.
- The Executive Committee approved the establishment of a new Geotechnical/Geoprofessional Coalition to provide business resources and advocacy for firms engaged in these disciplines.
- The Executive Committee also approved an amendment to the ACEC Bylaws, subject to final approval by the Board of Directors, that would authorize the ACEC Chair to make any needed interim appointment to fill a Vice Chair position that becomes vacant prior to the end of a term.

### Government Advocacy

- Advocated for the extension of key expired tax provisions, including the Section 179D energy-efficient commercial buildings tax deduction.
- Submitted comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and General Services Administration (GSA) seeking elimination of the term "professional engineering" in GSA's Federal Supply Schedule in order to clarify that such services should be procured using QBS procedures.
- Met with GSA's new Public Buildings Commissioner to brief him on: the importance of QBS, the need for increasing the number of engineering projects funded through the agency, and action on other issues related to the \$5 billion Public Building Fund.
- Briefed senior U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff on the status and purpose of the ongoing New York University (NYU) study on the costs of performing work in-house by the Corps versus contracting out to the private sector.
- Asked the Department of Labor to reconsider its 2013 decision to apply Davis-Bacon wage rules to survey crews.
- The author of the ACEC-sponsored study Superfund 2017: Cleanup Accomplishments and the Challenges Ahead (Kate Probst) testified on the study before the House Energy and Commerce Committee.
- Collaborated with ACEC/Illinois on outreach to their state congressional delegation to help address FAR compliance concerns at Illinois DOT.

### Business Resources

- With more than 60 registered sites, Sexual Harassment Prevention in the A/E Workplace: Understanding the Law; and Establishing and Improving Policies, Procedures and Effective Training, was another popular webinar which helped identify the elements of effective policies on sexual harassment.
- The Registered Continuing Education Program (RCEP) added three new providers: The Engineering Management Institute, Advantage Strategy Consultants, and Martech Media. <https://www.rcep.net/>
- Coalitions' best sellers included CASE's [Quality Assurance Plan](#) and COPS' [Health and Safety Manual](#).
- Held [Mysteries of the FAR Revealed: Using the AASHTO Audit Guide: Course One - Orlando 2018](#), where nearly 20 attendees explored effectively using the AASHTO Audit Guide in the development and administration of A/E consultant direct and indirect costs and rates.

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## Welcome New Member Firms!

The ACEC/MO Board of Directors approved the following new member firms. We want to welcome them to the Council and hope you will too.

### Brown and Caldwell

7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Clayton, MO 63105  
Phone: (314) 296-6143  
Contact: Dave Yates

### Cribb Philbeck Weaver Group

301 W. Pacific Street, Suite B, Branson, MO 65616  
Phone: (417) 320-6065  
Contact: Todd Chandler

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## Member News



**Affinis Corp** announced that they have recently been named a "Best Firm to Work For" for the ninth time.

**CBB** announced the following: Lance Feldmann joined the firm full time after working as an intern; and Greg Owens, PE, joined the firm as senior ITS engineer.

**CDG Engineers** announced the following: Dave Burdick, PE, joined the firm in their structural department; Jay Ellington has assumed the duties as president; and Joanne Martin joined the firm and will work on transportation modeling and traffic studies.

**EFK Moen, LLC** announced the following staff additions: Margaret Bruns, P.E., as a project manager in the St. Louis transportation group; and Alex Benz, P.E., S.E., as a senior structural engineer in the St. Louis structural group.

**GeoEngineers** announced that Gary Castleberry has joined the firm as senior construction consultant to help grow their pipelines practice.

**Horner & Shifrin, Inc.** announced that Jesse Jonas, PE, has joined their Construction Services team as construction services business unit leader.

**Lochmueller Group** has expanded their Water Resources staff with the following: Jeffrey P. King, PE, LEED AP, as manager of water resources; Bill Ehrhard, PE, as project advisor; and Zach Malach as project engineer.

**SCI Engineering, Inc.** announced the following: Mark Harms, past president of the firm, has moved into the role of chief executive officer; and Scott Harding has been named the new president of the firm.

**TranSystems** announced the following promotions: Todd Herman of the firm's Kansas City office, to associate and assistant vice president; F. Allen Smith, PE, SE, of the firm's St. Louis, to vice president and senior associate; and John Zimmermann, PE, ENV SP, of the firm's Kansas City office, to vice president and senior associate.

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## Calendar



**March 14-15, 2018** - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Jefferson City

***March 27, 2018*** - *ACEC/MO Legislative Day (in conjunction with Mercury Alliance)*

**April 11-12, 2018** - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, St. Louis

**April 15-18, 2018** - ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC

**May 10-11, 2018** - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Independence

**June 7-9, 2018** - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Branson

***August 24, 2018*** - *ACEC/MO Summer Meeting, Jefferson City*

***October 24, 2018*** - *ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline*

***October 28-31, 2018*** - *ACEC Fall Conference, Las Vegas, NV*

***November 2, 2018*** - *ACEC/MO Fall Meeting, Jefferson City*

***November 14, 2018*** - *EEA Judging*

\* Newly added events are in italics.