

ACEC OKLAHOMA

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TO: ACEC OKLAHOMA Member Firm Principals

FROM: Tom Hendrick, PE, Chairman of the Board, ACEC OKLAHOMA



DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2010

RE: ACEC Political Action Committee (ACEC PAC)

I hope 2010 is off to a good start for you and your firm. It appears 2010 could shape up to be a critical year for the engineering industry. Several measures that will dramatically affect engineering firms, including our profitability, are currently being debated in our nation's Congress. These include transportation funding to state DOT's, funding for infrastructure projects (including water and aviation), changes to the federal tax code, and of course, health care reform. Each of these has far reaching consequences for engineering firms, including all of us here in Oklahoma. How well our profession does in the coming years will most certainly be affected by decisions made by our federal government this year.

2010 is an election year and it is critically important that we elect officials at all levels, including the national level, who support pro-business, pro-engineering positions. ACEC PAC is the primary weapon in our industry's arsenal that facilitates this. ACEC PAC works in conjunction with ACEC's legislative program to elect and keep pro-business members of Congress in office that support the interests of the engineering industry and create an improved business environment for ACEC members. ACEC PAC is bipartisan and operates out in the open in full compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act and applicable state laws.

Because of these critical issues, we need the support of every member to ensure the industry's concerns are heard on Capitol Hill. Supporting ACEC PAC is the best thing we can do to make sure engineering firms have a voice at the table when key decisions are made affecting our future. I often hear engineering colleagues complain our industry is not looked upon in the same way that doctors and lawyers are viewed. One reason for this is we don't elect and support officials key to our industry in the same manner as doctors and lawyers. This is your chance to help change that.

Over the years, support of ACEC PAC by ACEC OKLAHOMA members has been embarrassingly low. Last year, for example, ACEC OKLAHOMA members contributed a mere \$1,420 to ACEC PAC. Conversely, since 2007 ACEC PAC has contributed over \$12,000 to the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, with another \$4,000 budgeted for the 2009-2010 election cycle.

Simply put, ACEC OKLAHOMA members are not holding up our end of the bargain!

I am asking that you and each of your partners/principals of your firm make a donation to the ACEC PAC. Our goal is to raise at least \$8,900 from ACEC Oklahoma members in 2010. Currently we have 71 member firms, so if each Principal from each firm were to give at least \$100 (or more), we would surpass our goal for the first time in history. Of course the more we raise, the bigger the voice we have before Congress.

And, attached is information on the annual **ACECPAC Annual Convention Sweepstakes** for which minimum \$200 contribution enters you in the drawing for \$18,000 in cash prizes!

Federal law requires that all donations must be made with individual checks or credit cards. Before ACEC can accept your donation, you must fill out a "Pac Prior Approval Form" and return it to ACEC. Both the "Prior Approval" and "Contribution" forms are attached for your use should you choose to make a contribution.

The ACEC OKLAHOMA Board and I ask your and your partners to please make a contribution to ACEC PAC. A member of the ACEC OKLAHOMA Board will follow up with you soon by phone. In the meantime, please contact me (thendrick@wallacesc.com) or Jim Sullins or me if you have any questions.



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POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

PAC PRIOR APPROVAL FORM

ACEC/PAC is the A/E industry's prominent political weapon for electing pro-business candidates to Congress. Your support helps advance the legislative priorities that will mean more business for your firm and a brighter future for the industry.

As the qualified representative of this ACEC member firm, I grant permission to The American Council of Engineering Companies Political Action Committee ("ACEC/PAC") to accept contributions from employees of our Firm. I understand this permission may be withdrawn at any time, and also that shareholders, retirees, and family members may also participate in ACEC/PAC activities and receive information materials. Please complete and sign for each year you would like to grant permission.

_____	_____
(Authorized Official)	(Signature 2010)
_____	_____
(Title/Position)	(Signature 2011)
_____	_____
(Company)	(Signature 2012)
_____	_____
(Address)	(Signature 2013)
_____	_____
(City, State, Zip Code)	(Signature 2014)

In addition to the authorization to accept unsolicited contributions as described above, I also authorize ACEC/PAC to communicate with the following individual or individuals from our Firm during the calendar year(s) indicated above regarding activities, events and recruitment opportunities related to ACEC/PAC (please check one):

- All eligible employees of the Firm
- Eligible employees from the following Branch(es) or Subdivision(s) of the Firm:

- Only the following individual(s) from the Firm (please attach separate sheet as needed):

- No eligible employees of the Firm

Please complete and return to Elizabeth Coit, ACEC/PAC Director via mail (1015 15th Street NW, Washington, D. C. 20005), fax (202-682-4376) or e-mail to ecoit@acec.org.

*Note: Corporate Firm members of ACEC may grant prior approval to only one national trade association PAC per calendar year. However, granting prior approval for ACEC/PAC does not preclude employees of the firm from contributing to local or state PACs, national member and ideological PACs (i.e. National Rifle Association or Emily's List), or the firm's own federal PAC. Eligible employees include those with executive, managerial or senior administrative responsibilities.



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Yes! I would like to help ACEC/PAC support Members of Congress who will fight for the business interests of the engineering community.

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Job/Position Title: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Yes, I would like to be a member of the Capital Club (\$5,000), Chairman's Club (\$2,500), or Millennium Club (\$1,000).*

Enclosed is my personal check or personal credit card contribution in the amount of:

\$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 Other \$ _____

MasterCard Visa American Express

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. _____

Name of Credit Card Holder _____ CVV _____

Authorized Signature _____

Partnership and sole proprietorship checks are permitted; however, federal law prohibits corporate checks and corporate credit cards. Contributions or gifts to ACEC/PAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Contributions will be screened and those from outside the restricted class (non-members) and those from individuals who have not given prior approval may be returned. Contributions are voluntary and amounts included herein are merely suggestions. An individual is free to contribute more or less than the guidelines suggest, but may not contribute more than \$5,000 per calendar year. Federal law requires that our committee report the full name, address, occupation and company name of each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.

Mail : ACEC/PAC
Attn: Elizabeth Coit
Government Affairs Department
1015 15th Street, N.W., 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005-2605

Email: ecoit@acec.org

Fax: 202-682-4376

* Chairman's Club members either contribute \$2,500 to ACEC/PAC, or contribute \$1,000 to ACEC/PAC and pledge an additional \$1,500 to be contributed throughout the year to directly support candidates for re-election.

ACEC/PAC Annual Convention Sweepstakes



Enter for Your Chance to Win
\$18,000 in Prize Money!



Chance to Win One of Four Prizes:

Grand Prize: \$10,000

2nd Prize: \$5,000

3rd Prize: \$2,000

4th Prize: \$1,000

ONLY 500 TICKETS TO BE AVAILABLE!

**Voluntary Donation of \$200 PER TICKET
(Limit 5 per person)**

No purchase necessary to enter or win

Drawing to be held, **Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

During the ACEC/PAC Sweepstakes Breakfast

***** ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN *****

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

FIRM: _____ CITY/STATE: _____

TITLE: _____

BILLING ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS YOU WISH TO PURCHASE: _____ (\$200 EA. LIMIT 5)

PAYMENT: ACEC/PAC can only accept personal checks (payable to: ACEC/PAC) or credit cards

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check Visa MasterCard American Express

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD: _____ CVV# _____

To enter with a purchase, please either (1) complete this form and send via fax to 202-682-4376, (2) email ecoit@acec.org; (3) call ACEC/PAC at 202-347-7474; (4) send this form via mail to ACEC/PAC at 1015 15th Street, NW, 8th Fl., Washington, D.C. 20005-2605 (NOTE: Mail-in entries must be received by 4/23/10 to be considered for the drawing); or (5) at the ACEC/PAC table during the ACEC Annual Convention between 4/23/10 - 4/28/10 (NOTE: in-person entries must be made before 7 a.m. EST on 4/28/10.) To enter without a purchase send an email to ecoit@acec.org titled "Free entry to Sweepstakes" with your first and last name, complete address, daytime phone number, date of birth, and email address. Term: Promotion is open 1/1/10 until 7 a.m. EST on 4/28/10 or until tickets are all sold. Partnership and sole proprietorship checks are permitted; however, federal law prohibits corporate checks and corporate credit cards. Contributions or gifts to ACEC/PAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Contributions will be screened and those from outside the restricted class (non-members) and those from individuals who have not given prior approval may be returned. Contributions are voluntary and amounts included herein are merely suggestions; the amount given, or a refusal to give, will not result in a benefit or a disadvantage to an individual. An individual is free to contribute more or less than the guidelines suggest, but may not contribute more than \$5,000 per calendar year. Federal law requires that our committee report the full name, address, occupation and company name of each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Entry into this sweepstakes constitutes acceptance of sweepstakes rules, which are attached to this Entry Form. Odds of winning depend on number of entries distributed. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Void where prohibited. Open to ACEC members who are US citizens and are at or above the age of majority in their state of residence. Sponsor: The American Council of Engineering Companies, located at 1015 15th St. NW, 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005-2605
