

ACEC OKLAHOMA UPDATE

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"Hard Hats for Highways" Contact Congress TODAY!!!

Yesterday, the Transportation Construction Coalition, of which ACEC is a member, held a virtual Fly-In in which over 1,000 people from around country participated. Featured speakers were Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.); House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.); Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-Del.); and, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member Sam Graves (R-Mo.).

Each of the Chairmen and Ranking Members had one, strong message: Contact your Senators and Congressmen and urge them to support both the Reauthorization of the FAST Act this summer and the AASHTO proposed \$50 Billion influx of new funding to state transportation departments

To that end, the Coalition has developed a new website... www.hardhatsforhighways.org ...to make it very easy for you to email your Senators/Congressmen a special message. Simply go to the website, click the **TAKE ACTION** button, and follow directions for easy email and Tweeting your message to Congress. Have everyone at your firm do it as well. You can edit/modify the message for your firm or just use the message provided. Use your home address and personal email because the system will detect by your address who your U.S. Senator and Congressperson is needed for that address, and that you are a constituent.

Thousands of Emails/Tweets were sent yesterday by those on the call, and we need to blitz Capitol Hill NOW! Take a couple of minutes right now to make your voice heard by clicking the link above.

ODOT/ACEC OKLAHOMA Partnering Conference CANCELLED

We are sorry to report that after much thought, and discussion with Secretary of Transportation Tim Gatz, the 2020 ODOT/ACEC OKLAHOMA Partnering Conference has been cancelled.

As you know, we had rescheduled the Conference from early May to late June. Member firms were telling ACEC OKLAHOMA that they would still have some travel restrictions in place at that time. Secretary Gatz also expressed concern for his ODOT Staff travelling, and both ODOT and ACEC OKLAHOMA were very concerned regarding "social distancing" and other COVID-19 related issues.

The 2020 Conference will not be rescheduled. Rather, we are currently working with the Tulsa Marriott Southern Hills to secure a date for the meeting in May, 2021.

It's unfortunate that we have to cancel for this year, but safety is the #1 issue for attendees which made the cancellation necessary.

ACEC Life/Health Trust to Provide \$10 Million Loyalty Credit To Firms In August

ACEC OKLAHOMA Board Meets with Senator Inhofe; Congressman Hern

With the cancellation of the ACEC National Annual Convention and the associated Consulting Congress Day, ACEC OKLAHOMA has been working to secure "virtual" meetings with key members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

This past Tuesday, May 19th, your ACEC OKLAHOMA Board spent about 30 minutes on a Conference Call with U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe. And, just this morning, the Board Zoom conferenced with 1st District Congressman Kevin Hern for nearly an hour.

Both meetings provide ACEC OKLAHOMA the opportunity to discuss the ACEC national legislative agenda, and to hear first hand from the Senator and Congressman their thoughts/position on those issues which included Reauthorization of the FAST Act federal highway program; the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) reauthorization; additional expansion of the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP); and, other issues important to the consulting engineering profession.

Senator Inhofe and Congressman Hern have always been very supporting of the consulting engineering profession and the issues we bring forward. Our thanks to the Senator and Congressman for their time, and for their service to Oklahoma.



If your firm is an active member of the ACEC Life/Health Trust Medical Insurance Program, you see a special "credit" on your August billing.

The ACEC Life/Health Trust just announced that some \$10 Million will be distributed, as a credit, depending on firm size and your specific plan details.

It's ACEC Life/Health Trust's mission to support both the physical and financial health of your firm. So, the Trust grateful to be able to credit a percentage of your premium back to you to help during this difficult time.

Each participating firm will receive an email with the specific credit amount for your firm. In total, ACEC Life/Health Trust is expecting to return approximately \$10 million in premiums to our member firms.

ACEC Free-to-Member Webinars

ACEC is hosting a number of free-to-members webinar in the coming days which we encourage in which we encourage you to participate.

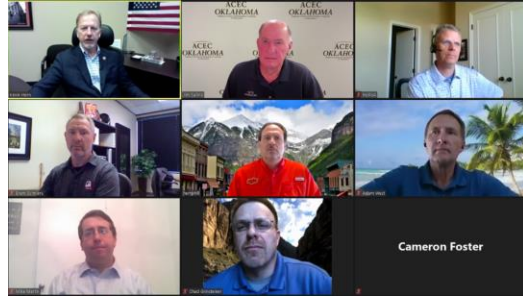
The webinars are:

Go Green – Save Green: Taking Advantage of Your Sustainable Designs, Tuesday, May 26, 3:30-4:30 pm ET.

ACEC Young Professional Series: Working with Clients in the Age of COVID-19 Wednesday, May 27, 1:30-2:30 pm ET.

Beyond the Crisis — Getting Ready for Tomorrow Thursday, May 28, 1:30-2:30 pm ET.

Also, if you've missed any of ACEC's webinars, most are available to stream. Simply go to the [ACEC Coronavirus](#)



Register Now for FREE ACEC Midwest States Conference Webinar

As you know, we had to cancel the ACEC Midwest States Conference due to COVID-19. Since that time, we've been working on setting up FREE virtual programs for members to attend to attain PDHs.

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ACEC Midwest States Webinar Registration

TOPIC: An Overview of Insurance Coverage for COVID-19 Impacts

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 from 2:00-3:00 PM in CST

DESCRIPTION: Join us as we review the state of insurance coverage for design firms with respect to COVID-19.

We will discuss potential claims and common issues impacting insurance recoveries for COVID-19 related losses and liabilities such as:

- Business interruption
- Employee disease
- Environmental remediation
- Construction project delays
- Operational adjustments

In addition, we will provide our thoughts and take questions on how COVID-19 is likely to impact the insurance market, and premiums, going forward.

SPEAKER

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Kent W. Collier is a Client Executive and Professional Services Risk Consultant at Greyling Insurance Brokerage & Risk Consulting, a division of EPIC. Kent provides day-to-day service and project specific insurance coverage to Greyling clients regarding insurance and take risks in the architecture, engineering, construction, environmental and real service fields. He also advises clients on risk matters, including professional services contract underwriting, claims consulting, and inventory and industrial scenarios. Prior to joining Greyling in 2015, Kent was a practicing attorney for over 18 years at Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP in Atlanta, Houston and San Francisco and elsewhere. He is a licensed attorney in New York, Georgia, and Florida, where he was formerly a Board Certified Specialist in Construction Law. Kent is a 2002 graduate of the University of Virginia and received his law degree in 2000 from Emory University. Though based in Atlanta, Kent works remotely in Miami.

The first webinar set. Greyling and the ACEC Business Insurance Trust are presenting a webinar on **"An Overview of Insurance Coverage for COVID-19 Impacts."** The webinar will be held on **Tuesday, June 9, 2020 from 2:00-3:00pm.** The speaker will be Kent W. Collier, Client Executive and Professional Services Risk Consultant, Greyling Insurance Brokerage & Risk Consulting, a division of EPIC.

Join us as they review the state of insurance coverage for design firms with respect to COVID-19. They will discuss potential claims and common issues impacting insurance recoveries for COVID-19 related losses and liabilities such as Business interruption; Employee Disease; Environmental Remediation; Construction Project Delays; and Operational Adjustments. They will also provide thoughts and take questions on how COVID-19 is likely to impact the insurance market, and premiums, going forward.

Resource Center, scroll down, and click on "Webinars."

This is a FREE program, but you need to register in advance for the meeting. To do so, click **HERE**

There's a wealth of information available to all ACEC members, and we encourage you to take advantage of this resource.



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