

What is ACEC California?

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We Value:

- Improved transportation, water resources, health care, schools and housing for all Californians.
- A safely built environment
- A healthy business climate
- Ethical professional conduct
- Legal accountability tied to responsibility
- Qualifications-Based Selection of professional services
- Effective public/private partnerships
- Recognition of the accomplishments of the profession

Who Can Join ACEC California?

Membership with ACEC California is open to private firms that provide consulting engineering and land surveying services and whose owner, part-owner or manager-designee is registered or licensed to practice one or more of these professions. Additionally, firms that provide technical support, products or expertise to engineers and land surveyors may join ACEC California as Affiliate Members, and firms located out of state may apply for Non-Resident membership.

For more information about membership please contact the ACEC California office at 916.441.7991, or via email at staff@acec-ca.org.

How is ACEC California Organized?

ACEC California is part of a tri-level organization dedicated to preserving and pursuing the interests of private engineers and land surveyors at the local, state and national levels of government. ACEC California—the state organization—consists of 22 local chapters throughout California. Each chapter meets periodically, generally on a monthly basis, to work on issues of local concern. Each chapter also elects Directors to serve on the state Board of Directors, which governs ACEC California.



Member firms range from sole proprietorships to multi-million dollar corporations and engage in all phases of engineering and surveying, including geotechnical, structural, civil, electrical and mechanical engineering, construction management and land surveying. Each ACEC California member is a member of a local chapter, ACEC California and, ACEC national. A tri-level membership secures members' business and political interests at all levels of government.

Membership Benefits

ACEC California is the organization of choice for private engineers and land surveyors in California. The Association focuses on enhancing the business practices and opportunities of its members. ACEC California serves as a mechanism to develop and nurture vital business contacts throughout the state, and nationally. Through ACEC California, members have a strong, collective voice in governmental affairs at all levels.

Some of the many resources and services available through ACEC California Membership include:

- Representation before the state legislature and state agencies regarding the laws affecting California's engineers and surveyors.
- Legal defense before the courts of existing legislation and enactments sponsored by the private engineering and land surveying industry.
- Promotion of the private engineering and land surveying industries before the public, media and various state and local agencies and governments.
- Professional publications and business forms designed to keep members abreast of the latest statutes affecting the professions, developments and standards of practice in the industry.
- A full range of group health insurance programs including medical, vision, dental, life, accidental death & dismemberment, and long-term disability.
- Regular ongoing liaison activities with state and local agencies as well as other allied organizations.
- Social functions tied to chapter, committee and board meetings—providing members the opportunity to develop and build relationships with professional colleagues and prospective clients.
- Timely, high-quality information on business, legal and professional matters of direct concern to engineering and surveying firms.
- Cost-effective seminars on business management, legal, regulatory and industry issues.

- An annual conference offering educational breakout sessions, business roundtable discussions, social events and networking opportunities.
- National representation through ACEC national with all of its varying national membership benefits.
- Supportive representation among local government, public agencies, commissions and regional organizations through the 22 ACEC chapters.
- Access to a state of the art job center with participation by thousands of professionals and would-be employees. in the design and surveying industry at member rates.

Other ACEC California programs include:

- An Engineering Excellence Awards competition designed to showcase the outstanding work of California engineers.
- The Future Leaders Program designed to equip tomorrow's industry professionals with the business acumen they need to be leaders in their firms, and the engineering and land surveying community at large.
- A scholarship program to provide financial assistance to students pursuing degrees in engineering.
- CA-ACEC-PAC, a Political Action Committee which supports the candidacy of worthy individuals for public office.
- Organizational Peer Review through ACEC national, which provides design firms the opportunity to review their management practices through the eyes of objective, experienced colleagues. Organizational Peer Review is confidential, voluntary, and cost-effective.

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What Does ACEC California Do?

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*Professional engineers
and land surveyors
dedicated to building
a better California.*

ACEC California promotes cooperation among member firms for the public interest and the general advancement of the engineering and land surveying professions. ACEC's goals are accomplished primarily through the work of its statewide committees, state and chapter Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. More than 25 regular committees function throughout the year, with tasks ranging from legislative review and advocacy, to administrative and professional objectives, to responsibility for improving general business practices.



"ACEC California, formerly known as CELSOC, is the Voice of the Engineering and Land Surveying Community representing the business and professional interest. My experience in being a member of an association like ACEC California is that it provides it's members with national and statewide representation on legislative, business, environmental, and technical advocacy. ACEC California represents the full spectrum of large to small firms by having a voice in a sometimes overwhelming and ever-changing legislative environment. I have been involved with the organization for over 25 years, and it has provided a forum for me to interact with the brightest and best in our profession."

— Bill Green, ACEC California President 2008-2009
RBF Consulting



"No other organization does more to enhance the business interests of California's engineers and land surveyors than ACEC California. The organization has an aggressive and effective legislative advocacy program. Whether it's at the Capitol or in our everyday business practices, I am proud to be on the front lines for both advocacy and action as an ACEC California member."

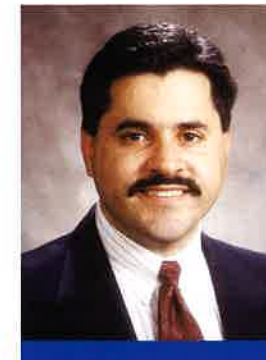
— Mary Erchul, Harris & Associates



"ACEC California is the Number 1 organization that promotes and protects private Engineering and Land Surveying companies in California. This association helps develop our younger engineers into principals. I depend on ACEC's networking and learning opportunities for my professional growth and the success of our newest office in the Central Valley."

ACEC California has opened my eyes to what it means to be a principal at a private engineering firm, particularly in a wonderful, but challenging state to run a business like California."

— Benjamin D. Crawford, Principal,
Blackburn Consulting



"ACEC California membership makes business sense for small to midsize firms. In my case, access to the California Health Insurance Trust for ACEC California has been a great member benefit. The Trust was created by engineers and land surveyors for ACEC California members. It has saved my firm valuable dollars. The Trust also places emphasis on providing premium customer service. I speak from first hand experience; I'm not just a Trustee, but an insured as well."

— Ernie Avila, Avila and Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc.