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American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina

The latest news & upcoming events for engineering excellence in North Carolina

Upcoming Events:

October:

10.21-22.2020 - ACEC/NC NCDOT Joint Transportation

Conference... <u>read more</u> 10.28.2020 - ACEC/NC B&I Committee

Meeting... read more
10.28-31.2020 - ACEC
National Fall

Conference... read more

November:

11.5.2020 - Environmental Committee Meeting...

read more

11.12.2020 - Engineering Excellence Awards...

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11.19.2020 -

Transportation

Committee Meeting...

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11.26-27.2020 - ACEC/NC Office is closed for Thanksgiving

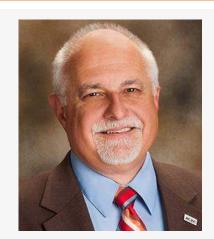
December:

12.10.2020 - Legislative

A message from Executive Director James Smith

Dear ACEC/NC Member.

With fall in full swing and the days winding down in the 2020 election season, I have to start this month's email with a clear message: VOTE! Early voting has kicked off across



the state and will continue until October 31. Please make sure you make a plan to vote in whatever way you feel most comfortable. But make sure your voice is heard in this pivotal election for our state and country. For more information, including how to find your polling place and what's on your ballot, check out the 2020 election page from the NC State Board of Elections.

As you think about making your selections, it is important to take a look where many of these candidates stand on issues impacting our industry... <u>click here to read letter in full.</u>



Committee Meeting

We're advocating for the N.C. engineering industry!

To see the most recent legislative updates that could impact you and your firm click here.

Follow us on social media for the latest information!







2020 Transportation Conference October 21-22, 2020

We're excited to host our annual Transportation Conference in partnership with NCDOT. This year's conference will be a virtual event taking place on October 21st and 22nd. We'll explore the latest innovations in transportation and allow attendees the opportunity to network with other industry professionals. A huge thanks is owed to our sponsors who have helped to make this happen. To learn more about the conference and our sponsors, click here.

ACEC
Opposes
Executive
Order that
Bars
Certain
Diversity
and Inclusion

Training



ACEC has joined members of the federal contracting community, proposing a letter to President Donald Trump. The letter raises concerns about the ambiguity of Executive Order 13950 - Combatting Race and Sex Stereotyping. The letter states: "The E.O. seeks to identify specific concepts that would be prohibited, but the description of these concepts leaves considerable ambiguity as to what content would not be permitted in diversity and inclusiveness (D&I) training..." click here to read more.

N.C. A&T College of Engineering Rewarded Patent Solving Traffic Congestion

N.C. A&T's College of Engineering has designed an algorithm that will reduce wait times at red lights. "The algorithm uses portable

sensors to assess the traffic flow in nearby intersections, detect queue spillback and make changes to the timing of



traffic signals as necessary. All of these will help to ease the flow of traffic..." Click here to read more.



Featured Member Spotlight

Founded in 2003, Locklear, Locklear, and Jacobs, PLLC (LL&J) provides a diverse and broad spectrum of cost-effective and practical engineering services to its public and private sector clients. A 100% Native American-owned business, LL&J is centrally located in the Robeson

County town of Pembroke. Their location offers convenient access to major military and other federal installations in North Carolina and surrounding states. Given their location in a designated Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUB Zone), LL&J is NC HUB certified and is a SBA HUB Zone Vendor, in addition to being a NC Department of Transportation certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and a Small Professional Service Firm (SPSF). LL&J's seven employees represent disciplined, licensed Professionals that come from diverse backgrounds in Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP), Environmental and Construction Engineering with extensive experience in Project Management. They are driven by the mantra of what they lack in size, they make up for in heart, hard work and determination.

Named the Small Business of the Year by the Town of Pembroke, LL&J has found success been by listening and understanding their clients' needs and helping them work toward those goals based on their available budget. Some of their notable projects include the Robeson Health Care Lumberton Office (Complete Project) and the UNCP School of Business (Site and Landscaping). You can check out their full project list at https://www.llandj.com/project-experience/.

ACEC/NC & Member News



Summit Design and Engineering Services announce two new Vice Presidents, Ginny Kirk Andrews and Chris Sweat... <u>click</u> here to read more.



Jeffrey J. Wing joins Dewberry as the water/wastewater market segment leader for the Raleigh office... click here to read more.



Bobby Lewis joins HNTB as VP in new national advisory practice... <u>click here to read more.</u>

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ACEC Podcast Talks Future of Office Market

Guest, Carl Shilling, a principal at Stantec, joined the Engineering Influence podcast to discuss the state

of the office market and how it may change going forward. He talks about virtual contact and how successful it has been, but also recognizes that it cannot completely replace the human interaction component of business. To hear more about what Carl Shilling thinks about remote work, <u>listen here</u>.



The engineering industry in North Carolina has experienced significant impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>Click here</u> to view our state resource page that includes the most recent information and updates.

<u>Click here</u> to view the National resource page that includes the most recent information and updates.



ACEC/PAC Holiday Host Raffle

ACEC/NC is hosting a holiday raffle. The raffle is open to all ACEC/NC Members. Tickets must be purchased by October 29 @ 11:59 p.m. A live drawing will be held on October 30 @ 12:00 p.m. Click here to purchase tickets.

Gift Basket Includes:

- · \$300 Omaha Steaks Gift Card
- · Bold Boards Ideas & Recipes
- · Demenades Wine Opener Kit
- · Williams Sonoma Spoonula & Adult Apron

\$20 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$50!

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