



ACEC Advocacy Priorities – 2017

- ✓ **Infrastructure Initiative** – ACEC strongly supports the passage of legislation in 2017 that will boost financing and funding mechanisms to support improvements to the nation’s critical transportation. President-Elect Trump has articulated an infrastructure program that includes incentives to promote public-private partnerships (P3s) and regulatory reforms to streamline project approvals. ACEC supports these components, but urges lawmakers to include additional funding for core federal infrastructure programs, including the Highway Trust Fund, the State Revolving Funds (SRF) for water projects, and others.
- ✓ **Comprehensive Energy Bill** – Legislation passed the House of Representatives (HR 8) and the Senate (S. 2012) in the last Congress that seeks to promote energy efficiency; modernize the electrical grid with emphasis on resiliency and security; streamline the permitting for pipelines and liquid natural gas (LNG) exports; and enhance the federal agency coordination of policies affecting energy and water. Congress should build on the progress made last year and pass energy legislation in 2017 to promote energy markets and economic growth.
- ✓ **FAA Reauthorization** – Congress cleared legislation in July to extend programs to fund airport improvement projects and other federal aviation programs through September of 2017. ACEC urges Congress to move quickly on a long-term reauthorization bill that increases investments in the nation’s airports, lifts the cap on Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs), facilitates greater use of unmanned aircraft systems (drones), and applies uniform federal contracting and audit principles to airport projects involving federal funds.
- ✓ **Tax Reform** – the House released a tax reform blueprint that reduces top rates for corporations to 20%, “passthrough” businesses (partnerships, LLCs, Subchapter S corporations) to 25%, and individuals to 33%, eliminates individual & corporate AMT and the estate tax, and provides full expensing for capital investments. ACEC supports comprehensive tax reform legislation that achieves parity in tax rates for corporations and passthroughs, while incentivizing business investment.
- ✓ **Regulatory Reform** – ACEC urges the new Administration and Congress to take action to address the burdens associated with the numerous regulatory actions taken by federal agencies over the past year. These include the so-called “blacklisting” rule impacting firms competing for federal contracts, and the new salary threshold under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) that will impose significant costs on engineering firms and the public and private sector clients they serve.