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North Carolina

### Upcoming Events:

#### December

**12.16.21**

Holiday Reception &  
Auction

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#### January

**1.6.2022**

Legislative Committee  
Meeting

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An Evening with the Board  
Winston-Salem

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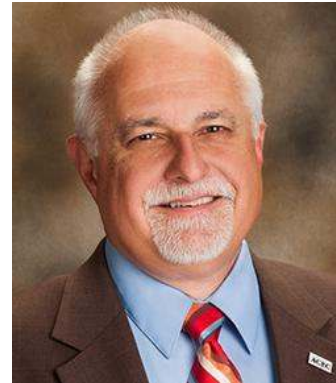
NCDOT Preconstruction  
Workshop

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## A message from Executive Director James Smith

Dear ACEC/NC Member,

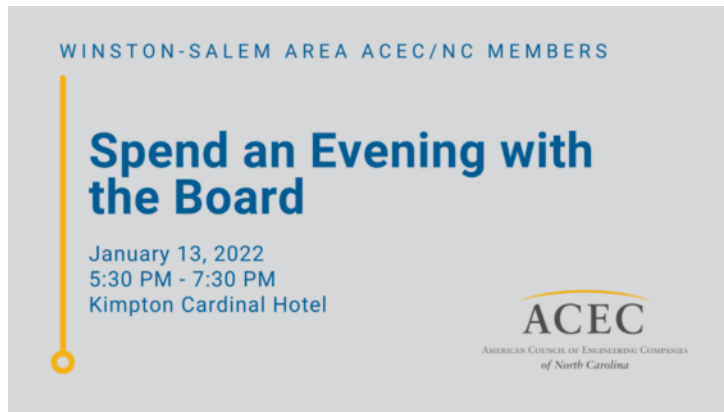
December is upon us, and this month brings with it both the holiday spirit and the spirit of reflection. Though 2021 has brought with it continued struggles due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic, it has also seen a significant amount of learning and growth for our organization. Truly, the past two years have taught our team numerous lessons and new ways to present content that will continue to pay dividends for the future.



As we take a look back at the year, I would be remiss if I didn't start with a huge THANK YOU! Thank you to our Board and committees for their hard work keeping the organization moving forward. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Annual Conference in two years and who showed up for all of our events this year. Whether in person or virtual, these events allowed us to remain connected even in this disconnected world. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to the great staff that I get the pleasure to work with every day. They are truly the glue of ACEC/NC and are the best in the business.

[Click here](#) to read the letter in full.

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## Spend an Evening with The Board

Calling all **Winston-Salem ACEC/NC members!** You are invited to join the Board of Directors for an evening of networking and fun on **Thursday, January 13 at the Kimpton Cardinal Hotel.**

This will be a great opportunity to ask questions, get updates, and know more about your peers.

Click [here](#) to register before **January 7!**



## ACEC/NC B&I Symposium

You can now register for the ACEC/NC B&I Symposium and join our discussions on mixed-use and military infrastructure investments on **Tuesday, February 8!**

### Session #1: Smoky Hollow

- Sarah Musser, Lead Structural Engineer, Little Diversified Architectural Consulting
- Drew Yates, Sr., Development Manager, Kane Realty Group
- Fleming Herring, Project Executive, Clancy & Theys Construction Company

## Session #2: Military Infrastructure

- Joe Angell, PE, Federal Program Manager, Wiley | Wilson
- Scott Dorney, Executive Director, NC Military Business Center
- Sue Kranes, Infrastructure, NC Military Business Center

Click [here](#) to learn more and register by **February 1**.

Learn about sponsorship opportunities [here](#).

## The House Voted. What's Next for Reconciliation?



The House of Representatives passed President Biden's Build Back Better legislation by a vote of 220-213 ([section-by-section summary](#)). The legislation includes a significant focus on infrastructure and resilience with \$30 billion for transit, affordable transportation access, and water infrastructure, as well as over \$80 billion for reducing emissions, addressing climate change, and replacing lead pipes.

To pay for the BBB, the House approved over \$1.4 trillion in tax increases, several of which would impact engineering firms. Publicly-traded corporations with more than \$1 billion in revenues would pay a new 15% corporate minimum tax, and there would be a global minimum tax of 15% as well.

ACEC has expressed serious concerns about the impact of these tax increases on the engineering firms. Read the full article [here](#).

## Featured Member Spotlight

Founded in 2004, UMA Geotechnical Construction specializes in geotechnical solutions, designing and constructing underground shoring systems, ground improvement projects, and deep foundations for new construction, existing buildings, and heavy highway projects. UMA is also experienced with design-build projects for owners and government entities.

Team UMA works with civil, geotechnical, and structural engineers; general contractors; civil and site utility contractors; government agencies including Departments of Transportation, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; commercial real estate developers, owners, and property managers; and insurance agents.

Located in Colfax, NC, UMA is proud to have built its team to more than 75 members. All companies are only as good as the people who work together towards a common goal,



and UMA would not be who it is today without its fantastic and talented people. A Service-Disabled Veteran Owned-Small Business (SDVOSB), Team UMA will always get the job done right using unique foundation equipment, high-quality materials, and a team of employees with the proper training and grit, and determination.

UMA team members designed and constructed the I77 hot lanes project, which runs from lake Norman to downtown Charlotte, in all the project stretched over 26 miles. Additionally, we are working on the largest design build soil nailing project NCDOT has ever let in Asheville, NC, on the I-26 widening project.

Recently, UMA was recognized by the Triad Business Journal with the Fast 50 award as one of the 50 fastest growing businesses in the Triad. Our projects have also been featured in numerous trade publications, including Equipment Journal, ADSC, Shotcrete Magazine, and many others.

To learn more, visit [team-uma.com](http://team-uma.com)

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