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*of North Carolina*

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

## Upcoming Events:

### November

**11.18.2021**

Transportation Committee  
Meeting

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**11.25 - 11.26.2021**

Thanksgiving Holiday  
ACEC Offices Closed

### December

**12.2.2021**

Environmental and Energy  
Committee Meeting

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**12.9.2021**

Charlotte Holiday  
Reception

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**12.13 - 12.14.2021**

ACEC/NC NCDOT Joint  
Transportation Conference

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**12.16.2021**

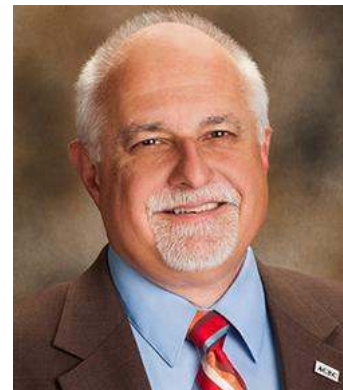
Raleigh Holiday Reception  
and Auction

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## A message from Executive Director James Smith

Dear ACEC/NC Member,

Wow! If you are like me, you cannot believe where this year has gone. While we are only in the early stages of our membership year, the calendar year is rapidly concluding, and we are taking some time to reflect on all that has been accomplished.



First, THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the ACEC PAC this year. We are so close to hitting our annual goals for both the state PAC and the national PAC. Check out this month's newsletter for the last few opportunities to make your investments before we close out the year.

Second, this year has given us multiple opportunities to say thank you to each of you. Congratulations to all the winners of this year's Engineering Excellence Awards. Check out the award winners in this month's newsletter. While there have been numerous setbacks on the advocacy front, we have seen significant progress on multiple fronts. Within just the last few days, we saw the passage of the Congress' bipartisan infrastructure framework, the "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act." This legislation is the result of months of advocacy to secure vital funding to support projects nationwide

Read the letter in full [here](#).

## Engineering Excellence Awards Winners Announced

**12.24.2021**

Christmas Holiday  
Observed  
Offices Closed

**12.28.2021**

Business Practices  
Committee Meeting

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**12.31.2021**

New Years Day Celebration  
Offices Closed



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We celebrated North Carolina's engineering firms at our annual Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner - the Academy Awards of the engineering industry.

S&ME of Raleigh, NC received the Henry A. Strikes Grand Conceptor Award for its T-072 Natural Gas Pipeline Project with Dominion Energy. Congratulations to S&ME, and all of the winners and nominees!

Projects that are grand winners at state level competitions are eligible for ACEC's national EEA competition. Congratulations to these firms on their hard work and achievements.

Interested in learning more about the awards and recipients? [Click here](#) for photos.

## **ACEC/NC NCDOT Joint Transportation Conference**

**December 13 - 14, 2021**



The ACEC/NC NCDOT Transportation Conference is the largest transportation event in our state and provides attendees the opportunity to network with other industry professionals. This annual conference is most beneficial to our attendees when all the educational opportunities, speakers, and content are offered in person.

[Register](#) here.



We hope you'll join us at our upcoming holiday receptions! This will be a time to network with other area members and our ACEC/NC Board of Directors and staff. Don't miss out on the awesome raffle and auction prizes. RSVP today!

[Click here](#) to register for the Charlotte reception.

[Click here](#) to register for the Raleigh reception.

## ACEC Leads Built Environment Effort to Request More EO 14042 Flexibility



ACEC sent a letter to the White House this week reinforcing our call for flexibility in the implementation of Executive Order 14042, Ensuring Adequate COVID Safety Protocols for Federal Contractors.

"We strongly support the goal of the President's policy and agree that vaccinations are essential to controlling the spread of the virus, saving lives, and restoring a sense of normalcy to society and the economy," the letter states. "At the same time, we are concerned that the timeline and elements of the policy will undercut the ability of the businesses we represent to support the critical needs of our federal agency clients and the taxpayers they serve."

Read the full article [here](#).

## Featured Member Spotlight



This month's Membership Spotlight features the Hillsborough based firm Summit Design and Engineering Services, PLLC (Summit). Summit specializes in CEI, transportation design, landscape architecture, Geotech/CMT/SI, surveying, architecture, land development, and much more. Summit has offices throughout the state of North Carolina and beyond to meet clients where they are located.

They have won many awards, most recently the 2020 ACEC/NC Engineering Excellence Award for their project with the Town of Hillsborough for the Churton Street Access Improvements.

Their purpose is to build partnerships with clients to shape communities and their vision is to thoughtfully enhance the built environment by delivering resilient and impactful projects. To learn more about Summit Design and Engineering Services, PLLC, visit their website at <https://summitde.com/>

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