



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of North Carolina

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

Upcoming Events:

September

9.20.2021

Business Resource
Exposition

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9.22 - 9.23.2021

NC Congressional
Delegation Reception

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9.24.2021

Engineering Excellence
Awards Submissions
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Business Practices
Committee Meeting

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October

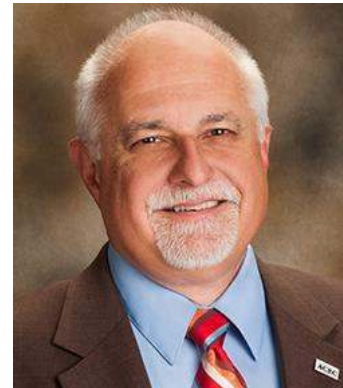
10.20 - 10.21.2021

NCDOT Joint Transportation
Conference

A message from Executive Director James Smith

Dear ACEC/NC Member,

Happy September! As we move into the final quarter of the calendar year, I'd like to reflect on 2021 and take a moment to express how proud I am of our ability to adapt and progress during yet another challenging but exciting year. [Click here](#) to view my complete annual report video.



First, thank you! ACEC/NC members are the force behind our movement, and I could not be more proud of our member firms and the outstanding individuals who stand behind them.

One of our main goals is to make ACEC/NC a valuable part of your daily business practices – I believe we moved closer and closer to this goal throughout 2021. We recognize the need for funding at the state and federal levels and actively advocate for it.

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

Ever been bowling?
Well, at Drive Shack, you play in a “bay” rather than a lane, and from that bay, you hit micro-chipped golf balls into giant targets in the outfield to score points. No golf experience is needed!

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10.26.2021

Business Practices
Committee Meeting

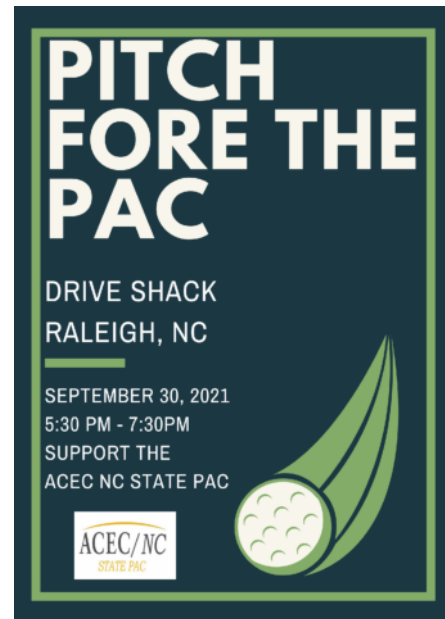
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Bring your clients, colleagues or reward your staff for a job well done. This event is strictly for FUN and to raise money for the ACEC/NC State PAC.

[Click here](#) to register.



Coming soon: Future Leader Program for 2022

The Future Leaders Program is designed to grow today's engineers into tomorrow's engineering leadership. The program is designed to give participants the opportunity to explore concepts and means by which both personal learning and business performance may be increased. The primary focus is on interactive learning with a select peer group facilitated by both local and national leaders of the business community and A/E professions.

Official details for nominations will be available soon!

Get Involved with ACEC through Legislative Advocacy



Are you interested in being more involved with ACEC/NC's Legislative Advocacy efforts? Join the Legislative Committee today!

One of ACEC/NC's main goals is to "promote the business interests of engineering companies by providing legislative advocacy". You can get involved in this movement by joining our Legislative Committee. The purpose of the committee is to support and monitor State and National legislation that may impact the engineering industry. The committee compiles the Council's legislative agenda for approval by the Board of Directors and assists in the lobbying efforts to support that agenda. The committee

also promotes and organizes events that focus on furthering the Council's legislative agenda and supporting our State and National Political Action Committees. Learn more about how you can get involved with our legislative committee [here](#).

Potential Tax Implications of \$3.5 Trillion Reconciliation Package



In a very close vote, the House of Representatives approved the Senate resolution that allows the budget reconciliation process to move forward. The upside of reconciliation is that it only requires a simple majority of 50 votes (plus the Vice President as a tiebreaker if needed) to approve the legislation, instead of the typical 60 votes to move legislation forward. The downside is that there are restrictions on what can go in a budget reconciliation bill.

Read the full article [here](#).

Featured Member Spotlight

This month's Member Spotlight highlights the Raleigh-based firm S&ME. The firm, founded in 1973, has since expanded its expertise and reach to thirty-three offices across North Carolina and ten other states and with a team of more than 1,100.

S&ME has expertise in geotechnical, civil, environmental, construction, and planning services. For over 45 years, S&ME has assisted clients in several industries such as transportation, energy, industrial, healthcare, water, commercial, and government to overcome complex compliance requirements and various land conditions through using the latest technologies while also remaining committed to safety and reliability from the southeast and the midwest.

S&ME has won more than 90 Engineering Excellence Awards from the American Council of Engineering Companies and has assisted on several notable projects. One of their highlighted projects is the Novo Nordisk DAPI project in Clayton, NC, in which they were able to save their client over \$14 million in foundation costs.

S&ME attributes its success to its guiding principles of safety, sustainability, and S&ME company culture.

To learn more about S&ME, visit their website at <https://www.smeinc.com/>.



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ACEC/NC is the premier organization that represents the business interests of the engineering industry in our state. ACEC/NC's mission is to promote the business interests of engineering companies by providing legislative advocacy and business services.

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