

*Works for Engineering Firms*

ACEC/PAC plays an essential role in advancing policies benefitting the engineering industry. By supporting lawmakers who support the industry's agenda, ACEC/PAC has helped to produce tangible results for member firms:

**Key Accomplishments:**

- **Tax Reform** – engineering C corps are benefiting from a lower 21% tax rate and ACEC secured a new 20% tax deduction for engineering firms organized as passthrough businesses.
- **Long-Term Transportation Funding** – the FAST Act provides \$305 billion over 5 years for federal highway, transit & passenger rail programs; it also streamlines infrastructure project reviews and promotes private sector investment in projects.
- **Expanding QBS** – ACEC secured legislation in recent years to apply QBS to wastewater projects funded through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program and airport projects that mix federal and non-federal sources of funds.
- **Promoting Contracting Out** – through the FAST Act, WRRDA, and appropriations provisions to increase private sector engagement by State DOTs and the Corps of Engineers.
- **Reinforcing Federal Audit/Procurement Rules** – to prohibit arbitrary caps on overhead by State DOTs and bolster QBS requirements.
- **Revised Overtime Pay Rule** – with a moderate increase in the salary threshold.
- **Expanding Energy Markets** – through legislation to enhance the security of the electrical grid, lift the ban on oil exports, and expand energy exploration and development.
- **EXIM Bank Reauthorization** – secured a multi-year reauthorization for the Export-Import Bank, enabling firms to rely on Bank financing when competing for work overseas.

**The 2020 Agenda:**

- **Passage of Surface Transportation and Water Infrastructure bills** – to boost federal investment through the Highway Trust Fund and core federal water programs, improve infrastructure resilience, incentivize P3 projects, and streamline the regulatory process to enable good projects to move forward.
- **A New Energy Agenda** – to promote energy efficiency, grid modernization, reliability and resiliency, and to expand oil/gas markets, streamline transmission and pipeline permitting.
- **Environmental Reforms** – including reforms to the NEPA process to facilitate project reviews, a new wetlands policy, and risk-based strategies to address emerging contaminants.
- **Workforce Development** – support STEM education, incentives for firms to help employees with student debt, more H-1B visas to attract the best and brightest around the world.
- **Enforce the use of QBS and the FAR** – in federal and state contracts using federal funds.

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