

# Government Advocacy Committee

**ACEC STRATEGIC PLAN:** The six strategic goals under the plan are:

1. Become recognized by all engineering companies in the United States as their legislative advocate for the promotion and protection of their business interests.
2. Become recognized by all engineering companies in the United States as their primary resource on business practices.
3. Become recognized by all stakeholders in the built environment as the national voice of the engineering industry.
4. Grow ACEC/PAC to a \$1 million-per-year PAC by 2010, while “capturing” the influence of our most politically active individual members.
5. Grow the Minuteman Fund to respond to critical state issues and federal appellate cases while maintaining a “war chest” of \$1 million.
6. Grow the number of member firms by 2% each year, grow the number of member firm employees by 3% each year, and recruit 90% of the eligible *ENR* “Top 500 Design Firms” as ACEC members by 2010.

## **PURPOSE:**

The committee provides advocacy direction and guidance for the development of the governmental affairs programs of the Council; provides oversight of all governmental affairs committees to maximize effective efforts and to ensure consistency of positions.

## **2005-2006 GOALS:**

1. Continue strong advocacy policies and assure progress in attaining legislation, regulatory improvements, and favorable judicial action to improve the business climate for member firms.
2. Continue the ongoing process of implementing the legislative plan.
3. Ensure that ACEC’s government affairs committees are accomplishing assignments to achieve strategic plan goals #1, #3, #4 and #5.
4. Provide effective and coherent advocacy programs in the areas of government competition, promotion of private enterprise, reduction of barriers to business, “private client” issues, and increasing infrastructure investment.
5. Expand ACEC legislative agenda to cover more “private client” issues.
6. Assume greater leadership role in the activities and effectiveness of the ACEC/PAC.
7. Continue to develop PAC solicitation plans for states that have not met their goals.
8. Promote Minuteman Fund to the entire membership in order to strengthen ACEC’s political effectiveness.

**PROGRESS REPORTS:**

The Committee shall make quarterly reports to the Chairman (copied to the President) on progress made in achieving Committee goals.

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