

ACEC/AASHTO Joint 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 AASHTO-ACEC Joint Committee seeks to ensure the provision of quality and responsive engineering services for the nation's transportation system, and to improve the programs and services provided by AASHTO and its member departments.

2007-2008 GOALS:

1. Preserve the funding increases provided under SAFETEA LU and monitor the implementation of policy changes through the USDOT rulemaking process
2. Continue to work with AASHTO on ACEC's outsourcing issues and identify methods to increase outsourcing. Help highlight best practices by state DOTs in their use of engineering firms and showcase model procurement practices.
3. Monitor the implementation of policy changes through USDOT rulemaking Process.
4. Continue deliberation with AASHTO on the elimination of overhead and salary caps and acceptance of single overhead audits that are recognized by all states. Examine ways to further educate state DOTs and member firms on the uniform overhead and audit procedures and rules.
5. Work in conjunction with AASHTO to challenge the USDOT IG Audit on Executive Compensation and Overhead.
6. Work with AASHTO on developing joint recommendations on a model cost recovery process.
7. Continue to develop educational tools and procedures to promote the Report on Improving the Quality of Environmental Documents among consultants, DOTs and FHWA.
8. Consider how, and if, we want to work with AASHTO on the implementation of new policies in states that formerly operated under “opt out” method.
9. Develop a Joint Statement in opposition to “reverse auctions”.

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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