

Management Practices Committee

ACEC STRATEGIC PLAN: 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.

2007-2008 GOALS:

General

1. Examine and draft new policy statements, as needed.
2. Recommend “best practices” subject matter for the Institute for Business Management to implement in educational programming.
3. Continue to provide oversight to the professional Forums.
4. Investigate new models of business practice for industry firms.
5. Investigate declining availability of engineering employees, especially as a result of declining numbers of graduates and immigration challenges, and determine whether ACEC can take action to help solve the problem (or whether the market will self-correct over time.)
6. Provide input to the Institute for Business Management’s Engineering Firm’s Manual of Professional Practice.
7. Develop “Workforce of the Future” brochure.
8. Produce Health Insurance White Paper.

QBS

1. Revise ACEC's "Guide to Qualifications-Based Selection of Design Professionals".
2. Finalize Model State Project Delivery Legislation.
3. Update the QBS brochure.
4. Provide oversight to the QBS research study.

Association Partners

1. Continue liaison to APWA and AGC and support joint initiatives, including completion of an online course in "enlightened risk management" for owners and contractors.
2. Reach out to more owner's organizations, such as WEF, AASHTO, CURT, etc.
3. Continue progress with risk management initiatives, such as our response to "client expectations of perfection."
4. Strengthen AIA liaison.

Quality

1. Keep abreast of ISO and other quality management standards, and consider AEC articles/publications to assist member firms.
2. Develop Quality/ISO brochure.

Human Resources

1. Identify "best practices" related to containment of health care insurance costs.
2. Continue to spotlight "best practices" in recruitment and retention of engineering staff.

Licensure

1. Monitor professional licensure issues and their impact on engineering business practice.
2. Recommend enhancements to ACEC IBM programs to meet the licensure needs of members.
3. Champion continuing education to allow uniformity and portability for engineering licensees.
4. Provide input to the Executive Committee from the Management Practices and IBM Committees on ABET's Bachelors+30 initiated by ASCE and approved by NCEES for implementation by 2015.

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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