

Tax & Regulatory Affairs 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 purpose of the Committee is to undertake a proactive legislative and regulatory advocacy program in the areas of tax, finance, employment policy, and other regulatory areas on behalf of ACEC member firms.

2007-2008 GOALS:

1. Identify tax, finance and employment-related legislative and regulatory issues of concern to A/E firms, and develop an appropriate strategy to improve the business climate for member firms in these areas.
2. Draft and introduce legislative and/or regulatory language to obtain specific benefits for the engineering industry in upcoming tax and regulatory legislation, such as legislation to preserve the ability of A/E firms to continue to use cash accounting.
3. Evaluate and advise ACEC members on pending tax legislation before Congress, as well as pending tax regulatory actions, to determine the Council’s position and to make appropriate recommendations to policy makers on behalf of the A/E industry.
4. Advocate the interests of ACEC member firms with the Department of Treasury, the IRS, Department of Labor, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs and other agencies as appropriate.
5. Work with Congress and other ACEC Committees to develop reform solutions that would reduce the regulatory burdens imposed on engineering firms by the federal government.
6. Ensure that the committee agenda addresses the unique concerns of private client A/E firms.
7. Ensure strong participation in ACEC/PAC to support the committee’s agenda in Congress.
8. Develop formal liaison relationship with ACEC’s Finance Forum.

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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