

SFC Membership Application

Firm Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip: _____ - _____

Contact: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

*Total Number of Employees: _____

Firm Ownership:

- Sole Proprietor Partnership
 Business Corp. Professional Corp.

Payment for annual dues of \$150.00:

- check enclosed
 Mastercard Visa American Express

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Name on Card _____

Authorized Signature

Please make checks payable to SFC and return to:

Small Firm Council –ACEC
1015 15th Street, N.W. 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005-2605

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the voice of America's engineering industry. Council members-numbering more than 5,800 firms throughout the country-are engaged in a wide range of engineering works that propel the nation's economy, and enhance and safeguard America's quality of life. These works allow Americans to drink clean water, enjoy a healthy life, take advantage of new technologies, and travel safely and efficiently. The Council's mission is to contribute to America's prosperity and welfare by advancing the business interests of member firms.

Small Firm Council

*A Special Interest Coalition
of the American Council of
Engineering Companies*

About SFC

Since 1990, the Small Firm Council (SFC) has represented and advanced the business interests of ACEC's small firms.

SFC provides a forum within ACEC to focus solely on the needs of small firms.

SFC's goals are to:

- Identify and influence important federal, state and local initiatives that directly affect small firms.
- Work with health, professional liability, and business insurance industries to improve access and affordability for small firms.
- Develop business education products and seminars focused on the specific needs of small firms.
- Provide opportunities for networking.
- Provide a forum to develop solutions to the unique problems small firm owners face.

Benefits of SFC membership

Influencing Government on Small Business Issues

The Small Firm Council works with Congressional staff on both the House and Senate Small Business Committees, and testifies on key initiatives before these committees that affect the ability of small businesses to operate smoothly and successfully.

SFC works with the Small Business Administration and procurement officials of other federal agencies to promote and protect small business contracting opportunities within the federal and state governments.

Education Programs

SFC sponsors educational seminars that help member firms with issues concerning finances, human resources, ownership transition, information technology, marketing, and other business-related subjects geared toward the interest of small firms. These seminars are typically conducted at ACEC national meetings and the popular SFC winter meeting. SFC members receive discounted registration fees for all SFC sponsored events.

Networking Opportunities

SFC events provide ample opportunities for networking with peers. SFC holds an annual winter meeting, receptions, seminars, and roundtable discussions enabling members to share information and ideas.

SFC News

SFC works hard to keep members informed about key small business initiatives through the *SFC Connector* newsletter, ACEC's *Last Word* and *Engineering, Inc.* magazine. SFC also keeps members informed about SFC events, recent legislative developments, education sessions and programs through their email listserv.

How to Join SFC

To join, simply complete and return the attached application, along with payment for \$150 annual dues. Applicants will receive membership confirmation immediately, along with detailed information about benefits and entitlements as a new SFC member.

For more information about SFC, contact Heather Talbert, Executive Director at 202-682-4377 or htalbert@acec.org.