

EX-COM APPROVES A NEW DIRECTION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee, at its meeting on May 15, 2003 in Boston, approved a new committee structure and direction for the renamed International Committee and accepted the Committee's Mission Statement as follows:

The Mission of the Committee is to interact with agencies and legislative bodies of the U.S. Government, International Financial Institutions (IFI), international professional societies and other such entities to ensure that the best interests of ACEC member firms are properly served.

Committee Structure

The International Committee membership is open to all ACEC members who have interests in the Mission of the Committee. The Committee shall be governed by a Steering Committee elected by members of the International Committee. The Chair of the International Committee shall be nominated by the Steering Committee and appointed by the ACEC Chairman. For 2003-2004, the Committee Chair is Gregs Thomopulos, President & CEO of Stanley Consultants, Inc.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee shall consist of about 16-22 members who will chair the sub-committees listed below, pairing a member resident in the Washington, D.C., area with a member outside the Washington, D.C., area. The following sub-committees will be established:

- Programs
- USAID & USTDA
- DOD Agencies (COE, Navy) that contract for international work
- Department of Treasury and Department of Commerce
- EX-IM Bank and OPIC
- International Financial Institutions (World Bank, IDB, ADB, etc.)
- International Professional Societies (FIDIC, etc.)
- Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Legislative (Coordinate with Government Advocacy Committee)

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings will be held quarterly in a hotel in Washington, D.C. The program sub-committee will organize the meetings with the active involvement of ACEC staff assigned to the Committee. Attendance will be open to all ACEC members and others who may not be ACEC members but have an interest in international business. The standing agenda of the meetings will include a business session in which the sub-committees report on their activities followed by a prominent luncheon speaker on subjects of interest to the ACEC membership. The quarterly meetings will be informative on opportunities for international business, in order to attract a wide audience of members who already have international operations or who have interests in participating in international business. Attendees will pay a fee to cover the expenses of the meeting room and lunch and it is intended that these quarterly meetings will be revenue generating.

2003-2004 Goals

The Committee will undertake each year the following assignments:

1. Advocate and advance QBS at the International Financial Institutions (IFI) and monitor adherence to QBS laws at Federal agencies involved with international projects.
2. Participate actively in FIDIC and evaluate continued participation in other regional organizations to ensure that these organizations serve the interests of ACEC membership.
3. Continue and enhance the quarterly programs with prominent speakers and provide information to ACEC membership on international business opportunities.
4. Coordinate with the Government Advocacy Committee to implement a legislative strategy that includes international issues impacting ACEC member firms.
5. Lead training sessions for U.S. Foreign and Commercial Service officers to enable them to better serve the interests of ACEC at their overseas posts.
6. Advocate the interests of ACEC member firms with USAID, USTDA, Department of Treasury, Department of Commerce and other agencies as appropriate.

Invitation to Become a Committee Member

All members of ACEC who currently have international operations or who are interested in establishing international business are invited to join the International Committee. Please contact **Patrick Brookover** at ACEC by **June 13, 2003** at **202-682-4341** or via e-mail at pbrookover@acec.org.