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[Click here](#) to order.

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*Michael Spadaccini*

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## Re-designed *Last Word* To Offer More Industry News, Easier Web Access

Each issue of *Last Word* now offers expanded industry news coverage and easier access to important ACEC website destinations.

As the Council's primary communications vehicle, *Last Word* will continue to present vital updates on legislative developments, ACEC/PAC activities, and other pertinent Council news.

The enhanced *Last Word* now includes an "Industry News" section featuring weekly updates on key industry trends, business opportunities, and market analyses. Readers need only to click on a headline on the left to see a brief summary of an industry article, including access to original source information if available.

The re-formatted *Last Word* also offers a convenient access to the ACEC website. Just click on the "pull down" buttons at the top to access some of the website's most popular pages—Education, Job board, Bookstore, Calendar, and Home Page.

## ACEC Announces New Transportation Vision With AASHTO, Industry Partners

ACEC joined with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and other industry partners at a press conference this week to unveil important recommendations to enhance the nation's transportation system.

The recommendations form the basis of a report—*A New Vision for the 21st Century*—that will be presented to the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, was created by Congress in 2005 to examine options for improving the nation's transportation network.

"We have an infrastructure crisis looming on the horizon," said ACEC President Dave Raymond during the press conference. "Just as President Eisenhower confronted similar challenges with the Interstate System in the 1950's, our nation's future security depends on a renewed commitment to building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century transportation system."

Raymond emphasized the critical role the engineering industry will play in applying innovation and technology to address America's transportation challenges.



ACEC President Dave Raymond during the press conference for *A New Vision for the 21st Century*.

## Save Now With ACEC's Job Board

On August 1 Job Board prices are increasing, so purchase job postings or packages now for year-long savings!

Buy a three-pack or 10-pack now, and you will have six months to one year to use your job postings. Don't forget— there is a 20 percent savings on a 10-pack with the promo code HEATWAVE07.

Why should you use ACEC's Job Board? By adding ACEC's Job Board to your advertising mix, you will receive direct access to a focused group of qualified engineering talent specific to your needs.

ACEC's Job Board has over 3,000 resumes for qualified industry professionals and enhanced features that make it an easy and efficient choice for anyone familiar with the big career sites.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to save money and be seen by an exclusive audience of the industry's best and brightest.

For more information, please contact Nina Goldman at 202-682-4325 or write [ngoldman@acec.org](mailto:ngoldman@acec.org).

"The Vision document provides a straightforward road map to achieve a transportation system that's safer, less congested, and one that will enable us to compete in the competitive global marketplace," added Raymond. "It's important now that policy-makers act on these recommendations. The more we wait, the more lives we lose on unsafe roadways, and the more jobs that are lost because of infrastructure that cannot support a growing economy. The time to act is now."

To hear Raymond's comments, which also were featured on local Washington D.C. radio station WTOP, [click here](#).

## Spectacular Maui Attractions Await ACEC Fall Conference Attendees

Whether enjoying snorkeling at some of the world's most impressive coral reefs, or witnessing some of the world's most stunning geological wonders, the upcoming Fall Conference in Maui, September 26-29, promises to be an experience of a lifetime.

Maui was named "Best Pacific Island" and #2 "Overall Destination in the World" by *Condé Nast Traveler Magazine*.



Fairmont Beach: One of Maui's many attractions.

Conference attendees will have several opportunities to enjoy Maui's magnificent natural beauty including an excursion to the island's famous House of the Sun, Mount Haleakala Crater (Wednesday, September 26) where more than 1 million visitors a year witness a geological spectacle similar to the surface of the moon.

Attendees also can snorkel one of the world's most renowned coral reefs at the Molokini Crater (Thursday, September 27), or spend a day at the historic Old Lahaina (Friday, September 28), a village full of landmarks, art galleries, shopping and restaurants. Maui also boasts more than 33 miles of sandy beaches and "a waterfall around every turn."

The Conference also features outstanding speakers, over 30 education sessions targeting the latest business trends, a 20th anniversary banquet and celebration of the Council of American Structural Engineers (CASE), an expanded trade show, and extraordinary networking and social activities.

Early registrations for the Conference are at an all-time high and the room block at the Grand Wailea is nearly full, but there is still space available at the nearby Fairmont Kea Lani. Easy Conference registration is available by [clicking here](#). Early Bird registration discount ends on August 25.

Further information is available by contacting [meetings@acec.org](mailto:meetings@acec.org) or by calling 202-347-7474.



## ACEC JOB BOARD

Over 600 Searchable  
Jobs Posted

Over 3,300 Searchable  
Resumes Posted

Over 1,300 Registered  
Employers

### Last Five "Help Wanted"

#### Open Positions:

**Mechanical and Electrical Engineer  
Project Manager**—Richmond, VA

**Disaster Support Specialists**—Nationwide

**Associate Project Manager, Water  
Resources**—Atlanta, GA

**Assistant Engineer**—Torrance, CA

**Civil Engineer**—Salt Lake City, UT

#### A Sampling of Posted Resumes:

Geotechnical Engineers—**391**

Water Resources/Wastewater Engineers—**793**

Civil Engineers—**1,786**

Structural Engineers—**662**

Environmental Engineers—**469**

#### View These Resumes and Jobs on ACEC's Job Board

<http://www.acec.org/jobbank>

## ACEC Life/Health Trust Transition To UnitedHealthcare Update

The ACEC Life/Health Insurance Trust (L/HIT) has worked diligently with UnitedHealthcare to ensure that members are covered by August 1. Below is an update of the transition:

- Employer and Member Welcome Kits are being mailed and most should be received by August 1.
- ID cards are being mailed and most should be in-hand by August 1. Members on UnitedHealthcare plans can access a copy of their card by registering and logging onto [www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com).
- The ACEC Life/Health Trust transition website: [www.uhctoday.com/acec](http://www.uhctoday.com/acec) is updated with additional information and an up-to-date **ACEC Life/Health Insurance Trust Frequently Asked Questions & Answers** document.

- Brokers and Benefit Administrators can call into the following phone numbers according to group size and state:

If the group size is 51+, please call **414.443.4747**.

If the group size is between 1-50 and is located in CT/NJ/or down-state NY, please call **1.888.200.1151, extension 6869**.

If the group size is 1-50 and is located in any other state, please call **1.800.573.0415**.

- Members can call into the following phone numbers according to group size and state:

If the group size is 51+, please call **1.800.996.6596**.

If the group is located in CT/NJ/or downstate NY and your group size is between 1-50, please call **1.800.444.2413**.

If the group is located in any other state (other than #2) and your group size is between 1-50, please call **1.800.996.6596**.

Additional questions regarding this transition can be directed to Pat Feyen, ACEC Life/Health Insurance Trust President at [pat@feyengroup.com](mailto:pat@feyengroup.com) or to UnitedHealthcare at [rapid\\_response@uhc.com](mailto:rapid_response@uhc.com).

## House Boosts F.Y. '08 Transportation Funding

The House passed an ACEC-based \$104.4 billion F.Y. '08 Transportation-Housing Appropriations bill late Tuesday that includes SAFETEA LU guaranteed funding levels for highway and transit programs.

The bill provides \$40.2 billion for highways—a \$1.1 billion increase over the F.Y. '07 funding level and \$631 million more than the President requested. The bill also includes \$9.7 billion for transit programs—a \$747 million increase over F.Y. '07 and \$288 million more than the President requested.

Funding for the Airport Improvement Program is earmarked at \$3.6 billion while Amtrak receives \$1.4 billion in grants.

Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate, however it has not reached the floor for action. The Senate bill provides an equal level of funding for highway programs, but it falls short of the House-passed levels for transit.

ACEC will continue to lobby the Senate for an F.Y. '08 Transportation Appropriations Bill that fully funds SAFETEA LU's highway and transit programs and provides additional increases for the Airport Improvement Program and Amtrak.

## Online Seminars Presented In Compact, Convenient Format—Register Now

ACEC's online seminars in August and September offer a timely mix of hot topics and perennial favorites. Sessions are presented in the popular 1-1/2-hour online interactive format and offer PDHs. (Check with your state board.) Registration is for a single computer connection and covers one participant or a roomful, and is now open for the following seminars:

### AUGUST

- **August 8—*Mastering the Critical Steps of the Business Development Process***, Kevin Hackney, MBDi  
[Click here](#) to register.
- **August 15—*Risk Management Considerations for Green Buildings***, Tim Corbett, A/E SmartRisk  
[Click here](#) to register.
- **August 21—*Design and Delivery: Using Technology for Better Teamwork***, Diane Li, Autodesk  
[Click here](#) to register.

### SEPTEMBER

- **September 5—*International Employment Solutions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***, Jim Lyon, Lyon Associates, Inc.  
[Click here](#) to register.
- **September 11—*Unallowable Costs: Government Contract Law for Non-Lawyers***, David Dempsey, Holland & Knight  
[Click here](#) to register.
- **September 12—*rcep.net: The NCEES/ACEC Nationwide Portal to Continuing Education for Engineers***, Jill Holcomb, ACEC and Erin Carroll, NCEES  
[Click here](#) to register.

## Finance, IT, Sales & Marketing September Forums Open For Registration

ACEC's Forum meetings continue to spread their unique appeal, facilitating education, idea sharing, and peer networking, which continues year-'round. The September 2007 dates and locations are set, agendas are nearing completion, and ACEC's popular Forum gatherings are now open for registration: ***Finance Forum, Sept. 10-11, Chicago; Information Technology Forum, Sept. 10-11, Chicago; and Professional Sales and Marketing Forum, Sept. 26, Maui.***

Meeting content varies by functional areas of interest, but typically updates perennial topics and looks at emerging trends, problem solving and success stories from practitioners. For information and to register for these valuable Forum events, click on the above titles.

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