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AMERICA'S ENGINEERS ARE

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The American Council of Engineering Companies is the *business* voice of America's engineering and design services industry. We represent nearly 5,500 firms employing over 650,000 engineers, land surveyors, and other highly trained specialists and licensed professionals who design and improve our world.

ACEC is a national federation of 51 state and metropolitan Member Organizations that advocates at the local, state, and federal levels for policies that promote economic growth and improve the quality of life for every American.

INDUSTRY IMPACT*



The engineering and design services industry directly employs **1.6 million workers** plus another **4 million** upstream and downstream workers.



The engineering and design services industry's total contribution to GDP in 2023 was **\$656 billion** and its **direct economic contribution** was **\$251 billion**.



Every \$1.00 spent on engineering and design services generated **\$1.50 in GDP**.



The engineering and design services industry contributed to **\$2 trillion in construction put in place**.

*2024 Economic Assessment of the Engineering and Design Services Industry. ACEC Research Institute.

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INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES

FOR THE ENGINEERING INDUSTRY IN 2026

A THREE-PRONGED AGENDA

America's infrastructure network is the backbone of our economy. Federal investments facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods, improve safety, provide clean water, and advance new economic development opportunities for our communities.

1 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Without congressional action, federal surface transportation programs that support this critical infrastructure will expire on September 30, 2026. We cannot lose ground on recent progress. Congress must pass a long-term bill that increases funding commitments, promotes innovation, and facilitates efficient state and local project delivery.

2 WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Congress also needs to advance critical water infrastructure investments that will promote a growing economy, create jobs, and protect public health and the environment. This includes:

- Reauthorizing core federal programs that deliver safe drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and
- A Water Resources Development Act for Corps of Engineers projects that support navigation and commerce, control flooding, and provide recreational opportunities, water supply, and environmental stewardship across the country.

3 PERMITTING REFORM

Efficient, predictable environmental review and permitting processes are essential to delivering these and other critical infrastructure projects.

Durable reforms will support American energy, transportation, water systems, and domestic mineral development. Project delivery delays drive up costs and defer economic benefits to communities.

Congress has an opportunity to enact balanced, common-sense policies that accelerate project delivery while maintaining strong environmental protections.

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