



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

Finance Forum

Hilton Cleveland Downtown – Cleveland, OH

September 27-29, 2026

- Daily Schedule of Events -

Sunday, September 27, 2026

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Opening Reception**
Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres

Monday, September 28, 2026

7:30 am - 8:30 am **Continental Breakfast & Networking**

8:30 am - 9:30 am **Introductions and Live Attendee Polling**
Laura Rosenbaum, Taylor Engineering
Gwen Perez, Freese and Nichols

9:30 - 10:30 am **AI in Finance: Practical Use Cases and Strategies for Engineering Firms**
Marcus Quigley, EFCG
Panel discussion to follow

10:30 am - 10:45 am **Coffee Break & Networking**

10:45 am - 11:45 am **PAC 101 for Engineering Firms: Purpose, Structure, and Smart Management**
Presenter TBA

11:45 am - 12:45 pm **Networking Lunch**

12:45 pm - 1:45 pm **Firm of the Future**
Joe Bates, ACEC Research Institute

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm **Coffee Break & Networking**

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Large and Small Firm Breakout Discussions**

3:00 - 4:00 pm	Project Metrics and FP&A: Turning Data into Insight for Firm Leaders <i>Alec Pfeffer, ISG</i>
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Open Discussion
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception at The Great Lakes Science Center <i>Join us for an evening of networking, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and interactive exhibits at Cleveland's Great Lakes Science Center.</i>

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast & Networking
8:10 am - 8:30 am	Sponsor Presentation
8:30 am - 9:30 am	AEC Financial Market Update <i>Steve Gido, ROG Partners</i>
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Breakout Discussions by Firm Size and Business Structure
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Coffee Break & Networking
10:45 am - 11:15 am	FAR Update <i>Dan Purvine, AE Clarity Consulting and Training</i> <i>Tony Machi, Stambaugh Ness</i>
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Open Discussion on FAR Update
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Networking Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Legislative & Tax Update <i>Katharine Mottley, ACEC</i> <i>Diana Strassmaier, Aldrich CPAs + Advisors</i>
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Open Discussion
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Driving Better Decisions Through HR-Finance Collaboration <i>Joint panel and open discussion with the ACEC Finance Forum on how collaboration, data, and shared insight drive smarter business and workforce decisions.</i>
4:00 pm	Forum Adjourns