

# What Have We Done For You Lately?

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With the support of our member firms, ACEC/MS works hard to protect and promote your business in a variety of ways. In addition to our robust programs, our recent efforts include the following.

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## GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES ACEC/MS

- Worked diligently this year with the Mississippi Economic Council for Transportation funding. Hopes have been dashed as the majority of Republicans in the House would not let a bill come out.
- Supported Bureau of Buildings bill codifying QBS in their State owned projects.
- Killed legislation that would have required County Engineers to furnish all school districts in their county a list of deficient bridges.
- Sponsored Legislative Reception with ABC, AGC and AIA.
- Sent constant updates/alerts to all members via e-mail.
- Continued to support more contracting out by Governmental Agencies.
- Six Mississippi Members represented your interest on Consulting Congress Day in Washington, April 21-22.

## ACEC

- ACEC/MS raised \$9,500 PAC money.

## WEBSITE

- Continuous updating, as well as, keeping Facebook Page current.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

- Provided excellent Networking opportunities for member firms.
- Promoted ACEC on Gallo Morning Radio Show during National Engineer's Week.
- Submitted Press releases and ads on EEA Projects. Received coverage in several papers across the state. Center Section of the Mississippi Business Journal and Pipeline Magazine.
- Purchased 1/2 page ads in the *Mississippi Municipal League Magazine*.
- Displayed the Engineering Excellence Awards at the State Capitol.
- Sponsor of HOBNOB Mississippi.
- Attended Mississippi Roadbuilders monthly receptions and meetings.
- Attended ACEC annual meeting in Washington and Boston to represent Mississippi.
- Hosted Capitol Day in March, which was attended by many Senators and Representatives.

- **Planned and hosted three general meetings: the Fall Meeting and Winter Meeting in Jackson, and the Deep South Convention in Destin, Florida.**

## **BUSINESS PRACTICE ACTIVITIES**

- **Hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> successful “Day at Roosevelt” with the MDA, DEQ, DOT, MSDH, BOB, USACE, & RUS as presenters.**
- **Professional Development Hours: offered 25 with Seminars such as:**
  - **“Engineers Without Borders” MSU EWB Team and Ole Miss EWB Team**
  - **“Ethics” Robert Green, PE, F.NSPE, Bagley College of Engineering**
  - **“Mississippi Economy and Future Outlook” Dr. Darrin Webb**
  - **“Professional Services Contracts with Mississippi Governmental Entities and the Revamped Personal Services Contract Review Board” James R. Mozingo, Attorney**
  - **“Economic Drivers in the Southeast” Dr. Kevahn Deravhi**
  - **“Hiring and Retaining New Engineers/Compensation Trends” Sarah Walpert**
- **Published four quarterly newsletters keeping you informed of the latest business trends.**
- **Published Membership Directory and distributed to members, as well as, Mayors, Economic Development Directors and State Officials.**
- **Continued successful e-mail blasts informing you of important issues immediately, including all MDOT RFP’s the day they hit The Clarion Ledger and DEQ’s notices of changes and their commission agenda, as well as, RFP’s from the Bureau of Buildings and The Port of Gulfport.**
- **Maintained Representation on the following State Boards/Committees:**
  - **We have 2 active committees with MDOT and MDEQ.**
  - **State Revolving Loan Fund Program for Drinking Water Board of Directors – Judy Adams**
  - **MS State Department of Health, Wastewater Advisory Committee – Greg Gearhart**
  - **Public Water System Capacity Development Advisory Committee – Lee Jones**
  - **Cross Connection Control – Allen Scott**
  - **Mississippi Transportation Institute Board of Directors – Judy Adams**
  - **State Building Code Council – Chad Moore**
  - **State Building Code Council (Alternate) – Jerry Jones**
  - **MDEQ Nutrient Criteria – Philip Gibson**
  - **Underground Facilities Damage Board**