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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Stu Taub, P.E.*



They all told me it would be like this. The ACEC/MD past presidents I spoke with over the last several years said almost in unison "50% of your time, lots of meetings and events, and when May comes around you'll think, where did the year go?" Well, as my term as president comes to an end I can certainly say they were right. It's been one heck of a trip and I've enjoyed every part. I've really enjoyed meeting and working with our clients and the many folks on the committees that make up

ACEC/MD. I also want to wish the best to our incoming officers: President Alan Straus; Vice-President Tony Frascarella; Treasurer Sean McCone; and Secretary Melinda Peters. I know that they, along with the support of our directors and committee chairs, will keep ACEC/MD moving forward. To assist in the transition to an ACEC/MD leadership role, an orientation program will be scheduled in the August time frame.

Twelve months ago, in Key West, I mentioned the challenges our industry faced in the coming year related to attrition in the General Assembly as many incumbents were not reelected, and with our clients, where many folks either retired or moved on to other agencies. During that time, we've done our best to build relationships with the new folks and to educate them about our industry. We continue to meet with MDOT officials on a quarterly basis through our Partnering Committee to present issues of concern and work to resolve them in our workgroups.

A concern has developed over the last year regarding MDOT SHA's capital program. MDOT SHA's program has remained flat on the design side. With a focus on construction, the P3 Mega project and large design-build projects, there are few task assignments for system preservation and improvements. To discuss our concerns and potential effects to our industry moving forward, ACEC/MD is working to schedule a meeting with Secretary Rahn. On a positive note, the MDTA continues to have a robust program for design and construction.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

While the General Assembly's focus on school funding should provide a boost to our member firms' facility and utility operations, we have real concerns about the future transportation program. Over the next several months, ACEC/MD's legislative committee will meet to establish an agenda regarding funding and identify legislators that should be targeted.

As you attend ACEC/MD events, many of you may be wondering what each of the emblems on ACEC/MD nametags represent, so here is what they are:

The Crab indicates a personal contribution to the State PAC (CEPAC).

The Maryland State Sticker indicates a firm's contribution to the State PAC (CEPAC).

The American Flag represents a personal contribution to the Federal PAC (ACEC/PAC).

The Minuteman Pin represents a firm's federal contribution to the Minuteman Fund.

Name tags with all of these emblems show you and your firm's full support of ACEC/MD and National.



Speaking of CEPAC support, did you know that only 30% of member firms consistently make donations to the fund? You might be wondering what does CEPAC mean? It stands for the Consulting Engineers Political Action Committee, which is the State of Maryland Political Action Committee. Each year the committee works hard to represent your interests and provide a voice for industry issues with Maryland State Legislators in Annapolis. CEPAC contributes to and holds regular dialogue with Maryland State Senators and Delegates throughout the year. These discussions promote issues of direct benefit for every member firm and design professional including:

- Successful legislation to eliminate liquidated damages on MBE participation for State AE contracts
- Defeat of attempted efforts to impose state tax on engineering professional services (two times)
- Establishment of a "Certificate of Merit" statute for lawsuits against professional engineers to eliminate frivolous suits
- Promote, educate and strengthen Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) for AE services
- Working to pass legislation eliminating the uninsurable "Duty to Defend" provision and including a negligence standard within State AE contracts

A new four-year election cycle has begun, and funding requirements have greatly increased as the number of new legislators and the cost of attending events has increased. To meet this challenge, we established a Smart Goal to increase the CEPAC fund goal from \$25,000 to \$40,000. Your support is crucial! ACEC/MD is moving forward with a renewed effort for financial support and member engagement. The CEPAC accepts both company and individual contributions.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as ACEC/MD President. I have greatly appreciated all of your support, and look forward to another successful year under the leadership of incoming President Alan Straus.

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY WRAP UP*

As is typical in year one of a four-year election cycle, ACEC/MD was unsuccessful in gaining passage of new legislation that would enhance the ability of a firm to sign contracts that are insurable. Legislation that would have eliminated a consultant's "duty to defend" requirement (SB 367/HB 991) had to be withdrawn due to opposition from the general contractors. In addition, opposition from the Attorney General's office, DGS and MDOT doomed legislation that would have required a "negligence standard" in state contracts (SB 429/HB 452).

Moving forward, in order to address the concerns of the contractors, we are looking at developing legislation that would only impact design professionals rather than construction-related services, and are in discussions with ACEC's Legal Counsel Charles Kim about successful legislation introduced across the country including, most recently, North Carolina's successful efforts to gain passage of favorable legislation.

On the "negligence standard" front, we have met with DGS officials, who have assured that they will not adopt the DBM approach when the agency is transferred under their purview, effective October 1st, and with Bob Gleason, Senior Procurement Executive in the state of Maryland, who clearly understands ACEC/MD's position on this important issue. Out of the usually large number of bills that were introduced, ACEC/MD's Legislative Committee, chaired by Heidi Van Luven (A. Morton Thomas & Associates) reviewed, in detail, approximately 200 pieces of legislation, including:

### **TRANSPORTATION**

SB 442 / CF=HB 102 - Toll Roads, Highways, and Bridges - County Government Consent Requirement – Expansion

Expanding to all counties in the State a prohibition on State agencies constructing within the nine Eastern Shore counties a toll road, toll highway, or toll bridge without the consent of a majority of the affected counties; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

HB 82 / CF=SB 116 - Transportation - Complete Streets - Access to Healthy Food

Expanding the definition of "complete streets design features" under the Complete Streets Program by adding access to retail stores that provide health food and other necessities, especially in food deserts, as a design feature of the complete streets policy and as a goal of the Program; and providing the Act may not be construed to require the Maryland Department of Transportation to provide staff or operating expenses for the administration of the Complete Streets Program until money is appropriated in the State budget for the Program.

RETURNED PASSED

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### TRANSPORTATION (continued)

#### HB 91 - Public-Private Partnerships - Presolicitation Reports - Environmental Impact Statement Requirement

Prohibiting a reporting agency for certain proposed public-private partnerships from submitting a certain presolicitation report before a draft environmental impact statement that complies with the National Environmental Policy Act is available; requiring the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority to withdraw a certain presolicitation report; prohibiting the resubmission of the report until a certain draft environmental impact statement is adopted and a certain alternative is selected; etc.

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

MONITOR

#### HB 130 - Maryland Transit Administration and Baltimore City Department of Transportation – Study of Dedicated Bus Lanes

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Dedicated Bus Lanes in Baltimore City to study and analyze dedicated bus lane enforcement mechanisms in use by peer transit agencies and develop a certain enforcement plan; requiring the study to include an examination of best practices and technologies, a review of potential costs, and an evaluation of the most effective methods for ensuring compliance with and enforcement of existing law; requiring the Workgroup to report by December 31, 2019, to the Governor and General Assembly; etc.

RETURNED PASSED

SUPPORT

#### HB 277 / CF=SB 249 - Regional Initiative to Limit or Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Transportation Sector - Authorization (Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019)

Authorizing the Governor to include the State as a full participant in a certain initiative, agreement, or compact that limits or reduces greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector; authorizing the Governor to impose a greenhouse gas emission fee on the sale or distribution of motor fuel under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of Transportation to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2019; etc.

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

#### HB 456 - Prince George's County - State Highways - Toll Facilities PG 420-19

Prohibiting a State agency, including the Maryland Transportation Authority, from acquiring or constructing any toll road, toll highway, or toll bridge in Prince George's County unless authorized by Prince George's County by local law.

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

#### HB 780 - Baltimore City - Speed Limits – Establishment

Authorizing Baltimore City to establish the maximum speed limit on a highway under its jurisdiction without performing an engineering and traffic study.

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### TRANSPORTATION (continued)

#### HB 885 - Transportation - Vision Zero – Establishment

Establishing Vision Zero; providing the purpose of the program is for planning and developing a State highway system that has zero vehicle-related deaths or serious injuries; requiring the Department of Transportation to designate a coordinator to oversee the implementation of Vision Zero; requiring the coordinator, in implementing Vision Zero, to collaborate with certain entities and include certain strategies; requiring that the funding for Vision Zero be as provided by the Governor in the State budget; etc. RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

#### HB 923 / CF=SB 642 - Task Force to Study Transportation Access

Establishing the Task Force to Study Transportation Access; stating the purpose of the Task Force; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; authorizing the Task Force to establish subcommittees; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

#### HB 1041 - Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring, Work Zone Speed Control, and Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Repeal

Repealing the authority to use work zone speed control systems to enforce certain highway speed laws within work zones; requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to correct any references throughout the Annotated Code that are rendered incorrect by the Act; etc.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

#### HB 1091 - Public-Private Partnerships – Reforms

Prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving a public-private partnership agreement until an independent rating assessment survey is completed; requiring that a public-private partnership agreement include the minimum credit rating to be maintained by a private entity and funding source; extending a certain prohibition on noncompete clauses in certain public-private partnership agreements to all transit projects regardless of funding source; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

MONITOR

#### HB 1257 / CF=SB 931 - Maryland Transportation Public-Private Partnership Oversight Act

Establishing the Office of Transportation Oversight as an independent unit in the Executive Branch of State government; applying the motor fuel tax to bunker fuel; requiring the Comptroller and the State Treasurer to establish a certain motor fuel tax rate for diesel fuel and bunker fuel; requiring the Governor to appropriate certain amounts in the annual budget for the operation of the Office and the implementation of the Act; exempting certain actions from certain provisions of the Environmental Standing Act; etc.

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### TRANSPORTATION (continued)

HB 1281 / CF= SB 787 - Transportation - Bikeways Network Program – Funding  
Codifying the Bikeways Network Program to provide grant support for bicycle network development activities; requiring the Department of Transportation to establish certain application and eligibility criteria; requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation for the Program; requiring that \$100,000 of the appropriation be distributed to the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal League to provide technical assistance to counties and municipalities with the drafting and submission of grant proposals; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

HB 1296 / CF=SB 200 - State Finance and Procurement - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; prohibiting a public or private entity that receives money from the State from authorizing a permit or giving any other form of approval for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and prohibiting a proposal for a magnetic levitation transportation system from using certain right-of-way or track owned or operated by certain railroad companies.

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

HB 1422 - Motor Vehicles - Highway Worker Safety

Prohibiting a person from committing certain acts while operating a motor vehicle in a highway work zone or on a bridge or highway that is under construction if a highway worker is present; providing that a person may not be convicted for a violation under the Act if the violation was due to a mechanical failure of the vehicle or the negligence of a highway worker or another person; establishing certain penalties for certain violations of the Act; etc.

WITHDRAWN

SUPPORT

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

SB 53 - State Finance and Procurement - Energy Performance Contracts

Providing that the Department of General Services is responsible for monitoring the status of certain energy performance contracts and reporting on that status to the Board of Public Works annually; requiring a primary procurement unit to consult with the Department before issuing a request for proposals for an energy performance contract; requiring the Department to review certain proposed requests for proposals for energy performance contracts; etc.

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

SB 234 / CF=HB 272 - Natural Resources - State and Local Forest Conservation Funds

Requiring a person that is subject to the Forest Conservation Act to demonstrate that appropriate credits generated by a forest mitigation bank in the same county or watershed are not available before the person may pay money to a State or local forest conservation fund to meet certain requirements; prohibiting a local authority from collecting money into its forest conservation fund unless it has submitted to the Department a certain plan and accounting procedures; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

#### SB 269 / CF=HB 428 - Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program - Awards for Flood Damage and Mandatory Funding

Altering the policy and purpose of provisions of law governing flood control and watershed management to include establishing a grant program to assist local jurisdictions with infrastructure repairs, debris removal, and emergency protection work associated with a flood event; authorizing the Department of the Environment to use the comprehensive flood management grant program to award grants to subdivisions that incurred infrastructure damage of a certain monetary amount caused by a flood event on or after January 1, 2009; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

SUPPORT

#### SB 505 / CF= HB 703 - Environmental Violations - Reporting Requirements

Requiring certain jurisdictions to report to the Department of the Environment on certain information relating to the number of cases alleging violations of sediment and erosion control laws and regulations and building and grading permits by January 1 each year; requiring the Department to post certain information and a certain interactive map on its website; and requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before March 1 each year.

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

#### SB 516 / CF=HB 1158 - Clean Energy Jobs

Establishing certain criteria for qualified offshore wind projects applied for on or after July 1, 2017, termed Round 2 offshore wind projects; altering and extending the minimum required percentage of energy that must be derived from Tier 1 renewable sources in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years; altering and extending the minimum required percentage of Tier 1 renewable energy that must be derived from solar energy in the State's renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

#### HB 428 / CF=SB 269 - Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program – Awards for Flood Damage and Mandatory Funding

Altering the policy and purpose of provisions of law governing flood control and watershed management to include establishing a grant program to assist local jurisdictions with infrastructure repairs, watershed restoration and emergency protection work associated with a flood event; authorizing the Department of the Environment to use the comprehensive flood management grant program to award grants to subdivisions that incurred infrastructure damage of least \$1,000,000 caused by a flood event on or after January 1, 2009; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

SUPPORT

#### HB 735 / CF= SB 729 - Task Force on Forest Conservation in Maryland

Establishing the Task Force on Forest Conservation in Maryland to undertake a technical review of existing forest cover in the State and an analysis of the health and quality of State forests; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2019; etc.

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### ENVIRONMENTAL (continued)

HB 903 - Watershed Protection and Restoration Programs - Impervious Surface – Definition

Altering the definition of “impervious surface” for purposes of certain provisions of law relating to watershed protection and restoration programs to exclude ballasted railroad tracks.

WITHDRAWN

SUPPORT with Amendment

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

SB 55 - Department of Planning - Central Depository

Repealing a certain provision of law relating to the submission of certain plans to the Department of Planning; clarifying that the Department is the depository for all land use plans, amendments, and revisions adopted by certain entities in the State; requiring a certain unit of government or a certain agency to submit to the Department a current version of all adopted land use plans, amendments, and revisions; and requiring the Department to post on its website a copy of certain land use plans, amendments, and revisions.

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

SB 136 - Corporations - Corporate Records and Electronic Transmission

Authorizing certain records of a corporation to be maintained by means of any information storage device, method, or electronic network or database, including a distributed electronic network or database, under certain circumstances; requiring a corporation to convert a record maintained in a certain manner into a clearly legible written form on the request of any person entitled to inspect the records; authorizing certain communications, consents, and requests to be made by means of a certain electronic transmission; etc.

RETURNED PASSED

SUPPORT

SB 320 / CF=HB 848 - Courts - Documentary Evidence - Protective Order

Authorizing a defendant in a malpractice claim against a licensed professional to move for a protective order to limit the disclosure of certain documentary evidence under certain circumstances; requiring a court, upon a certain motion by the defendant, to review the claimant’s request for documentary evidence and authorizing the court to issue a certain protective order for good cause shown; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

SB 332 - State Finance and Procurement - Chesapeake Bay Watershed States - Expenses and Contracts (Quit Polluting My Bay Act of 2019)

Requiring the Standard State Travel Regulations to prohibit the reimbursement for travel expenses to a certain state for which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified two or more pollution source sectors at a backstop actions level of oversight; prohibiting a public body from awarding a certain procurement contract to a business from a State in which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified two or more pollution source sectors at a backstop actions level of oversight under certain circumstances; etc.

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

#### (ACEC/MD) SB 367 / CF=HB 991 - Courts - Prohibited Indemnity and Defense Liability Agreements

Altering the circumstances under which certain indemnity and defense liability contract or agreement language concerning the provision of certain construction-related services is void and unenforceable to include damages arising out of economic loss.

WITHDRAWN

SUPPORT

#### SB 375 / CF=HB 483 - Service Contracts - Work Verification Clause

Requiring that certain service contracts entered into by the State contain a certain work verification clause; requiring the work verification clause to require the contractor to use certain work verification software for a certain purpose, specify that the State is liable only for the cost of certain work that is verified in a certain manner, specify the requirements of the work verification software, and require that certain data be stored for at least 7 years and be provided to the State without cost under certain circumstances; etc.

WITHDRAWN

OPPOSE

#### SB 409 - Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Employee-Owned Businesses

Allowing a subtraction modification under the State income tax for income from a qualified transfer of stock or membership interest of a Maryland corporation or limited liability company to certain employee ownership entities; limiting the amount of the subtraction if the transfer is to a direct share ownership plan; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

#### (ACEC/MD) SB 429 / CF=HB 452 - Procurement Contracts - Architectural and Engineering Services - Indemnity Clauses

Prohibiting a procurement contract for architectural or engineering services from containing a certain indemnity clause unless a negligent performance standard is used for apportioning liability; and defining "negligent performance".

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

SUPPORT

#### SB 433 / CF=HB 680 - Responsible Workforce Development Percentage Price Preference Act

Requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations to require certain units to establish a responsible workforce development percentage price preference of at least 4%; requiring a procurement officer to apply a responsible workforce development percentage price preference if a certain certification is submitted or if a bidder is a minority business enterprise; requiring certain responsible bidders and subcontractors to certify that certain health care expenses were at least 10% of certain wages paid over a certain period; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

SB 451 / CF=HB449 - Baltimore County - Development Impact Fees – Authorization  
Authorizing the County Council of Baltimore County, by ordinance, to impose development impact fees to finance the capital costs of additional or expanded public works, improvements, and facilities required to accommodate new construction or development; and requiring money collected through development impact fees used to finance the capital costs of additional or expanded public works, improvements, and facilities to be used in the surrounding community of the construction or development.

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

### SB 480 / CF=HB 361 - Effective Corporate Tax Rate Transparency Act of 2019

Requiring a publicly traded corporation that is required to file a Maryland income tax return to attach a certain statement to the return identifying the corporation's effective tax rate and an explanation of the calculation of the effective tax rate; requiring that the statement be made under oath, signed in a certain manner, subject to audit by the Comptroller, and treated as confidential taxpayer information; requiring the Comptroller to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly by March 1 each year; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

### SB 655 / CF= HB 998 - Business Occupations and Professions - Professional Engineers - Examination and Continuing Professional Competency Requirements

Requiring a certain applicant for a license to practice engineering to pass a certain examination in the fundamentals of engineering before passing a certain examination in the principles and practice of engineering; repealing certain provisions of law regarding the fulfillment of continuing professional competency requirements by certain licensees; providing for certain reciprocity relating to continuing competency requirements for licensees residing in another state; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

### SB 710 / CF=HB 993 - Anne Arundel County - Ethics - Prohibitions and Requirements Regarding Qualifying Contributions During Pendency of Zoning Applications

Prohibiting applicants, agents of applicants, and immediate family members of the applicants and agents from making a certain qualifying payment to a certain candidate during the pendency of the application; prohibiting a certain political action committee from making a transfer to a candidate's authorized candidate campaign committee or a slate to which the candidate belongs; prohibiting a member from voting or participating in any way in the proceeding on an application under certain circumstances; etc.

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

### SB 799 / CF= HB 801 - Maryland Stadium Authority - Baltimore Convention Facility – Renovation

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to provide for the renovation of the Baltimore Convention facility; altering the authority of the Board of Public Works to approve the issuance of certain bonds without receiving authorization from the General Assembly; altering the requirement that the Authority comply with certain requirements to finance certain activities; altering the definition of "Baltimore Convention site"; etc.

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

#### SB 885 / CF= HB 582 - Income Tax Credit - Employers - Eligible Internships

Allowing certain employers employing certain interns a credit against the State income tax that may not exceed \$1,000 for each eligible intern or 10% of the wages paid to each eligible intern, subject to certain limitations; requiring a certain employer to enter into a certain agreement with a certain higher education institution; providing that not more than \$300,000 in tax credit certificates may be issued in any taxable year; requiring a report by the Comptroller on utilization of the tax credit by July 1, 2022; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

#### SB 959 - Labor and Employment - Wage Payment and Collection - General Contractor Liability

Establishing that certain contractors are jointly and severally liable for certain violations of the wage payment and collection law by certain subcontractors if the employee notified the general contractor, in writing, within 90 days after the violation occurred and the general contractor failed to cure the violation with 30 days after receiving the notice; prohibiting a certain obligation or contract right from being impaired by the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

#### HB 100 / CF=SB 125 - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

#### HB 284 - Procurement – Small Businesses and Minority Businesses – Qualification and Certification (Small and Minority Business Certification Streamlining Act of 2019)

Requiring the Secretary of General Services, the Secretary of Transportation, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, and the President of Morgan State University to adopt regulations by June 1, 2020, to require the qualification of a business as a small business if it has obtained a certain federal certification; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt regulations providing for the certification of a minority business enterprise if the business has obtained federal certification and meets certain requirements; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

SUPPORT

#### HB 375 - Corporate Income Tax - Rate Reduction

Decreasing over a certain period of years the State corporate income tax rate from 8.25% to 6.25%.

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

MONITOR

#### HB 478 - Procurement - Qualification Based Selection - Land Surveying Services

Authorizing a procurement officer in the Department of General Services or the Department of Transportation to use qualification based selection as a method of procuring land surveying services; and applying certain parameters, standards, and requirements of qualification based selection to land surveying services.

RETURNED PASSED

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

#### HB 521 - Procurement Preferences - Maryland Child Care Act

Requiring a unit of State government, when awarding contracts exceeding \$500,000, to give a preference to bidders or offerors that have certain on-site licensed child care centers; prohibiting a unit from giving the preference to a certain bidder or offeror over a bidder or an offeror that is a small business; and authorizing the Board of Public Works to adopt certain regulations.

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

#### HB 896 - Income Tax Credit - Small Businesses - Student Interns and Apprentices

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain small businesses that hire high school or college interns or apprentices under certain circumstances; providing that the credit may not exceed \$7,500 for any taxable year; requiring a small business to submit certain documentation to qualify for the credit; providing that certain organizations exempt from taxation may receive the credit as a refund under certain circumstances; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018; etc.

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

#### HB 1124 - State Government - Regulations Impacting Small Businesses - Economic Impact Analyses

Requiring certain units to make a certain certification regarding certain local regulations; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to provide training to certain units on the preparation of certain economic analyses; requiring certain units to establish a certain electronic registry and to post on the registry a proposed regulation that has a significant small business impact; requiring certain units to create certain compliance guides to assist small businesses in complying with certain regulations; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

#### HB 1231 - Real Property - Construction Contracts - Retention Proceeds

Establishing that a certain remedy for the payment of an undisputed amount owed under a construction contract applies to certain retention proceeds; reducing from \$250,000 to \$100,000 the minimum contract amount for the purpose of the applicability of certain provisions of law relating to retention proceeds; and requiring certain retention proceeds to be paid within 90 days after the date of substantial completion.

PASSED ENROLLED

SUPPORT

#### HB 1236 - State Contracts - Certification of Pay Equity Compliance – Requirement

Requiring certain employers to have a certificate of pay equity compliance issued by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry; requiring a custodian of public records to deny the inspection of the part of a public record that contains certain data related to equal pay certificates; prohibiting certain units from entering into a certain contract unless a certain employer has a certain certificate; etc.

WITHDRAWN

CONCERN

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### GENERAL BUSINESS (continued)

#### HB 1254 - Governmental Units - Designation of Individual in Responsible Charge of Land Surveying and Property Line Surveying Activities

Requiring, on and after January 1, 2024, a certain governmental unit to designate at least one individual licensed by the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to be in responsible charge of certain land surveying and property line surveying activities practiced by or on behalf of the governmental unit.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

#### HB 1279 - Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission - Procurement - Source Selection MC/PG 112-19

Requiring the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to adopt certain procurement regulations relating to source selection; authorizing the Commission to adopt regulations establishing a minority business enterprise program if it determines that minority business enterprises have been underutilized by the State in certain procurement categories; authorizing the Commission to adopt regulations establishing a local small business enterprise program to encourage participation in certain procurement activities; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

#### HB 1333 - Labor and Employment - Wage Payment and Collection - General Contractor Liability

Establishing that certain contractors are jointly and severally liable for certain violations of the wage payment and collection law by certain subcontractors if the employee notified the general contractor, in writing, within 90 days after the violation occurred and the general contractor failed to cure the violation within 30 days after receiving the notice; prohibiting a certain obligation or contract right from being impaired by the Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

DIED IN HOUSE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

### **WORKPLACE / HEALTH**

#### SB 329 / (CF=HB 972) - Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law - Awards of Certain Fees and Costs and Prohibition Against Retaliation

Authorizing a court, on a certain finding in an action on behalf of an employee for a violation of the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law, to award the Attorney General reasonable counsel fees and other costs; authorizing a court, on a certain finding in an action by an employee for a violation of the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law, to award the employee reasonable counsel fees and other costs; and prohibiting an employer from taking certain adverse action against an employee under certain circumstances.

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### WORKPLACE / HEALTH (continued)

#### SB 493 / CF=HB 1128 - Workforce Data Act of 2019

Requiring that the information that the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation requires to be included in unemployment insurance contribution and employment reports shall include, for each employee, occupation and job title, number of hours worked in a calendar quarter, and work location; and requiring that the location listed in a contribution and employment report under a certain provision of the Act be the employee's actual work site and not the employing unit's place of business.

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OPPOSE

#### SB 500 / (CF=HB 341) - Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Establishment

Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program; providing for the manner in which the Program is to be administered; providing for the powers and duties of the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation under the Program; requiring, beginning on January 1, 2020, certain employees to pay the Secretary certain contributions; requiring, beginning on July 1, 2021, an individual to meet certain conditions to be eligible for benefits; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

#### SB 738 / CF=HB 634 - Labor and Employment - Wage History and Wage Range

Requiring an employer, on request, to provide to an applicant for employment the wage range for the position for which the applicant applied; prohibiting an employer from taking certain actions against an applicant for employment under certain circumstances; prohibiting an employer from relying on wage history, except under certain circumstances, for certain purposes, and from seeking the wage history by certain methods and from certain persons; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

#### SB 839 / CF= HB 994 - Labor and Employment - Criminal Record Screening Practices (Ban the Box)

Prohibiting certain employers from requiring an applicant for employment to disclose certain information regarding the criminal record of the applicant except under certain circumstances, conducting a certain criminal history records check, or taking certain other action before a conditional offer of employment has been extended; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to resolve complaints informally; etc.

PASSED ENROLLED

MONITOR

#### HB 790 - Equal Pay for Equal Work - Enforcement - Civil Penalties (Equal Pay Remedies and Enforcement Act)

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry or a court to require a certain employer to pay a civil penalty equal to 10% of the amount of damages owned by the employer for violations of the Equal Pay for Equal Work Law; authorizing the Commissioner or a court to order certain additional civil penalties or certain relief under certain circumstances; and requiring that a civil penalty be paid to the General Fund of the State to offset the cost of enforcing the Act.

RETURNED PASSED

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## *2019 MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)*

### WORKPLACE / HEALTH (continued)

HB 1040 - Labor and Employment - Exemptions From Overtime Pay - Administrative, Executive, or Professional Capacity (Overtime Modernization Act of 2019)

Altering the conditions under which an individual who works in a certain administrative, executive, or professional capacity qualifies for an exemption from overtime pay; requiring that an individual be compensated on a salary basis at \$900 or more per week, exclusive of board, lodging, or other facilities, to qualify as an individual who is employed in an administrative, executive, or professional capacity; etc.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT

OPPOSE

### **MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL ISSUES**

SB 159 / CF=HB 153 - Building Opportunity Act of 2019

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to issue bonds to finance the construction of or improvements to certain public school facilities subject to certain limitations; establishing the Building Opportunity Financing Fund and the Building Opportunity Facilities Fund; beginning in fiscal year 2021, requiring \$125,000,000 in the Education Trust Fund to be deposited into the Building Opportunity Financing Fund each fiscal year that bonds are outstanding and unpaid; etc.

DIED IN SENATE COMMITTEE

SUPPORT

HB 1425 - Maryland Stadium Authority - Development of Supplemental Facilities to Benefit Camden Yards

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to prepare certain studies and, subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, develop certain supplemental facilities and supplemental facility sites within Baltimore City that directly or indirectly benefit the sports facilities at Camden Yards; requiring certain notice to the governing body of Baltimore City; authorizing the Authority to issue certain bonds; establishing the Supplemental Facilities Fund to pay expenses related to a supplemental facility; etc.

RETURNED PASSED

MONITOR

Looking ahead to next year, strong consideration is being given to initiating legislation to address the uninsurable indemnification language showing up in some state and local jurisdictions' contracts; improvements to the certificate of merit law; and QBS for local jurisdiction design services and state construction related services such as surveying. As demonstrated in past General Assembly sessions, with your support through participating in ACEC/MD's Legislative Action Day and responding to Legislative Alerts, and contributions to CEPAC, we can make a difference in improving the business climate for the engineering profession.

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ANNUAL GOLF OUTING ANOTHER SUCCESS

Nearly 90 golfers tackled the challenging Greystone Golf Course as part of ACEC/MD's 52nd annual golf tournament. Coming away with top honors, on a mostly sunny, windy day, was Justin Klein (Klein Agency), who shot an impressive 69. With a stiff wind in golfers' faces, again, the \$20,000 Hole-In-One prize proved elusive, but a good time was had by all. Other notable performances included:

2ND LOW GROSS	Brian Leljeda (AECOM) (70)
1ST LOW NET	Mike Blair (JMT) (68)
2ND LOW NET	Derek Kupferschmidt (McCormick Taylor) (68)
3RD LOW NET	Matt Allen (Wallace Montgomery) (69)
LEAST # OF PUTTS	Mike Maguire (A/I/Data) (30)
MOST # OF PUTTS	3-way tie – Xin Chen; Brian Will; Andrew Aquilar
MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE	Hank Pokigo (Hardesty & Hanover)
LADIES' LONGEST DRIVE	Heidi Van Luyen (A. Morton Thomas & Associates)
CLOSEST TO THE PIN	Steve Hawtof (30")
CLOSEST TO THE PIN	Stu Taub (17'2")

Through the purchase of mulligans, golfers also contributed \$670.00 to ACEC/MD's Scholarship Fund. We would also like to thank both the contributors and bidders that participated in the silent auction, and helped raise \$1,890.00 for CEPAC. Mark your calendar for Monday, May 4, 2020, and plan to join your colleagues and friends at ACEC/MD's 53rd annual outing.

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## THINK ABOUT COMMITTEE SERVICE FOR 2019-2020

Deadline extended to July 8th!

Newly elected ACEC/MD President Alan Straus (AECOM) is in the process of staffing committees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. If you or an employee of your firm is interested in serving on one of the many committees helping to shape the business environment in which your firm operates, and have not already advised us, please contact the ACEC/MD office.

PLEASE NOTE that even if you served on a committee during the current fiscal year, you must advise ACEC/MD of your continued interest in serving on that committee.

See below for a complete list of committees, or check the ACEC/MD website – [www.acecmd.org](http://www.acecmd.org).

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2019-2020 ACEC/MD COMMITTEES

• AWARDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Awards and Recommendations Committee is charged with conducting an awards program to obtain entries for engineering excellence among member firms of the American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland. The committee shall publicize the program, determine the guidelines for awards, and obtain judges for reviewing entries. The committee shall award the winners at the Awards Banquet and present certificates to the winners. The committee shall endorse significant award winners for ACEC competition. The Awards and Recommendations Committee shall also be charged with recommending representatives from member firms for other awards as applicable.

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THINK ABOUT COMMITTEE SERVICE FOR 2019-2020 (CONTINUED)

- **BALTIMORE CITY LIAISON**

This committee is charged with monitoring legislative regulations and programs in the city of Baltimore which are of direct interest to the field of consulting engineers. The committee shall monitor such activities by attendance at relevant public meetings and direct contacts with governmental personnel and their activities as necessary.

- **BUSINESS FINANCE**

This committee provides a forum for CFOs and other individuals to discuss the financial aspects of the consulting engineering business. The committee will address topical matters such as overhead requirements and related overhead submissions, cognizant audits, professional liability insurance and the related insurance climate, legal matters and trends in litigation, accounting policies and procedures, business analytics and related trends.

- **CAREER OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

The committee is charged with encouraging students to enter the consulting engineering profession and related career fields. Activities for the committee include, but are not limited to: conducting student outreach programs at career days and through hands-on demonstrations, and working with colleges and universities to both encourage graduates to enter the profession and to provide input on appropriate curriculum for students entering the field of consulting engineering and its allied professions.

- **CEPAC (POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE)**

CEPAC is ACEC/MD's legally-designated political action committee and is charged with administering, under ACEC/MD's Rules of Policies and Procedures and the state laws and regulations, the solicitation, collection and distribution of funds to candidates for public offices in the state of Maryland. The committee shall develop an annual finance plan and develop criteria for fund allocation. The committee shall solicit funds through contributions from member firms and/or other fund-raising activities approved by the ACEC/MD Executive Committee.

- **CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

Through cooperative efforts, partnering, and joint awareness, the Committee is charged with bringing the Construction Management, Construction Inspection and Engineering firms and State Agencies together to discuss common issues facing the industry. In doing so, the committee shall position the industry to effectively and efficiently respond to the various agency programmatic needs over the next five years by working cooperatively to identify, address, and resolve barriers to providing quality, timely services.

- **CORPS OF ENGINEERS PARTNERING/FEDERAL GOV. LIAISON**

The committee is tasked with pursuing the goals outlined in the partnering agreement with the USCOE originated on June 21, 1993 and most recently updated on October 13, 2011. Meetings will be held on a semi-annual basis.

The Federal Government Liaison Committee is also charged with monitoring and reporting to the Executive Committee on issues related to the ACEC committee work with NAVFAC, Air Force, Corps of Engineers, GSA and the Veteran's Administration.

- **COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL & MUNICIPALITIES LIAISON**

The County/Municipal Government Liaison Committee shall be charged with maintaining contact with county and municipal governments throughout the state of Maryland in order to be fully aware of existing and/or proposed changes, or additional requirements that significantly affect the general business and engineering relationships with member firms of ACEC/MD. The committee shall monitor such activities by attendance at relevant public meetings,

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THINK ABOUT COMMITTEE SERVICE FOR 2019-2020 (CONTINUED)

- COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL & MUNICIPALITIES LIAISON (continued)
conventions, direct contact with governmental personnel and other activities as necessary. The committee shall report to the ACEC/MD Executive Committee on relevant matters.

- DEPT. OF GENERAL SERV. LIAISON (DGS)/INTERPROFESSIONAL

The charge to this committee, as requested by the Department of General Services, is to act as a liaison between the DGS and the related architectural-engineering professions. The committee members shall monitor legislation, regulations, and other activities and programs related to the Department of General Services and related client organizations.

The committee is also charged with maintaining relationships with other design professional organizations and with industry trade organizations to develop programs, sponsor and/or support legislation, etc., of common interest to all interprofessional organizations. The committee shall cooperate with the Legislative Committee in reporting legislative activities of common interest to other organizations to further a good interprofessional climate.

- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS UNITS (MDOT TBU) LIAISON

The MDOT TBU Liaison Committee is charged with monitoring legislation, regulations, and other activities and programs in the transportation fields, including highways, railroads, aviation, mass transit and transmission of matter through pipelines. The committee shall recommend positions on transportation issues to the Executive Committee.

The MDOT TBU Liaison Committee shall maintain contact with MDOT through attendance at relevant public meetings and participation in other activities. The committee should be fully aware of any proposed MDOT requirements that could significantly affect the objectives of ACEC/MD.

- ENGINEER'S WEEK/ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE ASSOCIATE COUNCIL LIAISON

The Engineers' Week/Engineering Society of Baltimore Associate Council Liaison Committee is charged with cooperating with the umbrella committee sponsored by the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers and ESB to further interest in general fields of engineering. This committee should promote participation in activities to encourage students to pursue engineering curriculum and to publicize to the community the contributions of consulting engineering for the benefit and welfare of mankind. The chair will attend and represent ACEC/MD at Associate Council meetings.

- ENVIRONMENTAL

The ACEC/MD Environmental Committee provides an opportunity for member firms to discuss business practices and emerging trends related to environmental services, specifically: Water Quality Assessment, Practices and Permitting; Natural Resource Assessment; National Environmental Policy Act Compliance; Cultural Resources and Section 106 compliance; Air Quality; Industrial Hygiene/Hazardous Waste Assessment; and other emerging environmental issues and regulations. Further, the committee provides liaison with regulatory agencies to ensure a cooperative spirit between the environmental practitioners of member firms and the respective agency. We maintain appropriate contact with the environmental departments of private/public organizations who regularly procure services from member firms and we monitor a wide range of pending environmental legislation/regulations impacting the engineering profession. Meetings are held monthly between September and May. The Environmental Committee is also responsible for planning and program development for the Spring Environmental Forum held annually in May.

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THINK ABOUT COMMITTEE SERVICE FOR 2019-2020 (CONTINUED)

- **FACILITIES**

The committee is charged with acting as a liaison between ACEC/MD and clients in the facilities arena including but not limited to the autonomous university and county school systems in the state, health care, and private sector. Legislation, regulations and other activities and programs related to these entities shall be monitored by the committee.

- **GOVERNMENTAL GOLF OUTING**

The Governmental Golf Outing Committee shall be charged with continuing the annual Governmental Golf Outing, involving as many participants as possible from ACEC/MD member firms, & continuing to invite as guests members of the legislature, local governments and large corporations.

- **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Human Resources (HR) Committee shall address various issues impacting employees of consulting engineering firms and act as a mechanism for disseminating this information to ACEC/MD member firms.

The mission of the committee is to assist member firms by remaining up-to-date on the topics of recruiting and hiring, training, health and safety, employee relations, and compensation and benefits. In turn, the dissemination and utilization of this information will provide tools for attaining the goals and strategies developed by each firm.

Since HR is a constantly changing field and information from last year may be outdated this year, the CEC/MD HR Committee meets regularly to share information with member firms on topics of interest. This is accomplished by inviting guest speakers to attend committee meetings. The committee regularly contributes articles to the ACEC/MD newsletter, as well as, providing timely information at periodic General Membership Meetings.

- **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The Information Systems Committee shall provide a forum for the exchange of non-proprietary information on computers and information systems support in an engineering environment.

- **LEGISLATIVE**

The Legislative Committee is charged with continuous monitoring of the state, county and city legislative bodies, with emphasis on the state level with respect to such bills, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations that affect the objectives of member firms of ACEC/MD, other members of the profession, allied professions and industries. The committee shall advise the ACEC/MD Executive Committee of impending legislation and develop recommendations for ACEC/MD positions. The committee shall provide testimony at legislative committee hearings and develop and issue policy statements. The committee should maintain a list of legislative members and personal contacts from member firms.

- **MEMBERSHIP**

The Membership Committee is charged with membership retention and increasing firm membership in ACEC/MD by targeting prospective firms with written, telephone and personal contacts.

The committee should be comprised of at least three members in addition to the chair. The Membership Committee's official duties are outlined in Item II of the Rules of Policy and Procedure.

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THINK ABOUT COMMITTEE SERVICE FOR 2019-2020 (CONTINUED)

• NOMINATING

The Nominating Committee is charged with selecting nominees for office in ACEC/MD in accordance with the Bylaws, Article III. The committee should seek equal representation from the major fields of engineering, as practiced by ACEC/MD member firms and representation from large and small firms. The committee should advise the nominees of the financial and time commitments extending beyond monthly meetings. Although ACEC/MD has not practiced a formal progression of offices, the Vice President should be advised of a potential time commitment of four years including service as a delegate to ACEC.

• PAST PRESIDENTS AND FELLOWS ADVISORY/BYLAWS

The Committee is charged with providing recommendations and guidance on strategic issues relative to the long term goals and objectives of ACEC/MD. The committee shall also provide recommendations on specific issues as requested by the President or Executive Committee.

The Bylaws Subcommittee shall be charged with redrafting the bylaws to be in compliance with present operational methods of ACEC/MD.

The Fellows Subcommittee shall be charged with presenting candidates for the honor of Fellow member to the Executive Committee.

• PROGRAM AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE/MEETING

The Program and Annual Conference/Meeting Committee is charged with obtaining speakers for the four general membership meetings. Programs should be of interest to all member firms and should be of a timely topic. Subjects related to marketing, financial management, employer-employee relationships, benefit packages and economic growth could be considered. The committee should consist of a chair and three members. This committee is also responsible for arranging the Annual Conference/Meeting at a site to be determined.

• PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Public Relations Committee is charged with maintaining public awareness of the activities of ACEC/MD and the profession through attendance at related community and civic affair activities, coordinating school visitations, and representation in various media to effectively communicate the contributions of ACEC/MD member firms and the profession to society. The committee should work with the Executive Director to promote media coverage of events, such as Engineers Week, Engineering Excellence Awards, Scholarship Awards and other events.

• QBS

The committee shall promote the attributes of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) to using agencies, jurisdictions, the design profession, and general public. In conjunction with the County Governmental Liaison Committee, the committee shall focus on educating local jurisdictions on the merits of the QBS method of procuring engineering services.

• SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

The Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Committee addresses issues of interest to members that are both MBE/DBE and non-MBE/DBE firms. Committee activities include -

- o Provide a forum to promote small business development and success through workshops, roundtables, a web site, or other potential communications.
- o Meet with public agencies to discuss small business issues.
- o Participate in small business events and workshops with the Maryland Quality Initiative (MdQI).

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THINK ABOUT COMMITTEE SERVICE FOR 2019-2020 (CONTINUED)

- SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (continued)
 - o Promote the use of Maryland's Small Business Reserve Program for engineering work.
 - o Provide coordination for prime/DBE matchmaking events for MDOT and other agencies.
 - o Provide a forum to address MBE/DBE issues, as needed.

- UTILITIES

The committee is charged with acting as a liaison between ACEC/MD and clients in the utilities arena, including but not limited to areas in water/wastewater and energy. Legislation, regulations and other activities and programs related to these entities shall be monitored by this committee.

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### **MDOT MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Office of Small & Minority Business Policy (OSMBP)**

**FREE**

#### **SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (SBE) CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP & PROJECT INFORMATION SESSION**

The SBE Program is a race and gender neutral program which provides PRIME contracting opportunities to small businesses on federally-aided projects with MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA), MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA), and MDOT Maryland Aviation Administration (MDOT MAA).

MDOT's OSMBP is hosting a **FREE** SBE Certification Workshop & Project Information Session. This workshop explains program eligibility standards, benefits of certification, and the application process. You will also be able to meet one-on-one with certification officers to discuss specific questions about your business.

Staff from MDOT SHA, MDOT MTA, and MDOT MAA will also provide details on upcoming SBE and other small contracts. At the previous session, contracts discussed **ranged from \$129 thousand to \$7 million.**

Opportunity MDOT will also be available to discuss Governor Hogan's *Traffic Relief Plan*, specifically the I-495 & I-270 P3 Program.

Space is limited. Register now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-business-enterprise-sbe-workshop-and-project-information-session-tickets-64174970063>

July 15, 2019

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

MDOT Headquarters

7201 Corporate Center Drive

Hanover, MD 21076

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## *MDOT TBU FISCAL YEAR END INVOICING DEADLINES*

Because there has been a lot of discussion and questions regarding MDOT's fiscal year invoice submittal process, ACEC/MD has been working with MDOT-SHA, MDOT-MTA and MdTA to gather deadline information for our member firms. Similar to each of our firms, MDOT TBUs are required to close their books for the end of the fiscal year to help them prepare financial statements and prepare for year-end audits. Each office has its own process for completing invoice reviews based on the number of active contracts, staff constraints and vacation schedules, all of which drive the various deadlines.

MDOT has advised that FY2020 will be challenging due to budget priorities for some TBUs, so it is important that we support them by responding by the requested deadlines shown below.

MDOT-SHA – Tuesday, July 16, 2019 directive from OOF. This is the final day an invoice can be submitted and processed by MDOT-SHA within their internal timelines. For the reasons cited above, they cannot receive invoices on the last day.

- o OHD – requesting by Tuesday, July 09, 2019
- o OPPE – requesting Wednesday, July 10, 2019
- o OED – requesting by July 12, 2019 (accrual form if cannot meet deadline)
- o OOS – requesting by Tuesday, July 02, 2019
  - Accrual form available if cannot achieve deadline
  - May invoices due June 14, 2019
- o OOTS – requesting by Friday, July 12, 2019
  - Accrual form available if cannot achieve deadline
- o OOC – requesting by Friday, July 12, 2019
  - Accrual form available if cannot achieve deadline

### MDOT-MTA

- June 07, 2019 last day to receive invoices to be processed in FY19
- Monday, July 08, 2019 Accrual worksheets due for items not yet invoiced through June 30

### MdTA

- Invoices through June 30, 2019 due Friday, July 05, 2019

During future MDOT-ACEC/MD Partnering Committee meetings we will continue to discuss a more coordinated process.

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MEMBER NEWS

BRUDIS & ASSOCIATES, INC. is pleased to announce that ***Murat Jenidi, PE, MBA*** has joined the firm as Project Manager in their Traffic Engineering Division.

CENTURY ENGINEERING, INC. has acquired Little & Associates, Inc., a civil engineering and surveying consulting firm serving the Baltimore area since 2001.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is pleased to announce the acquisition of Hoehn Landscape Architecture LLC, a Baltimore-based company specializing in landscape architecture and land planning.

MERCADO CONSULTANTS, INC. (MCI) is pleased to announce that ***Holger Ser-rano, PE***, has joined the firm as Principal Consultant working as an essential member of the I-270/I-495 P3 Project.

ROTHFUSS ENGINEERING has relocated to:

3454 Ellicott Center Drive, Suite 102
Ellicott City, MD 21043

SCHNABEL ENGINEERING is pleased to announce that ***Brian K. Banks, PG Principal*** has been appointed to lead the firm's transportation business.

WHITMAN, REQUARDT AND ASSOCIATES, LLP (WRA) and the Baltimore City Department of Public Works were awarded a Grand Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) for the Enhanced Nutrient Removal at Back River Water Resource Recovery Facility project. This project is one of the largest applications of denitrification technology that has substantially lowered levels of nitrogen and phosphorous discharged into Chesapeake Bay. The project has also been selected to enter the 2019 International Federation of Consulting Engineers' (FIDIC) Awards Competition.

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## *NEW MEMBERS*

The following firms have been elected to membership in ACEC/MD:

### **REGULAR:**

#### **CONSOR**

2600 Winters Run Road, Joppa, MD 21085

Telephone: 443-981-9363; FAX: 412-257-0139

Rep.: Noelle Ziobro, PE#23179 (nziobro@consoreng.com)

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Founded in 1994, CONSOR (formerly Infrastructure Engineers, Inc.) is a merger of four established engineering firms that include AIA Engineers (founded in TX in 1985), Infrastructure Engineers (founded in FL by in 1994), Target Engineering Group (founded in FL in 1999) and Johnson-Adams & Assoc. (founded in FL in 2008) brought together by Keystone Capital in 2016. CONSOR officially launched in Dec. of 2018. The firm's field of operations is Transportation Planning & Design Structural Assessment of Bridges, Tunnels, Ancillary Highway Structures, Waterfront & Marine Facilities Construction Services including Engineering & Inspection, Project Management, Scheduling and Contract Administration. Activities of the firm include Planning, design, structural assessment, and construction engineering services for transportation, highway, waterfront and marine structures and facilities. Engineering activities include: the design of highways, bridges, pedestrian and ancillary structures; assessment above and underwater of bridges, tunnels, ancillary, waterfront and marine structures; and construction management, inspection, scheduling and contract administration.

### **AFFILIATE:**

#### **ASSED CONSULTING, LLC**

6100 Chevy Chase Drive, Suite 101, Laurel, MD 20707

Telephone: 240-554-5350; FAX: 240-554-5250

Rep.: Odessa Phillip (odessap@assedollc.com)

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Assedo Consulting is an African-American, woman-owned business, MDOT MBE/DBE/SBE (13-406). The firm was established in 2012 to provide public engagement and technical services for projects in the planning, design and construction phases of development. Our staff have specific expertise in translating technical information into "plain language". These skills help teams deliver projects that satisfy the technical requirements established by clients while also aiding the public in understanding complex project elements. The firm is headquartered in Prince George's County, Maryland and has projects in the Washington DC and Baltimore Metropolitan regions. They currently provide public outreach and planning services in the transportation, environment, and utility sectors. Several of their clients also use our graphic design, branding and marketing services for projects or agency reinvigoration. They use well established mechanisms to engage the community including various forms of written and visual aids - newsletters, web pages, postcards and flyers. Their team of facilitators and outreach specialists also organize and lead informational charrettes, pop-up meetings or other public forums to help communities learn more about projects and their processes. As the power of technology has advanced, the firm now provides clients with detailed social media strategies and tools to broaden their reach. The combination of these tools help to create robust partnerships that best engage project stakeholders, oversight agencies and other impacted or benefited parties.

We welcome these firms as members of ACEC/MD. Be sure to add their information to your records. The next time you see one of their representatives, please take the time to let them know we're glad that they have joined the Council!

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UPCOMING ACEC/MD EVENTS

OFFICERS

- President
Stu Taub, P.E.
Wallace Montgomery

- Vice President
Alan Straus
AECOM

- Secretary
Sean McCone, P.E.
Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson

- Treasurer
Tony Frascarella, P.E.
Century Engineering

- ACEC Representatives
Director
Stu Robinson, P.E.
A. Morton Thomas & Associates
Alternate Director
Jerry Jannetti
WSP

- ACEC/MD Directors
2016-2019
Charles Kumi
Kumi Construction Management
Melinda Peters, P.E.
RK&K
2017-2020
James Deriu
KCI Technologies
Vince Pielli, P.E.
Urban Engineers
2018-2021
Derek Mostoller, P.E.
Gannett Fleming
Kathy Walsh, P.E.
Stantec

- Executive Director
Jim Otradovec

General Membership Luncheon Meeting

October 24, 2019

The Engineers Club, 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore

Registration 11:30am - Lunch & Program 12:00pm

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### LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

November 21, 2019

The Engineers Club, 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore

Registration 8:00am; Program 8:30am

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ACEC/MD Holiday Party

December 3, 2019

Baltimore Museum of Industry

6:00pm

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### General Membership Luncheon Meeting

December 19, 2019

The Engineers Club, 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore

Registration 11:30am - Lunch & Program 12:00pm

For more information on these, and other events, please contact the ACEC/MD office at 410-539-1592, [acecmd@acecmd.org](mailto:acecmd@acecmd.org), or go to [www.acecmd.org](http://www.acecmd.org).

Mark your calendar and to plan to attend!

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 Engineering Excellence  
 Grand Award Winner  
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 Thompson and RK&K for  
 Maryland Route 404-US 50  
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