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The latest news & upcoming events for engineering excellence in North Carolina

Upcoming Events:

December:
- 12.17.2020 Holiday Auction Ends
- 12.25.2020 Christmas Day - Office Closed

January:
- 1.1.2021 New Years Day - Office Closed
- 1.13.2021 Environmental Committee Meeting

A message from Executive Director James Smith

Dear ACEC/NC Member,

Rounding the corner into the end of 2020, as a team and an organization, we have a lot to look back on and be thankful for. This year has not been an easy one for so many reasons. But as we move into a new year, your ACEC/NC team is here for you!

I am sad that we will not see each other in person at either of this year's Holiday Receptions. We had high hopes for our planned events in Raleigh and Charlotte. Still, with our members and their families’ health and safety as our primary concern, the Board of Directors decided to cancel both.

As I write this report, we are still a bit of a way away from our 2020 ACEC PAC goal! To help us achieve our goal for the ninth straight year, we have multiple ways to help you make your investments and win some great items. Check out more information about our online Auction and the National PAC Raffle in this month's newsletter. Now, more than ever, it is vital that we have this tool in our advocacy toolbox. Click here to read in full.

ACEC/NC Online Holiday Auction

Join ACEC/NC members and participate in this year's Online Holiday Auction to find great holiday gifts for family, friends or treat yourself!

Items include:
- Getaways to Hilton Head Island, Kiawah Resort, Wilmington, and more!

We're advocating for the N.C. engineering industry!

To see the most recent legislative updates that could impact you and your firm click here.
The engineering industry in North Carolina has experienced significant impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Click here to view our state resource page that includes the most recent information and updates.

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ACEC/PAC is hosting a sweepstakes which features prize drawings. The sweepstakes is open to all ACEC members. Tickets must be purchased by December 31st at midnight. Enter for a chance to win a cash prize today!

Featured Member Spotlight

SWCA Environmental Consultants was founded in 1981 in Flagstaff, Arizona. In January 2020, SWCA formed its affiliate company, SWCA Environmental Consulting & Engineering of NC, PC, located in Charlotte, North Carolina. In total, SWCA has 38 office locations, including an office in Sanford, and more than 1,100 employees nationwide.

A 100% employee-owned firm, SWCA provides a full spectrum of environmental services focused on planning, natural and cultural resources management, permitting, regulatory compliance, water resources, ecological restoration, and disaster and resilience. Our team of professionals combines scientific expertise with in-depth knowledge of permitting and compliance protocols to achieve technically sound, cost-effective solutions for environmental projects throughout the United States and its territories. In North Carolina, the SWCA team
specializes in land development, permitting, generation, and transportation, and are licensed to provide natural channel design for ecosystem restoration and water quality remediation of the physical and biological environment, including flood studies, living shoreline design, and LID, among others.

SWCA was ranked number 15 on Zweig Group’s 2020 Hot Firm list, which honors the fastest growing firms in the AEC industry. Their 2020 Engineering News Record (ENR) Rankings include: #120 on ENR Top 500 Design Firms and #79 on ENR Top 200 Environmental Firms (#18 among purely environmental consulting firms)

SWCA was awarded a 2019 Environmental Business Journal (EBJ) Business Achievement Award, as well as a gold award for mid-size firms for opening offices on both the east and west coasts, contributing to continued growth in company size and revenue.

SWCA’s success lies in their ability to bring the best team to every project, all while guided by our four Core Values: One SWCA, Always Learning, Never Settle, and SWCA Gives Back. These values empower our employees to pursue their careers and find purpose in their work. The firm’s strategic vision seeks to be the best workplace and industry leader in sustainability, bringing sound science and creative solutions to global environmental challenges while maintaining a dedication to employee-ownership.

To learn more about SWCA, visit [http://www.swca.com/](http://www.swca.com/).

ACEC/NC is the premier organization that represents the business interests of the engineering industry in our state. ACEC/NC’s mission is to promote the business interests of engineering companies by providing legislative advocacy and business services.