From the Executive Director of ACEC/NC:


What a great 3-day gathering of members from all over North Carolina. The sessions were informative and topical with numerous opportunities to network with colleagues and friends.

And of course, plenty of time to relax and have fun. We are already planning our next meeting for August 9-12, 2018 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville!

On August 14th, 62 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day on the Links at the Prestonwood Country Club for our Annual “Par for the PAC” Legislative Golf Tournament benefitting our national PAC, ACEC/PAC.

Speaking of PAC’s, the Board of Directors voted in May to incorporate an ACEC/NC Independent Expenditure Account (IE) and an ACEC State PAC.

“Engineering Companies for North Carolina (ECNC)” our Independent Expenditure PAC and “ACEC NC PAC” our State PAC, provides ACEC/NC enhanced ability to advance critical legislative issues that impact our membership and support candidates who support our issue positions. An Independent Expenditure Account gives us the capability to strengthen our voice with the North Carolina General Assembly and best advocate for issues important to the business of engineering! Watch for upcoming PAC events and how you can help strengthen our voice in Raleigh and Washington.

We also have a busy Fall Line-up coming your way, starting with the Buildings and Infrastructure Symposium on September 13th and The Steel Bridge Forum on October 3rd. Don’t forget to submit your best projects for our Annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition (PDF). This year the window for projects has been widened to two-years: projects completed between November 1, 2015 and October 31, 2017 are eligible to compete.

And finally, the big one, our annual ACECNC/NCDOT Joint Transportation Conference on November 1, 2017 at the Raleigh Convention Center. This year’s event should be bigger and better than ever and again shatter records for attendance. As always, we look forward to seeing you there.

The staff of ACEC/NC is here to serve you, and make your membership in the organization a truly valuable experience.

Thank you for your attention and assistance in this effort!
Dear Colleagues –

As an important part of the Council’s advocacy and educational agendas, ACEC commissions independent policy studies in support of our industry. This week, we released a study of EPA’s Superfund program showing a steady decline in both funding and the rate of clean-ups, with implied health risks. This should be an important tool for legislators as they consider future funding levels. Last year’s major contracting out study continues to pay dividends as state legislators use the study to achieve greater outsourcing of design services (e.g., a California state senator cited the results in an op-ed this week in the Sacramento Bee). Looking ahead to our Fall Conference in Orlando, Florida, we have a great lineup of speakers and business programs, including Michael Hayden, former Director of the NSA and CIA who will discuss risk management of terrorist and cyber threats; Martin Ford, on the business impacts of artificial intelligence and robotics; Rob O’Neill, former SEAL Team Six leader who shot Osama bin Laden; Neil Howe, the expert on Millennials in the workplace; and excellent CEO panels – not to mention our top-flight social program and Orlando venue near Disney, which your family will enjoy. Happy Independence Day!

Dave

From the ACEC President’s Monthly Update:

General

• ACEC Chair Satch Pecori and I met with leading engineering CEOs in Europe to discuss industry trends and contracting practices; attended European Federation of Engineering Consultancy Associations (EFCA) conference on sustainability; reviewed forms of contracting with the French engineering association (SYNTEC); met with incoming FIDIC chair on international challenges; and attended the annual awards ceremony of the British Association for Consultancy and Engineering (ACE).

Government Advocacy

• Hosted a meeting of major association executives with George Sifakis, assistant to the president and director of the Office of Public Liaison (OPL), and his deputy, Steve Munisteri, to help propel industry issues with the Trump Administration.

• Lobbied the Senate Appropriations Committee for increased funding for the Department of State and USAID, and for increased U.S. firm participation in their programs.

• Renewed long-standing partnering agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and promoted contracting out with COE officials.

• Secured funding increases for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and beneficial provisions for commercial drone use in FAA reauthorization bills approved by House and Senate transportation committees.

• Urged member firms to contact their Members of Congress, to cosponsor the Public Buildings Renewal Act (HR 960/S 326), which would create $5 billion in private activity bonds for public buildings.

• Urged Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta to reduce the more than doubled salary thresholds of the proposed overtime pay rule; the rule was finalized in May 2016 but a preliminary injunction put it on hold.

• Released a timely study of the federal Superfund program – which cleans up the nation’s most highly contaminated sites – documenting decreases in program funding and a slowdown of clean-ups that ACEC is using to educate lawmakers and the Administration.

• Joined business allies in asking the Senate to include repeal of the health insurance tax on plans sold to small firms in its health care reform legislation.

• Joined industry allies on a letter to lawmakers in support of legislation (HR 2910) to streamline the permitting of natural gas pipelines at FERC.

• Called on the U.S. Senate to restore the quorum on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in order to allow action on more than $16 billion in pipeline projects that...
## Committees and Forums 2017-2018

ACEC/NC Committees and Forums are one of the most important benefits to our members. Each group has a Board nominated Chair and Vice-Chair who are selected each year from the active participants. Your entire staff can be involved. Following are the Committees’ and Forums’ Board Liaisons:

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- Called on the U.S. Senate to restore the quorum on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in order to allow action on more than $16 billion in pipeline projects that have been on hold for four months.
- Expressed support for a supply chain cybersecurity standard adopted by NERC that allows flexibility for utilities and their engineering firms to negotiate exclusions or limitations on liability for malware that could appear in client control systems.
- Launched grassroots Action Alert backing legislation to repeal the “prior approval” rule, which requires ACEC/PAC and other federal trade association political action committees (PACs) with corporate members to get permission from firm leadership before soliciting and/or accepting contributions.
- ACEC/PAC surpassed $550,000 in YTD receipts, the earliest this fundraising milestone has ever been reached, and keeping ACEC/PAC ahead of last year’s record pace.
- ACEC/Delaware, ACEC/Rhode Island, and ACEC/Montana made their 2017 ACEC/PAC fundraising goals, bringing the total number of states at goal this year to eight.
- ACEC/PAC co-hosted congressional events for U. S. Representatives Joe Barton (R-TX), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), John Duncan (R-TN), Luke Messer (R-IN), Dave Reichert (R-WA) and Kurt Schrader (D-OR).

Business Resources

- Senior Executives Institute Class 22 met for their third session, where team learning, organizational vision, and strategy were discussed.
- The highly regarded ACEC course Applying Expertise as an Expert Witness was held in Boston, Massachusetts, where 22 technical professionals honed their skills at providing effective expert testimony.
- The Registered Continuing Education Program (RCEP) added three new providers in June – National Organization of Minority Engineers (NOME), Stalite Lightweight Aggregate, and Mars Air Systems – for a total of 152.
- EJCDC held their summer meeting in which the Commentary on the EJCDC Design Build Documents (EJCDC D-001) was approved for publication.
- ACEC released a new publication, A Beginner’s Guide to Succeeding in a Professional Consulting Organization that discusses skills and experiences novice consultants need to be successful. www.acec.org/bookstore
- ACEC Coalitions’ best sellers for June included CASE 962-D: A Guideline Addressing Coordination and Completeness of Structural Construction Documents and CAMEE’s Staff Workload Planning Workbook, both available at www.acec.org/bookstore.
- With 35 registered sites, June’s most popular online class, Increase Shareholder Liquidity without an ESOP: The Better Alternative, explored an alternative ownership structure that meets the needs of affordability to buying shareholders, delivers fair value consideration to selling shareholders, and reduces the cash flow required by the company to fund the redemption obligations of selling shareholders.
- July online programs will feature: Working Effectively on Multidisciplinary Projects as a Civil Engineer; Negotiating Engineering Contracts for Better Results; Winning Strategic Pursuit Management – How to Land in the Winner’s Circle of 75% of the Time; Clearing Up Changes, Claims and Disputes; Communicating For Decisions: Why Only 20% of Your Company May Understand You; Strategies to Fight Broad Form Indemnification and “Duty to Defend”.

ACEC of North Carolina advocates for clean, renewable energy use in our state and lobbies for a diversified, sustainable energy portfolio.

ACEC of North Carolina is an advocate for the professional growth of every member of our council and lobbies for equitable, pro-business policies.

ACEC of North Carolina advocates for economic development in every county of our state and lobbies for the competitive programs to grow jobs and the economy.

ACEC of North Carolina advocates for revitalizing the infrastructure of our state and lobbies for stable, long-term funding solutions.

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Welcome our Newest Council Members

THE ACEC/NC BOARD
has welcomed the following new members:

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2017 Par for the PAC

And...

they’re off!

2017 Legislative Golf Tournament

We congratulate our winners:

1st Place: S&ME
2nd Place: CLH Design
Thinc Strategy
Kimley-Horn

Raised for the ACEC/PAC:
$3,540
($15,575 year-to-date)

2017 ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS
Wrightsville Beach, NC
AGENDA

Tuesday, October 31st | 7PM - 9PM
Stop by the evening before and enjoy an opportunity to network with colleagues, NCDOT Raleigh and Division-based staff, exhibitors and conference sponsors!
Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided as well as a cash bar.
-South Hallway, Raleigh Convention Center

Wednesday, November 1st
7:15-8:00 am: Registration, Continental Breakfast
8:00-9:30 am: General Session (1.5 PDH)
9:30-10:15 am: Break
10:15-12:15 pm: Morning Concurrent Workshops (2 PDH)
  • You want it when? – The Evolution of Project Delivery
  • Weathering the Storm: Hurricane Matthew Response, Recovery, and Resiliency
  • Cool Projects – Session 1
     This session focuses on innovation in engineering.

12:30-2:00 pm Lunch & Keynote Speaker
  Steve Gilliland, CSP, CPAE
  CLICK HERE for full bio
  Steve built a multimillion-dollar company from the ground up on the same philosophy he expounds to his audiences.

2:00-2:45 pm Afternoon Break, Networking
2:45-4:45 pm: Afternoon Concurrent Workshops (2 PDH)
  • Protecting What We Love, Building What We Need
  • Follow the Container – Transportation’s Vital Role in Economic Development
  • Cool Projects – Session 2
     This session focuses on unique projects across the US, including the world’s longest and largest floating bridge, a $1.9 Billion capacity improvement project to tunnel under the Elizabeth River, and the US’s first extradosed prestressed concrete bridge.

5:00-6:30 pm: Networking Reception & Raffle

Location:
Raleigh Convention Center
500 S Salisbury St, Raleigh, NC 27601
For DIRECTIONS and PARKING - CLICK HERE

Hotel Information
For those traveling from out of town, ACEC/NC has reserved a block of rooms at the Sheraton Downtown Raleigh at a rate of $169.00.
Please make your reservation no later than September 29, 2017.

Date/Time:
Wednesday, November 1, 2017
7:15 am - 6:30 pm

Contact:
jmills@acecnc.org

Fees/Admission:
Member Early Bird Registration until 10/1/17: $230.00
Member Registration after 10/1/17: $280.00
Non-Member Registration: $350.00

DEADLINE to register is Friday, October 27th -- Cancellations must be made no later than October 13th for a full refund.
After this date, no refunds will be granted. Substitutions are welcome.
Professional Development Hours: 5.5
Members in the News

**IMAGINiT’S BUILDING SOLUTIONS TEAM GAINS LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER**

by Joe Eichenseer, Director of Building Lifecycle Solutions

North Carolina, 2017 — The team at IMAGINiT’s Building Solutions Division is pleased to announce that Nick Bowley, one of our Senior Solutions Consultants, recently passed the Professional Engineer (PE) exam and is now a licensed PE in the state of Maryland.

We’re proud of Nick’s hard work to earn this professional distinction. His background in architectural and MEP design, as well as construction, ensures that he provides the best service to our clients through training, process improvements, custom content creation, and more. Nick has worked for IMAGINiT for over three years.

Like Nick, many of our Solutions Consultants in the Building Solutions Division hold professional and industry certifications such as LEED AP and ADDA Certified Professional. Nick and the rest of the team leverage their experience every day as they work with clients to make the most of their design technology.

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**DR. GARY PASQUARELL NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF QUALITY AND TECHNICAL TRAINING**

North Carolina, 2017 — [FROEHLING & ROBERTSON, INC.] is pleased to announce that Gary C. Pasquarell, PhD, PE has been named Vice President of Quality and Technical Training. In this new role, Dr. Pasquarell (Gary, formerly F&R’s Director of Quality and Training) will direct the company training and quality control programs and to ensure implementation of those programs in each of our 12 offices. F&R’s President, Don Sipher, PE said of Gary’s uncompromising dedication, “Under Gary’s leadership and mentoring, we have made rapid progress in reshaping our company’s commitment to provide a high level of quality in our engineering and testing services. Elevating his position to a senior corporate level further reinforces that commitment.”

F&R has intentionally focused considerable resources toward the goal of providing the best possible technical services to our clients, both in the field, and in the laboratory. By intentionally focusing leadership on these values F&R has sent a clear message to our clients: we intend to deliver excellence to each project on which we have the privilege to work. Our goal is to partner with our clients in the process of constructing facilities that will safely, efficiently, and effectively meet the needs of those who will utilize them for years to come.

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**WALT GRAY JOINS MS CONSULTANTS RALEIGH AS SR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Krystal Paisley

North Carolina, June 13, 2017 — [MS consultants, inc.], an engineering, architectural, and planning firm headquartered in Columbus, Ohio announced that Walt Gray has joined their team. He joins their Raleigh, North Carolina office as a Senior Business Development Representative. Mr. Gray comes to MS consultants with a background in finance and accounting with a specialty in developing, maintaining, and strengthening client relationships.

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**NELSON JOINS GANNETT FLEMING’S NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION TEAM**

North Carolina, 2017 — Rick Nelson, PE, has joined Gannett Fleming as a bridge manager. He brings to the team more than 25 years of bridge design, construction, maintenance, rehabilitation, and asset management experience as well as a thorough understanding of the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s priorities.

We asked Rick about his career and developments in the field.

**What is the state of the industry?**

We are entering a growth period for the transportation industry in North Carolina and in the nation. As an NCDOT Project Manager for the preservation and rehabilitation of more than 900 structures statewide, I saw firsthand the need for responsive, innovative solutions for critical infrastructure needs.

“I can’t wait to tackle my next project as a consultant.”

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Elsewhere in the inbox...

“While public companies steal most of the headlines, once a year Business North Carolina calls attention to privately held businesses that contribute immensely to the state’s robust economy. This week, [Business North Carolina] and Grant Thornton LLP kick off the 2017 NC100, a list of the biggest private companies based in the state. [BNC] published the list each year since 1984, when it was started by Grant Thornton CEO Michael McGuire and other accountants at the CPA firm’s predecessor Arthur Andersen. Here’s a look at last year’s list. Think your company should be on the NC100? Click here to apply. Results will be published in our October [2017] issue.”

from: Business North Carolina Daily Digest 07/12/2017

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Stewart

Congratulations, John T Jenkins, II on 20 wonderful years! You make Stewart a better place!

Josh Dalton, PE, CPESC

Owner at Sungate Design Group, P.A.

Congratulations to Brad Smith and Randy Howard for passing the PE exam!

Brian Wagner’s article, “Safe Conveyance of Rare Storm Events,” was published in Stormwater Magazine | KCI goo.gl/JHRRbX

Congrats to @LukeCoffey_ who was named Young Planner of the Year at last week’s #RTPIAwards! @RTPIPlannersmottm.ac/2sYIU15
Gannett Fleming WELCOMES COBB AND LEE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA TEAM

Gannett Fleming, a global firm with local expertise, continues to grow in North Carolina.

An established engineering force in North Carolina since 1965, our team has completed more than 600 projects throughout the state. Among the many services we offer are bridge design and inspection, roadway/NEPA, construction inspections, alternative delivery, transit and rail, noise and air quality, traffic operations, and geospatial technologies.

Meet our two newest team members.

Michael Lee
Bridge Technician/Inspection Team Lead - Michael joins Gannett Fleming after 9 years of experience with the NCDOT Structures Management and Construction Units. His specialty involves advanced knowledge of bridge preservation and movable bridge inspection techniques. At Gannett Fleming, Michael is a lead on bridge inspections, deck assessments, rehabilitation and preservations, and plan development. A graduate of Horry-Georgetown Technical College, he is certified in the National Highway Institute’s (NHI) - Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges and NHI-Fracture Critical Inspection Techniques for Steel Bridges.

Angela Cobb
Business Development & Proposal Manager - Angela brings nearly 20 years of professional experience in the engineering and professional services industry. She is skilled in preparing client-facing prepositioning materials, statements of qualifications, proposals, and presentations for multi-million dollar civil engineering projects with an emphasis on transportation. A graduate of the University of North Carolina Greensboro, she is passionate about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education, volunteering her time to introduce girls and young women to the transportation industry and encouraging the

ATKINS HIRES DIGITAL DISRUPTORS - 13 JUNE 2017

June 13, 2017 — Atkins has enhanced its global position as a digital and innovation leader in the engineering sector with three senior executive hires across the Group. Phil Gruber joins from IBM as global leader for digital Asset Management (dAM). Adrian Pinder joins from GE as digital commercial strategy director and Marc Durand joins from iTech as director for digital disruption.

Richard Cross, Atkins’ chief digital officer, said: “We want to help our clients realise all the benefits that digital approaches have to offer and our aim is to become the undisputed leader of digital innovation in the industry. This means integrating digital into the way we think, the way we work and the services we deliver to clients. We believe these hires will strengthen our position as an innovative and agile company, embracing the tremendous digital opportunities we have seen to develop new value services for our clients and new business models for Atkins.”

KCI PROMOTES JIM FITZ MORRIS TO VICE PRESIDENT


Fitz Morris has nearly three decades of experience in bridge design, inspection and construction services for transportation projects. He has designed or overseen the design of more than 200 bridge projects throughout the southeast. Fitz Morris specializes in working directly with contractors to develop innovative designs for work trestles, temporary bridges, erection plans, shoring, cofferdams, and other structures that facilitate construction of transportation projects. “Jim has grown our contractor services client base from less than 25 to more than 60 heavy civil construction firms,” said Regional Practice Leader W. Merritt King, PE. “His expertise combined with his leadership has allowed his practice to expand the geographically outside of the Carolinas to complete projects in Virginia, New Jersey, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Texas and Washington, D.C.”

Fitz Morris joined KCI as part of an acquisition of South Carolina-based transportation engineering firm Triplet King and Associates in 2012. He holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from the State University of New York at Buffalo and is a registered professional engineer in seven states. Fitz Morris is a member of the American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina/North Carolina Department of Transportation design-build subcommittee and is actively involved in volunteer work in his community.

SUMMIT DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES ANNOUNCES TWO NEW ADDITIONS

Raleigh, N.C., August 14, 2017 — Mr. Randolph Cook has joined Summit Design and Engineering Services as the Regional Business Development Manager in Virginia. Mr. Cook has over 50 years of progressive management experience centered on inspection, supervision, client relations, marketing and contract administration for all types of maintenance and construction related work on DOT and toll facility projects. The majority of his career was with the Virginia Department of Transportation. Prior to joining Summit, Mr. Cook was a regional manager in Virginia for a national asset management firm based in Nashville, Tennessee.

We are pleased to announce that Troy Dover, PE, has joined our team as Chief Business Development and Marketing Officer. As the Chief Business Development and Marketing Officer for Summit, Troy works to promote and expand all existing lines of business and geographic areas, providing strategic direction and support to all divisions of the company. Troy has over 25 years of experience in program management for transportation and private development projects. Troy’s resume includes experience...
in executive level operations, marketing, sales and development. He has also held several construction and maintenance operation positions with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and served as a Resident Engineer in the Raleigh/Durham area while with the Department.

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**ACEC COMMITTEE OF FELLOWS AWARDS KIMLEY-HORN’S BARRY BARBER**

Raleigh, N.C., July 31, 2017 — Barry L. Barber of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., has been selected to receive one of the 2017 Community Service Awards for his outstanding contributions to his community. The award will be given during the ACEC’s Fall Conference Awards Luncheon on Tuesday October 17, at the Hilton Bonnet Creek & Waldorf Astoria in Orlando.

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We Welcome our Newest Members continued from p. 5...

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**Teeter Engineering Group, P.A.**  
**CHARLOTTE**  
[www.tegpa.org](http://www.tegpa.org)

**WELCOME!**

**MCKIM & CREED ANNOUNCES NEW HIRES IN RALEIGH**

Raleigh, August 16, 2017 — McKim & Creed, Inc., one of the top engineering, surveying and planning firms in the US, is pleased to announce that the following engineering and geospatial professionals have joined the firm’s Raleigh headquarters:

- **Michael Barzaghi, EI**, has joined McKim & Creed full time following his recent graduation from N.C. State University. He began working for the company in June 2016 when he was a student pursuing a bachelor’s degree in biological engineering.
- **Lauren Granger, EI, CST Level II** has rejoined McKim & Creed as an engineering intern, specializing in civil/environmental engineering and GIS. Ms. Granger has bachelor’s degrees in civil engineering and biology/geography from N.C. State and the UNC-Chapel Hill, respectively. She previously worked at McKim & Creed from 2005 until 2013.
- **Logan McSherry** is working with McKim & Creed as a LiDAR field technician intern. He is a graduate of Salisbury University with a degree in geography. Most recently, he served as a graduate research assistant at East Carolina University.
- **Aлина Мосунова** comes to McKim & Creed as a LiDAR field technician. She has served as a research assistant at Appalachian State University and an intern with NCDOT. Ms. Мосунова has a degree in community and regional planning/GIS from Appalachian State, and is pursuing a master of GIS and technology from N.C. State.
- **Another newcomer to McKim & Creed’s Raleigh office is Swarna Narasimhan, EI**, an electrical engineering intern. She earned an undergraduate degree in electrical and electronics engineering from Anna University in India, and a graduate degree in electrical engineering from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
- **Erica Orman, EI**, comes to McKim & Creed as an engineering intern, providing technical and design in civil engineering.
- **Pranav Parki, EI**, has joined McKim & Creed as an engineering intern while pursuing a graduate degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State University. His primary areas of interest include BIM, HVAC and automation systems. He is a graduate of Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani Dubai, with a degree in mechanical engineering.

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**Engineering Excellence Awards: Call for Entries!**

The American Council of Engineering Companies of North Carolina (ACEC/NC) Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) is an annual competition that honors and recognizes engineering and surveying firms for projects which demonstrate the highest degree of achievement, value and ingenuity. Entries are to be judged (by an outside panel of judges) on the basis of overall engineering excellence in each of twelve practice areas, based only on the work performed by the entering firm and scored in accordance with set guidelines. Based on each project’s overall score, projects can receive one of the following awards: Honors Award, Grand Award, or Grand Conceptor.

Once the judging has been completed, entrants will be notified as to whether or not their project will be honored with an award, and the specific level of the award the project will receive will be announced until the ACEC/NC Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner on November 16, 2017.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**ACEC/NC schedule for submittals are as follows:**

- **Deadline for Entries**: January 5, 2018
- **Judging**: February 16-18, 2018
- **Awards Ceremony**: November 16, 2017

ACEC/NC Grand winners may also re-submit to ACEC National’s EEA Competition.

ACEC National’s schedule for submittals are as follows:

- **Deadline for Entries**: January 5, 2018
- **Judging of Submittals**: February 16-18, 2018
- **EEA Gala – Washington, DC**: April 17, 2018

To Submit an Entry, use the 2018 Call for Entries Form, [HERE](#).
QBS Myths Debunked: Did you know...

Per NC GS 89(c).6.a-the practice of engineering includes…” such services or creative work as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, and design of engineering works and systems, planning the use of land and water, engineering surveys, and the observation of construction....” and is subject to the requirements of QBS.

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Raleigh North Carolina 27601

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- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day

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