

July 2010

Upcoming ACEC/NC Events & Activities

Summer Conference
August 6 - 8, 2010
Holiday Inn Resort
Wrightsville Beach, NC

Membership Event
September 14, 2010
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Vaughn Towers
Raleigh, NC

Transportation Conference
October 12, 2010
7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Jane S. McKimmon Center
Raleigh, NC

...more details to come!

Positions Available

Wildlands Engineering is seeking a dynamic individual to join our growing North Carolina team in our Charlotte office. We are looking for a **project engineer/project manager** with a background in water resources. The preferred candidate should have 5+ years experience with a background in storm water management design using low impact development (LID) techniques, natural channel design, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, erosion and sediment control, and permitting. The selected candidate will have the opportunity to work with an outstanding team of environmental design professionals on innovative projects dealing with natural system restoration. Required qualifications include a B.S. in Civil Engineering or similar study and North Carolina Professional Engineering registration or ability to obtain registration within six months of employment. AutoCAD Civil 3D/Land Desktop experience is a plus. Candidate must possess strong technical skills, written and oral communication skills, and be strongly motivated. Some travel within the Southeast may be required.

Wildlands Engineering is also seeking a dynamic individual to join our growing North Carolina team in either our Raleigh or Charlotte office as an **engineer, environmental scientist, or landscape architect** with a background in habitat restoration, field assessments, storm water management, construction documents production, and construction management. The preferred candidate

A Message from President Fred Burchett



We hear the recession ended late last year. But has it ended for your firm? Has the economic downturn made you feel like you've been living in a storm cellar, waiting for everything to blow over?

The engineering profession has been hit hard by the Great Recession. Most of our firms are smaller, workload is down, competition is challenging profitability, local governments face funding challenges, and nationally Congress has delayed aviation and transportation bills. In many ways, it may feel like we're still in the middle of the storm.

So do we – as individuals, firms, and ACEC – hunker down in the storm cellar for a while longer and wait until it's quiet outside? Or do we come out now while we can still hear the wind blowing? I say now is the time to come out, plan for the future, and lead!

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics 2010-2011 Occupational Outlook Handbook, "engineers are expected to have employment growth of 24 percent over the previous decade, much faster than the average for all occupations. [This growth will be] spurred by general population growth and the related need to improve the nation's infrastructure."

I believe now is the time to:

- Help our industry prepare for the projected growth in engineering services.
- Help our elected officials define the infrastructure priorities that will drive the recovery.
- Let our voices be heard in Congress and the NC General Assembly regarding issues such as taxes on professional services, professional registration, and protection of quality-based selection processes.

The Board of Directors has made our 2010-2011 objective to "Become a Stronger Organization." To reach this objective, we have set the following

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Your Firm Deserves to Stand Out!

Be seen in the ACEC/NC 2010-2011 Directory of Member Firms by purchasing advertising space in this attractive 8 1/2" x 11" printed directory, which we mail to each of our member companies! Hundreds of copies are distributed to state and local governmental entities and other outside interested parties as well.

As in years past, we would like to offer your firm an opportunity to be highlighted in the directory. You may want to refer to last year's directory for examples of firms who took advantage of this opportunity.

In order to continue to offer maximum value for your ad purchase, all directory ads and logos on the firm information pages of the directory will continue to be printed in 4-color.

Additionally, with any full-page or "featured sponsor" ad purchase this year, we will also continue to include a one-year subscription for an "animated" banner advertisement on the ACEC/NC website! All banner ads will be put into a cache to play randomly on each page of the ACEC/NC website (including interior pages), and when visitors to the ACEC/NC website click on your company's ad, it will redirect them to your homepage. (To see an example of the size of the ad, please visit the ACEC/NC website at www.acecnc.org).

The advertising levels and pricing for 2010 are:

- Featured Sponsor (Inside Front Cover) - \$3000 (ONE available)
- Featured Sponsor (Outside Back Cover) - \$3000 (ONE available)
- Platinum Sponsor - \$1500
- Gold Sponsor - \$1000
- Silver Sponsor - \$750
- Bronze Sponsor - \$350
- Web Sponsor - \$750

For a contract and full descriptions of each advertising level, [CLICK HERE](#). Please return your contract and 4-color ad to Karen Lee by **Friday, July 30**.

We hope that your firm will take advantage of these opportunities to increase your profile in the directory and the ACEC/NC website. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the ACEC/NC office at (919) 781-7934.

should have 3-7 years experience and understand the ecologic and hydrologic processes important to ecosystem restoration in the Southeastern United States. Duties will include working with senior designers and project managers to assist with complex ecosystem restoration designs, developing hydrologic and hydraulic models, and working with low impact development and water quality best management practices design. Experience with AutoCAD Civil 3D/Land Desktop and/or Microstation V8, report writing, and hydraulic and hydrologic modeling is expected. A graduate degree in a related field and/or professional licensure/certifications is preferred.

Please send resumes to Shawn Wilkerson at swilkerson@wildlandsinc.com.

Hipp Engineering & Consulting, Inc., is seeking an **electrical engineer** for a part-time, temporary, contractor position. Must have experience in the design of power distribution systems, grounding, lightning protection, and fire alarm systems, including equipment selection, sizing, and/or specification. Design experience should include preparation of basic electrical engineering calculations and production of one line diagrams, panel schedules, motor elementary diagrams, power plans, grounding/lightning protection diagrams, and fire alarm system device layout. Familiarity with the NEC is required.

Requirements:

Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering or working towards BSEE, 1-5 years of combined relevant internship/work experience, experience with arc flash calcs and SKM Power Tools preferred

Please email resume and rate to Terry Prince at terry.prince@hipp-usa.com

HDR is currently in need of a **Hydraulics Project Engineer** to work as a member of our Transportation Business Group in Raleigh, NC. This individual will be heavily involved in ongoing work performing hydraulic and erosion control designs for NCDOT and EEP design projects as well as upcoming Design/Build pursuits. They will perform projects in both hydraulic and erosion control design, and check plans and production accordingly. Additionally they will also perform hydraulic and hydrologic modeling on a regular basis. Keyword(s): Hydraulics Project Engineer, requisition #101055

September 14th Luncheon with Debbie Yow

Would you like to meet NC State's new Athletic Director, Debbie Yow? How about former State quarterback and current "voice of Wolfpack football" Johnny Evans? And perhaps even some of Debbie's coaches and staff?

If so, you won't want to miss our first membership meeting of the year, featuring a slate of well-known names among NC State alums and North Carolinians in general. Join us to hear our featured speaker, Debbie Yow, discuss her leadership style as she shares insight into motivating a team and holding each individual on a team accountable. As you know, Debbie has a new "team", having recently left the University of Maryland to lead NC State athletics, but although new to State, she brings a wealth of experience that has resulted in impressive records of success. Attendees will take away ideas that can be applied to their own business teams as we continue to compete on this tough economic field.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to dine in the beautiful Vaughn Towers at Carter-Finley Stadium as you mix and mingle with some of NC State's finest. This is a great event for bringing a client or other guest, as well!

Save the date - registration details coming soon!

Summer Conference: Treasure Island

It's not too late to register for our Summer Conference in Wrightsville Beach! You're not going to want to miss earning up to 6 PDH credits while enjoying some fun in the sun!

OVERVIEW OF SUMMER CONFERENCE AGENDA:

Friday, August 6

9:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Board Meeting

10:30a.m. Committee/Forum Chairs and Vice Chairs join Board Meeting

1:30-4:00p.m. Government Client's P.E. Program Future: Finding Hidden Treasure **Worth 2.5 PDH Credits**

5:30-7:30p.m. Ahoy Mateys! Welcome Reception

Saturday, August 7

7-9a.m. Buccaneer Breakfast

8-8:30a.m. NCBELS Report: Unlocking the Code **Worth .5 PDH Credits**

8:45-11:45a.m. Lessons from Legends: Gathering Pearls of Wisdom **Worth 3 PDH Credits**

9a.m.-4p.m. Future Leaders Work/Life Balance Session: Don't Walk the Plank!

6-7p.m. Jolly Roger Reception

7-10:00p.m. Captain's Feast

Sunday, August 8th

7-9a.m. Buccaneer Breakfast

11a.m.-1p.m. Anchors Away! We Hate You Have "To Go" Lunch

2010-2011 Programs - The Four P's

ACEC/NC is stepping up its programs this year, focusing on a theme of "The Four P's - People, Profits, Politics & Planet". Expect to have the opportunity to experience great topics and speakers (and also accumulate some PDH credits) through this year's webinars and live events. We'll kick off the year with "People" on September 14, hearing great leadership insights (see the September 14th article), followed by additional programs that address how we can best do business in this new economy (Profits), tips from lobbyists to increase our effectiveness (Politics), and opportunities for engineers in the field of energy (Planet). More information on these future events to come!

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BSCE required. PE required. 5+ years of experience performing hydraulics design, erosion control design, hydraulic/hydrologic modeling for roadway/highway projects required. Experience with NCDOT and SCDOT projects strongly preferred. Qualified candidates should have experience with Microstation, Geopak, Geopak Drainage, Excel, Word, and HEC-RAS. Excellent oral and written communication skills a must.

This position may be subject to a pre-employment drug test and drug and alcohol testing during the course of your employment based upon HDR's Drug Testing and Drug Free Workplace Policy.

An Affirmative Action Participant EOE M/F/D/V

To apply, please go to: https://prod.fadvhms.com/hdr/job-board/NewCandidateExt.aspx?__JobID=13582&SourceID=1936

S&ME, Inc. is seeking a **Project Manager** for our Greensboro, North Carolina location.

Position responsibilities will include management of geotechnical explorations and construction materials testing / Special Inspection projects. Specific duties may include coordination of field explorations, field logging of soil and rock samples, performing engineering calculations, preparation of proposals and reports, project and client management, invoicing and budget tracking, and support of other coworkers in similar tasks. Qualified candidates must have excellent verbal and written communication skills, strong work ethic, and possess the ability to work as a team player.

Candidates must also meet the following requirements:

Required:

- BS in civil/geotechnical engineering
- Professional Engineering registration in North Carolina, or the ability to obtain within 3 months
- Minimum of 5 years of geotechnical engineering experience and a minimum of 2 years of construction project management
- Working knowledge of construction plans and specifications
- Excellent written and oral communicator
- Excellent computer skills including Microsoft Office, with the ability to learn commercial software applications (such as GINT)

Preferred:

- MS in geotechnical engineering
- Previous experience as Special Inspector on construction-related

goals:

- #1 – Offer strong programs that add value to our member firms
- #2 – Grow the membership of our organization
- #3 – Increase the advocacy and influence of ACEC
- #4 – Communicate effectively with member firms

Personally, I am excited about the upcoming year. ACEC of North Carolina has an outstanding Executive Director and staff. We are planning to relocate our office to downtown Raleigh this year to help make our staff even more effective. Our Programs Committee, led by Barbara Mulkey and Kim Bereis, has done a great job planning programs for the coming year, and I am honored to serve with such an outstanding Board of Directors.

The year ahead will have its challenges. The first people out of the storm cellar are taking a risk. They may be blown away, but they also may be the first to recover. Please join me in taking that risk – I firmly believe it will be to the advantage of our firms and our industry.

Meet Your 2010-2011 Board of Directors

President: Fred Burchett, P.E., Kimley-Horn & Associates, Raleigh
President-Elect: Steve Thomas, P.E., Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP, Raleigh
Vice President: DeWayne Brown, P.E., Vaughn & Melton, Asheville
Secretary/Treasurer: Valoree Eikinas, P.E., Mulkey Engineers & Consultants, Cary
National Director: Bryan Odom, P.E., WK Dickson & Co., Raleigh

Directors:

Rick Catlin, P.E., CATLIN Engineers & Scientists, Wilmington
 Wes Lowder, P.E., S&ME, Inc., Raleigh
 Dan Boone, P.E., The Wooten Company, Raleigh
 Jeff Douglas, P.E., HDR, Inc., Raleigh
 Bill Hood, P.E., Michael Baker Engineering, Cary
 Greg Wells, P.E., Willis Engineers, Charlotte

Congratulations!

Congratulations to ACEC/NC Board Secretary/Treasurer Valoree Eikinas of Mulkey Engineers & Consultants for her reappointment to the Code Officials Qualifications Board! Valoree was reappointed by Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight.

ACEC/NC would also like to congratulate Donnie Brewer of Rivers & Associates for his reappointment to the Environmental Management Commission. Donnie was reappointed by Speaker Joe Hackney.

Congratulations to both of you!

We're Moving!

The ACEC/NC office is headed downtown! Beginning September 1, 2010, our new address will be:

ACEC/NC
 One Bank of America Plaza
 421 Fayetteville Street, Ste. 1111
 Raleigh, NC 27601

Welcome to Our New Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of ACEC/NC: ACEC Business Insurance Trust of St. Louis, MO; Greenleaf 3D of Knoxville, TN; The JJ Wade Agency of Davidson and Tower Engineering of Raleigh. Welcome! We look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events!

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This is a full-time position with competitive pay based on experience. Successful candidate must meet requirements of the company's Fleet Management Program, Substance Policy, and Reference check program.

Only qualified candidates with acceptable employment eligibility verification (I-9) will be considered. Visa assistance not provided for this position. S&ME reserves the right to fill this position with an internal or external candidate at any point during the search.

Submit resume, cover letter, salary history, and expectations for consideration to:

S&ME, Inc.
ATTN: Recruitment Coordinator
3201 Spring Forest Road
Raleigh, NC 27616

RK&K, one of the leading engineering consulting firms on the east coast, has an immediate need for a **Traffic Management Engineer** with 10 to 20 yrs of experience in the development and management of Work Zone Traffic Control and Pavement Marking Plans.

Position requires a degree in Civil Engineering, PE registration, knowledge of related NCDOT practices and policies, good communication and written skills, as well as working knowledge of MicroStation software.

RK&K offers a salary commensurate with experience, comprehensive benefit package, including a 401(k) plan, and opportunity for personal and professional growth. Please visit our web site at www.rkk.com and forward your resume to:

RK&K Engineers
Attn: Keith Skinner
900 Ridgefield Drive, Suite 350
Raleigh, NC 27609
e-mail: kskinner@rkk.com

To have your company's open positions included in the next NC Report, email info@acecnc.org

Member Firms in the News

Cavanaugh & Associates, PA

Cavanaugh recently partnered with the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center to **construct a new 13,600 square foot state-of-the-art Turtle Hospital** to replace the "garage size" building to increase the care, effort and research that Karen Beasley and her staff can provide. The proposed 13,600 square-foot building will be a state-of-the-art veterinary facility including a large turtle bay habitat room, a separate room for newly rescued sea turtles, a physical rehabilitation room, a surgical operating room, a lab facility, and a radiology room. The building will also accommodate visitors with ample open floor space, an observation deck around the turtle bay habitat room, and a gift shop. Ms. Beasley has also committed to construct the new Turtle Hospital out of recycled materials and environmentally-conscious materials, and will utilize energy-efficient equipment, lighting, and environmental controls. In addition to providing the civil/site design and permitting assistance, Cavanaugh will continue to advise the Turtle Hospital in its efforts to seek LEED® certification. The site design also protects existing wetlands on site and implements an innovative stormwater wetland that will collect and treat the stormwater from the site. Vegetated parking areas, pedestrian connectivity, and stormwater harvesting are also included in the site design.

Davenport Transportation Consulting, Inc.

Davenport Transportation Consulting, serving North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, announces the appointment of **David Coburn, CPA**, as **Chief Administrative Officer**. He also continues to be Corporate Controller, and is based in the firm's Winston-Salem, NC, home office.

Davis-Martin-Powell & Associates

Davis-Martin-Powell & Associates, a locally owned and operated Civil Engineering and Surveying Firm, is pleased to announce the following:

Mr. Joseph J. Humble, DMP Partner and Vice President of DMP's Land Development group **retired in June after a 45 year career**, including 24 years at DMP. Mr. Humble was a graduate of Wingate College with an A.S. Degree in Civil Engineering. Through his experience in the Land Development field, Mr. Humble had a finger on many local projects including Thomas Built Buses, the Swansgate, Steeplegate, and Deerfield Subdivisions, the Bluff's at Willow Creek, Providence Place, Presbyterian Homes/River Landing and numerous projects at High Point University.

Mr. Eddie MacEldowney DMP Partner and Senior Project Manager has been **promoted to Civil Site Design Group Director** for DMP. Mr. MacEldowney is a graduate of Guilford Technical Community College with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Civil Engineering. Mr. MacEldowney has 23 years experience in the Civil Site Design of Educational Facilities for Public School Systems, Community Colleges, Universities and Private Schools throughout North Carolina. Mr. MacEldowney also has an extensive background from work on many Civil Site projects for residential, commercial, and industrial clients.

Mr. Mauricio "Mo" Pacini, PE became DMP's newest **licensed Professional Engineer (PE)**. Mr. Pacini graduated in 2005 from the University of Texas and is a Project Engineer in DMP's Municipal Engineering Group.

For more information about Davis-Martin-Powell visit their website at www.dmp-inc.com.

Florence & Hutcheson

Florence & Hutcheson (F&H), a leading US-based civil engineering firm focused on Strengthening America's Infrastructure, announced that **Steve Whitley, PE, PLS, CPM** has **rejoined the firm as Office Manager** of the F&H/Raleigh office. Whitley has more than 23 years of engineering design experience including Design-Bid-Build and Design-Build.

Whitley holds a Bachelor of Science – Engineering Technology from UNC-Charlotte. In addition to operations and management experience, he has more than 23 years engineering design experience ranging from preliminary designs for environmental studies to complete roadway construction plans for rural and urban interchange roadway systems. He holds PE registrations in NC, GA and VA, and is a PLS in NC.

Of special note is Whitley's major contribution on the firm's award-winning, \$52 million Bryan Boulevard Relocation Project in Greensboro, NC.

Insurance Management Consultants, Inc.

Insurance Management Consultants Inc. (IMCI) is very pleased to announce that **Karen McCabe and Steve Agnew have become principals of the agency.**

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Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, P.C.

Laura Fisher, PE has joined **Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, P.C.**, a Raleigh transportation planning and traffic engineering firm. Laura will work primarily on roadway design projects. She has more than 10 years of experience in roadway design and her addition to M/A/B's staff will help the firm continue to expand this practice area.

ModernTech AEC Solutions / Greenleaf 3D

ModernTech AEC Solutions, a division of ModernTech Corporation, and Greenleaf 3D have combined their organizations. Both firms provide technology solutions to the Architectural, Engineering and Construction (AEC) markets and are headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee. Common interests in delivering unparalleled customer service bring the companies together. They will operate under the Greenleaf 3D name.

STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates

STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates is pleased to announce the following management-level promotions:

Richard Capps, PE will now serve as **Vice-President - Regional Manager for STV's Southeast Region**, responsible for managing the operations of the firm's Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) groups in 9 southern states plus the District of Columbia and Texas.

Dan Moses, PE has been appointed as the **Business Unit Manager** for STV's South Carolina and Georgia T&I Group, responsible for managing the firm's three offices in the area.

STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates is also proud to announce that **Bernadette Cloninger, Andrew Eagle and Brian Curry** have received their **Professional Engineering (PE) licenses** to practice Civil Engineering.

STV/Ralph Whitehead Associates is pleased to announce **the following hirings:**

Allison Briggs has joined the firm's Charlotte office as a Design Engineer. Allison recently graduated from UNCC with a BSCE degree. **Kelvin Benfield** has joined the firm's Charlotte office. Kelvin is a graduate of UNCC with a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture. **Moriah Ellington, PE** has joined the firm's Charlotte office as a Project Design Engineer. A UNC Charlotte graduate, Moriah has 8 years of experience with emphasis on Roadway and Rail Design. **Guy Peters, PE** has joined the firm's Rock Hill, SC office as a Senior Stormwater Design Engineer. A North Carolina State University graduate, Guy has 29 years of experience with emphasis on storm water management and floodplain hydrology and hydraulics.

Summit Consulting - Engineering, Architecture and Surveying, PLLC

Summit Consulting would like to congratulate **Ariana Jeske** for **passing the Professional Engineers** exam and becoming their newest licensed PE.

Taylor Wiseman & Taylor

Taylor Wiseman & Taylor is pleased to announce that **James A. Smith, Jr., PE** has **joined their Cary, NC office as Regional Manager**. Mr. Smith has nearly thirty-five years of experience in the design and construction of public works and private sector infrastructure projects, ranging from land development and survey projects to transportation and water/wastewater treatment facilities. Mr. Smith will engage with clients, contractors, and local authorities on projects within the Southeastern Region, focusing on business development and expansion, administration and technical project management, and providing quality engineering, planning and survey services.

WK Dickson & Co., Inc.

WK Dickson welcomes **David Hollis, PE** to the firm's Water Resources Group in Wilmington. David will serve as a **project manager** for municipal water and wastewater projects. David has worked in both the private and public sector throughout his career. In addition to being the owner of his own engineering consultant firm, he was also the Chief Project Engineer at New Hanover County.

Also, The American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE) Board has approved the nomination for **David Pond** for **Certification by Eminence to be a Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE)**. David's specialty area is in water supply and wastewater engineering. AAEE is a group of highly qualified professional engineers who have imposed self-testing and review for entry qualification. Each member has not only the standard prerequisites for specialty certification, but also has passed written and oral examinations and reviews by an admission panel of the Academy. The Academy's certification program is accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards.

Woolpert, Inc.

Woolpert would like to introduce our newest additions to the Raleigh, North Carolina, office—**Raymond Cordon, PE and Linda McCoy, P.Eng**—who are ready to help Woolpert's eastern North Carolina clients find innovative solutions to their engineering, design and technology challenges.

Mr. Cordon joins Woolpert with more than 25 years of experience in planning, design and construction of water supply systems throughout the Southeast region. Ms. McCoy brings over 25 years of experience in civil engineering and design for both private industry and government organizations with her relocation to the Raleigh office.

To submit your company's news or positions available for inclusion in the next NC REPORT, please email your news items to Karen Lee at the ACEC/NC office by **CLICKING HERE**.

Mark Your Calendars!

These are highlights of our main events for the 2010-2011 fiscal year - but we'll certainly have added items as the year continues. Be certain you've set up your member account on our website to be notified of event details and registrations! In the meantime, mark your calendars for:

September

- 14th: Member Luncheon with Debbie Yow 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., Raleigh
- 29th: Breakfast with the Board and Open House 7:45-9:45a.m., Raleigh

October

- 12th: ACEC/NC/DOT Joint Training Transportation Conference 7:30a.m.-6:00p.m., Raleigh
- 13th: Breakfast with the Board 7:45-9:00a.m., Charlotte

November

- 11th: Engineering Excellence Awards 5:30-8:30p.m., Cary
- 19th: Breakfast with the Board 7:45-9:00a.m., Asheville

January

- 11th: Member Luncheon Economic Forecast Kick Off to the New Year 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m., Charlotte
- 19th: Breakfast with the Board 7:45-9:00a.m., Wilmington

February

- 22nd: Breakfast with the Board 7:45-9:00a.m., Greensboro

March

- 17th: Member Educational Seminar and St. Patrick's Day Social 3:00-6:00p.m., Raleigh
- 30th -31st: Consulting Congress Day, Washington D.C.

April

- 27th: Administrative Assistant Appreciation Luncheon 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m., Raleigh

May

- 19th: Marketing Seminar and Networking Cafe 12:30-4:30p.m., Raleigh

June

- 21st: Client LEO Awards, Raleigh

Railroad Roadway Worker Protection Training

STV/Ralph Whitehead and ACEC/NC are partnering to offer Railroad Roadway Worker Protection (RRWP) training at an exclusive rate for ACEC/NC Members. This training is compliant with the requirements of Section 49, CFR FRA 214 regulations and will also comply with the requirements of Norfolk Southern Corporation (NS) and CSX Transportation (CSXT). We're still working on the details but know we will be offering the training in the Raleigh and Charlotte areas within the next two months. Be on the lookout for dates and registration information!

Committees Partnering Together

The ACEC/NC Small Business Forum recently heard from special guests, Carla Erickson (Withers & Ravenel) and Alex Wilson (WK Dickson) from the ACEC/NC Human Resources Forum as well as Doug Ebner and Don Lozier from Ebner Financial Group. The guests shared information about shopping for employee benefits from both the buyer's and the broker's perspective.

Over the summer, some planning for the new ACEC/NC year will continue to take place for the Small Business Forum. Incoming Chair, Tim Riordan (A. Morton Thomas & Associates) will attend the Summer Conference to officially take on his new role. The dates for the 2010-2011 SBF meetings have been set, with the next one on Thursday, August 26. All SBF meetings start at 3:00 pm, at the offices of Martin/Alexiou/Bryson (4000 West Chase Blvd, Suite 530, Raleigh). Their August topic is Information Technology and Crafting a Recovery Plan for use in the event of catastrophic loss.

The next HR Forum meeting will be in September and will follow the topic of ongoing changes within healthcare. Stay tuned for more information! Be certain your firm's HR staff is getting involved with this educational forum.

If you're interested in joining the SBF or HR Forum, email Tia Jones at tjones@acecnc.org.