2017 was a transformative year for the American Council of Engineering Companies of California (ACEC California) and its members. We were successful on a number of fronts, but we could not have been successful without your ongoing membership and support. We appreciate your help in communication with public officials, your time and effort on committees drafting public policy, planning and presenting programs, and, additionally, your financial contributions. In this document we outline our 2017 successes and the results of your continued efforts. Take a look! Spread the word about ACEC California and please stay involved!
2017 Legislative Actions
+ Sponsored & passed Duty-to-Defend Reform (SB 496)
+ Worked to pass the Housing Bond
+ Worked to stop bills designed to hinder & halt the California WaterFix Project
+ Worked to pass & protect transportation funding bill (SB 1)
+ Worked to pass AB 28, reenacting the authority of Caltrans to assume the role of U.S. Dept. of Transportation for NEPA decision Making

ACEC California Keystone Successes

SB 496
Governor Jerry Brown signed into law, ACEC California sponsored, Senate Bill 496 representing a major step forward in reducing the uninsurable burden of indemnity provision and duty to defend for most public and private contracts signed by design professional in California.

What it means for you: SB 496 changes CA Civil Code 2782.8 by removing duty to defend obligations and liabilities not tied to negligence on most contracts. SB 496 will save private consulting firms potentially millions of dollars in uninsurable and onerous liabilities.

In 2017, ACEC California affirmed its commitment to Quality Based Selection (QBS) and fair procurement practices by hiring Jennifer Teasdale as Policy Outreach Coordinator. Jennifer spearheads a campaign to equip ACEC California members with an understanding of QBS law, educate local agencies about QBS statues and engage agencies that violate QBS. Jennifer comes to ACEC California with 7 years of legislative and policy experience at the State Capitol.

Membership 2017

10.35% Firm Growth
15.30% FTE Growth
26 New Firms

SB 1
In April Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. ACEC California lobbied in Coalition for the successful passage of the bill and continues working to protect this important transportation initiative.

What it means for you: The bill will raise $52.4 billion over the next 10 years to fix our roads, add capacity to our transportation system, improve our local transit systems, and help move goods to market.