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ACEC Indiana 2006 Legislative Agenda Accomplished in Recent Session!

The 2006 legislative session has adjourned. It may have been a short one, but the positive impact of it will be felt for a long time by ACEC Indiana member-firms and the state of Indiana.

The big news is, of course, passage of Major Moves. For many years, ACEC Indiana and the Build Indiana Council fought to get adequate, long-term, stable transportation funding and now we have it! We thank Governor Daniels and his administration for bringing forth this innovative approach to fund transportation and for making it *the* top priority of this session. Just as important, we

thank each legislator who voted in favor of it.

But ACEC Indiana had other successes, too. One was the passage of an increase in the renewal fee by up to \$20 for investigation and enforcement by the P.E. Board. Another one was the resounding defeat of the bill that would have allowed "registered" interior designers to stamp plans. The last one was the streamlining of the building code adoption process.

We thank our lobby team at SDS Group for their tireless effort on behalf of ACEC Indiana: Glenna

Shelby, Doug Simmons, and Ron Breymer.

None of these successes would have been possible without the effort of our members who contacted their legislators time after time to push passage of Major Moves and the defeat of plan stamping by interior designers. We appreciate the time that you devoted from busy schedules and thank you for making the difference in the outcome of this session!

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Upcoming Workshop

SAVE THE DATE!

May 23rd - Tuesday
Health Savings Account
Presentation

September 14th - Thursday
2nd Annual
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Adams Mark Hotel
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MBE/WBE NEWS

City of Indianapolis Promotes New Requirements for Professional Services

The city of Indianapolis passed an ordinance last year to increase MBE/WBE participation in the areas of Professional Services, including engineering.

Earl Morgan, Director of Indianapolis Department of Administration and Equal Opportunity, spoke to the ACEC Indiana member firms at the luncheon in March about the increased requirements.

Citing the ordinance, 581.101 (b) (3) and (4), which covers Public Works, Goods and Services, Morgan stated that the goals for participation were 15% for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and

8% for Women Business Enterprises (WBE). Minority and Women-Owned firms must be qualified by the city to count towards the goals.

Furthermore, he stressed that the City intended to work "in partnership with the engineering community" and expected the consulting engineering firms to show a "good faith" effort to meet the goals.

To show "good faith," Morgan suggested taking two steps: first, list the MBE/WBE firms that were solicited along with the

responses or cite the lack of response; and second, use the city website: mybid@indygov.org, to reach out to their staff for help with finding qualified subcontractors. If no responses are received, Morgan stated that a firm would be eligible to "self perform" at that point.

Under the "Subcontractor Program," the city will require MBE and WBE firms who perform as the Prime Contractor to utilize other M/WBE firms to increase the opportunity for more firms.

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