

ACEC Indiana

Short List

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 17th
QBS Awards Luncheon
featuring
Forrest Lucas,
President & CEO,
Lucas Oil Products
Reservations required

April 27-30
ACEC Annual Convention &
Legislative Summit, Wash. D.C.
<http://www.acec.org/conferences/annual-08/index.cfm>

Tuesday, May 13th
Lunch & Learn:
Emotional Intelligence with Ingrid
Cummings,
Rubicon Communications
Reservations required

Visit www.acecindiana.org
for more information.

Indy DPW Director David Sherman Ushers In a New Perspective

David Sherman, the new director of the Department of Public Works for the city of Indianapolis, spoke at a recent luncheon to a packed room of ACEC Indiana members.

Appointed to his position by Mayor Ballard, the crowd was an indication of the high interest in hearing about the city's priorities under the new administration.

Sherman animatedly gave an overview of the immediate and long-term challenges that DPW faces, accompanied by a thorough power point presentation. He shared that many residents of the city have

voiced their concerns about things big and small to him and his staff, and stated "it's part of ACEC's job to come up with creative solutions" to these problems.

One of the biggest challenges DPW faces is adequate funding of infrastructure. According to Sherman, the city needs \$5.4 billion for sewers and \$1 billion for transportation. He mentioned that they are evaluating some "green" initiatives and may enhance the MBE/WBE programs, including a "veterans" goal.

He talked about operating more efficiently, stating

"we're going to run DPW the way you run your business," including consideration of its service and response time, as well as the cost of doing business based on the way decisions were made.

It was apparent that he intended to apply his more than 30 years of experience in both the public and private sectors to bring about some significant changes to DPW.

He ended stating that he had "an open door policy" and encouraged members to share ideas with him to find revenue sources.

Your 2008 National PAC Contributions DO Make a Difference

If you haven't yet made your contribution to the National PAC for 2008, it is time to lend your support to *THE* PAC on Capitol Hill that is focused on your business as an engineering company! Every principal of a member firm is encouraged to contribute at least \$100 for the year...less than a nice steak dinner for two at most restaurants. And the impact lasts more than one day.

Some members have said that they only want to give directly to a candidate, not to the national PAC. Consider this real example: Let's say that your a constituent of Rep. Dan Burton. Rep. Jim Oberstar of Minnesota is the chairman of the Transportation & Infrastructure

Committee. It is unlikely that anyone in Indiana will give directly to Oberstar, yet he is in a vital position to provide leadership on key issues. By the time that Rep. Burton would have an impact on a transportation funding bill, it has been "work-in-progress" for quite a while by other members in Congress, not necessarily any of Indiana's delegation.

That is where ACEC national PAC comes into the scene... using its funds to help the key candidates from across the country. As you can see, it takes the financial support of all of ACEC members of our national PAC to make our legislative priorities

happen. Indiana cannot do it alone, nor can any one state. ACEC national needs PAC funding to support candidates who support our concerns who are in the key positions to make it happen.

Support the ACEC National PAC and win \$10,000!



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Consider What the ACEC PAC Does for Its Members:

- Promotes the business interests of the engineering industry to Congress, federal agencies, and international organizations;
- Secured passage of the new 9% A/E tax deduction and other initiatives that create a favorable business climate for engineering companies;
- Helped to achieve passage of TEA-21 reauthorization legislation that boosts funding for highways and transit by 30% and includes environmental streamlining provisions to reduce project delays;
- Secured new Fair Labor Standards Act rules to protect engineering firms from unfair enforcement actions;
- Aggressively promotes the use of Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) at all levels of public and private sector procurement;
- Kills repeated attempts to shut down government outsourcing.



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- ♦ LAND ACQUISITION
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