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QBS Awards Nominations

Deadline to nominate a project for the 2009 QBS Awards is Friday, March 20th.

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Legislators Share Respect for Professional Engineers Opinions

Two key state legislative leaders recently spoke to ACEC Indiana members at a "Newsmaker & Networking" luncheon held January 29th.

State Senator Jim Merritt (R-Indianapolis) and State Representative Terri Austin (D-Anderson) talked about the state budget outlook and its impact on infrastructure funding, the potential for Mass Transit, federal stimulus opportunities, energy efficiency proposals, local government reform and more.

Representative Austin, who serves as the Chairperson of the Roads & Transportation Committee in the House was keenly interested in how to use any federal stimulus funds for infrastructure "strategically to get people to work and keep them working," as well as creating opportunities for small communities that do not have "shovel ready" projects.

In addition to Mass Transit, Austin stressed that "it is time to focus on other infrastructure you don't see, water and sewers," recognizing that they had not received as much attention as highways and roads in recent years.

Austin complimented ACEC Indiana member firms for helping to educate her over the last two years on transportation issues, noting that it is a complex industry, one that she is still mastering.

Merritt, who serves as the Senate Majority Caucus Leader, chairs the Utilities Committee, and serves on the committee that deals with transportation issues, deeply valued the engineering community's opinion, stating that it was "noteworthy and respected."

2009 Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet Fast Approaching

Has your firm made plans to attend the ACEC Indiana Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet yet? You will want to attend this highly prestigious and entertaining dinner event on Saturday, March 21, 2009. It will be held at the Marriott North Hotel, at Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis.

In a new twist this year, the Grand Award winning project will be announced at the banquet event. Accompany your firm to the event and be there as the project is first re-

vealed. Reservations are required. For member firms, the price is \$95.00/person. Call ACEC Indiana to make your reservation at (317) 637-3563 or email staff@acecindiana.org.

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