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State and Federal elections are just around the corner, November 7th, and ACEC Indiana is actively involved through our two Political Action Committees (PAC's.) Each PAC has a specific purpose. ACEC Indiana PAC supports candidates for the Indiana General Assembly (state legislature.) The ACEC National PAC supports candidates for U.S. Congress (House and Senate.)

The state PAC is governed by a bi-partisan Board of Trustees that identifies and assists candidates for Indiana's legislature who support the Consulting Engineering Profession and the issues that impact it. Corporate contributions from member-firms are used to advance the agenda of ACEC Indiana such as Major Moves, and fend off issues that would be harmful to their business interests, such as allowing interior designers to seal/stamp plans. In 2005, twenty-three candidates were assisted with contributions totaling \$8,900.00. This year so far, fifty candidates received a contribution totalling more than \$18,000.00.

Candidates need funds to run their campaigns, and this is true whether they are an incumbent or challenger. ACEC Indiana could not help state legislative candidates without the financial contributions, of the member-firms listed in the left hand column, to the state PAC this year.

Upcoming Events:
Nov. 9th-Luncheon featuring
Governor Daniels
Dec. 6th - Seminar on the FAR
Go to www.acecindiana.org
for more information;

The National ACEC PAC is also governed by a committee of members that identify and assist candidates for U.S Congress, but a key difference is that this PAC can only accept personal contributions due to federal law. In recent years, contributions went to federal candidates who helped accomplish some of ACEC's top priorities, including:

* Secured passage of the 9% A/E tax deduction.

* Helped to achieve passage of TEA-21 reauthorization legislation that boosted funding for highways and transit by 30% and included 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.

Indiana's fundraising goal for 2006 established by the national PAC is just over \$8,700 and to date, we have raised nearly \$6,300, and much of that is due to the effort of our PAC Champion, Phil Beer of USI Consultants, Inc. We thank the individuals listed in the column to the right for their contribution to the national PAC which will help advance the issues of the Consulting Engineering Profession in Congress.

For more information or to make a contribution to the National ACEC PAC, call Phil Beer at (317) 544-4996 or ACEC Indiana at (317) 637-3563.

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