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### Alabama Industry Leader Named ACEC Fellow



Birmingham, Alabama— The Council is pleased to announced the newest Fellow of ACEC; **D. Dale York, PE, SECB, FACE**, Chairman and Senior Principal of **LBYD Civil and Structural Engineers** (Birmingham, Alabama). ACEC/Alabama President Ken Bailey (**TTL, Inc.**) acknowledged Mr. York for his outstanding contributions to the profession and leader of ACEC. Mr. York has been involved with ACEC for more than 25 years. Mr. York served as President of ACEC/AL from 2001-2002. Mr. York also served in numerous leadership positions on the ACEC/Alabama Executive Committee leading up to his tenure as President of ACEC/Alabama. He provided his service as the Chairman of the Alabama Engineers PAC from 2001-2008. As Past President of the Council, Mr. York has been actively engaged in our leadership ranks and presently serves as ACEC Liaison to the Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama (ABC of Alabama).

Individuals qualifying for nomination to become a Fellow of ACEC shall have academic and professional qualifications and accomplishments demonstrating notable contributions to the objectives of ACEC. Such accomplishments shall include service as a principal for not less than five years of an ACEC Member Firm or an organization which has merged with an ACEC Member Organization for at least five (5) years. Accomplishments shall also include: Service as an ACEC officer, national director or active committee member, and service to a Member Organization as an officer, director or committee chairman. The individual nominee for Fellow shall also demonstrate that he/she has made notable contributions to the objectives of ACEC in more than one of the following categories: Administrative Leadership; Design; Science; Literature; Education; Service to the Profession; Outstanding Civic Leadership. Mr. York joins with other Members from Alabama who have been elected into this prestigious fraternity as an ACEC Fellow. Other ACEC Fellows from Alabama include: *Frazier Christy, Lowell Christy, Bob Barnett, Glenn Bishop, Tom Terrell, Sam Wainwright, Kenneth White, and the late Paul Krebs.* We offer our gratitude and congratulations to Dale for his many years of service to ACEC.

### ACEC Takes Part in White House Ceremony as President Obama Signs Repeal of 3% Withholding into Law

WASHINGTON, DC – This week, President Obama signed into law a bill that repeals a five-year-old federal mandate that would have required government agencies to withhold payments to their contractors. David A. Raymond, president and CEO of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) was among selected guests invited by the White House to take part in the signing ceremony. “Today’s signing by the President is a huge win for business and prevents a severely flawed provision from delivering a harsh blow to the nation’s overall economic recovery,” said Raymond. Repeal of the withholding mandate had been an ACEC priority since the law was enacted in 2006. ACEC was the lead lobbying group for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s broad-based repeal coalition of more than 100 businesses and organizations. Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman, who was also at the forefront of the repeal effort, was among the selected invitees. “ACEC was the first to take a lead role in this repeal, then the truckers, and later the Chamber of Commerce,” Heyman said. Raymond also complimented the efforts of members of Congress for moving H.R. 674 through the legislative process. He specifically singled out Congressmen Wally Herger and Earl Blumenauer and Senator Scott Brown for leading the effort, as well as House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

*The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) is the business association of America’s engineering industry. Council members numbering more than 5,000 firms and representing more than 500,000 employees throughout the nation are engaged in the development of America’s transportation, water and energy infrastructure, as well as environmental, industrial and other public and private facilities. Founded in 1909 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., ACEC is a national federation of 51 state and regional organizations.*

### ACEC in Partnership with APWA & ASCE Launches Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure

Washington, DC— The **Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure (ISI)**, was recently founded by the American Public Works Association (APWA), the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), to support and encourage sustainable infrastructure investment to help public officials, the design build industry, and engineering professions, make better decisions about both existing and new public infrastructure projects. Newly appointed ISI Executive Director, Mr. William Bertera is a career not-for-profit executive with a long history of service in senior positions with both public and private sector organizations. He has served as chief staff executive for the Water Environment Federation, the American Public Works Association, and the Rebuild America Coalition. He also has held senior management positions with the National Solid Wastes Management Association, the National Association of Counties and the International City Management Association. In announcing Bertera’s appointment, ISI Board Chairman Timothy Psomas, PE, noted Bertera’s extensive involvement in both not-for-profit management and infrastructure related organizations and industries. “We are delighted to have Bill on the ISI team,” Psomas said. “Public infrastructure is essential for a strong economy, public health and safety, and a quality of life associated with human dignity and well-being. The Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure contributes to these ends.” The ISI helps professionals and public officials evaluate projects to assure community goals are met and scarce resources used intelligently. The Institute provides a series of scientific and technical tools to rate and prioritize infrastructure projects in the context of resource availability, statutory requirements, environmental, energy and land use needs, and community values. Further information is available by contacting Bill Bertera at 202-218-6725. Be sure to visit the ISI website at: [www.sustainableinfrastructure.org](http://www.sustainableinfrastructure.org)

