



Ohio Statehouse

HERE'S WHY YOU **NEED** TO CONTRIBUTE TO ACEC OHIO'S POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

These are just a few of your state association's recent accomplishments:

- **Lobbied to defeat** the third attempt in four years to extend the state sales tax to all services, including engineering and architectural services, a proposal that would have had devastating effects on the design industry, especially on A/E firms that subcontract with other firms.
- **Supported funding in** ODOT Transportation Budget Bill to allow counties to enact a \$5.00 permissive license tag fee on motor vehicles registered in the county to fund infrastructure projects.
- **Met with leaders of Ohio General Assembly** to discuss issues of importance to the industry, most notably the Council's opposition to extending the state sales tax to services and infrastructure funding. ACEC Ohio officers and board members hosted dinner meetings with the Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives and the President of the Ohio Senate, along with members of their leadership teams.
- **Successfully lobbied to pass** legislation to prohibit local governments from imposing local hiring quotas on companies as a condition of being able to compete for their design contracts.
- **Stopped legislation** that would have required local governments to use PVC pipe material on their projects even when design engineers determine that such material is not appropriate for the application.
- **Gained enactment** of legislation to allow local governments to "direct select" an engineering firm for a project with an estimated fee of less than \$50,000 while requiring such selections to be made on the basis of qualifications, not price.

These are some of ACEC Ohio's top priorities in the months ahead:

- **Pass ACEC Ohio's sponsored legislation** to invalidate broad indemnification clauses in government agency contracts and provide that design professionals cannot be held liable for the actions of others, but only for their own negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct.
- **Develop legislation** that would prohibit the expenditure of state funds on any capital construction project for which the design professionals were selected in contravention of Ohio's Qualifications-Based Selection law.
- **Continue to keep** PVC Pipe mandates out of State legislation.
- **Continue the campaign** to gain adequate funding for the state transportation system and explore viable alternative funding methods.

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