

# Protect and Strengthen Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) Across Ohio

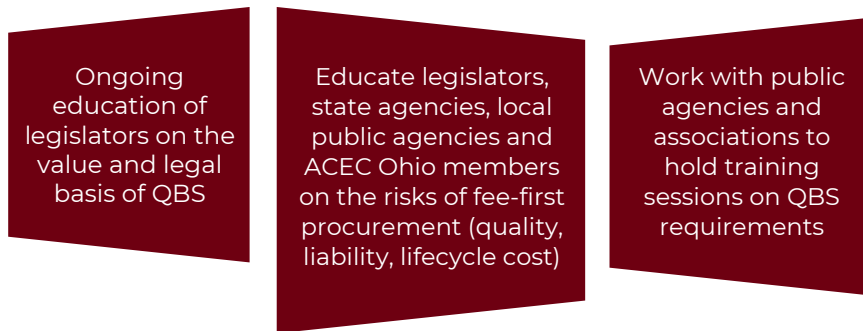


## Problem Statement

All public agencies in Ohio do not consistently use Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) to procure professional engineering services.

- Goals**
- 1 Achieve full QBS compliance at state and local levels, select most qualified not best price
  - 2 Eliminate fee-first and low-bid professional services selection recognizing engineering services are not a commodity

## Education



## Legislation

Seek an increase to the \$50,000 QBS threshold with escalator language

Advocate for legislative clarification reinforcing QBS applicability to home-rule and charter cities. (health, safety and welfare argument)

Consider transparency requirements or reporting related to QBS compliance

Advocate for statutory or policy updates prohibiting fee-based professional services selection