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Roundtable Breakfast October 28 Eau Claire	<p>has been that this industry is already sharing in the pain of this economic recession, with firms instituting staff reductions and wage cuts. The organization continues to meet with the department to seek an equitable solution for both the state and the industry. The membership will be kept abreast of progress.</p>
DSF Consultants Conference October 29 Madison	<p>Legislator Meet and Greet Sessions – To continue to build our grass roots program, a series of meet and greet sessions are planned for this fall. The meetings will be held in member firm offices with the focus on educating legislators on the value consulting engineering firms bring to the state including jobs, ability to capture much needed stimulus dollars, and special expertise. Meetings will be highlighted in upcoming newsletters. If you have an interest in having your area legislator meet with you and your employees, please contact the ACEC WI office.</p>
Engineering Excellence Awards Submission Deadline October 30, 4:00 pm Madison	<p>Back to top</p>
3rd Party Contracts Program November 11 Videconference Madison, Green Bay, Eau Claire, & Waukesha	<p>Thank You for Investing in ACEC WI Thank you to the following firms for membership renewal and continued investment in ACEC WI for the 2009-10 year. We thank you for your support. Working together as a unified voice has elevated our industry in the eyes of the public and our state legislators and truly makes ACEC WI the business voice of the consulting engineering industry.</p>
Committee Meetings	<p>Renewing Firms (July 28 – August 26) AECOM Arnold & O'Sheridan, Inc Baudhuin Incorporated Black & Veatch Collins Engineers, Inc Crispell-Snyder, Inc Donald F Roecker, PE EMCS, Inc Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC HDR Engineering, Inc HNTB Coporation Michael Doran Techknowledge, LLC QUEST Civil Engineers, LLC Vierbicher Associates, Inc Westbrook Associated Engineers, Inc Yaggy Colby Associates</p>
Membership Recruitment Subcommittee September 4 Conference call	<p>Renewing Affiliate Member Firms (July 28 – August 31) Axley Brynelson, LLP</p>
Board of Directors September 9 Madison	<p>Voluntary Contributions</p>
Human Resources September 10 Waukesha	<p>Continued government affairs involvement keeps our message on point and in front of the decision makers. This year we are moving forward to again introduce QBS legislation and, with your help, secure passage of this important legislation. In addition, we are making great strides in our initiative to keep an open dialogue with WisDOT.</p>
DNR Liaison September 24 Madison	<p>Thank you to the following firms that have selected the voluntary check off to help ensure the continued success of our government affairs initiatives.</p>
Business Practices Future Leaders Task Force September 29 Madison	<p>Contributing firms (July 28 – August 31) AECOM EMCS, Inc</p>
DSF Liaison October 1 Madison	<p>Back to top</p>
For more information, visit our calendar .	<p>Meeting Member Needs</p>
2009-10 Board of Directors	<p>During these difficult times, ACEC WI wants to know how it can support your firm. A survey is being developed to help ACEC WI determine where how it can provide additional support. The survey will be sent via email. Please take a few moments to provide feedback when you receive it.</p>
President Stan Sugden, PE Ruekert/Mielke, Waukesha	<p>Another way ACEC WI is helping to meet member needs is through the popular Principals Roundtable Breakfasts. These breakfasts are an opportunity to have a small group discussion with peers. Four breakfasts are being offered across the state this fall. To learn more click here. Back to top</p>
President-Elect Tom Pulse, PE Ayres Associates, Eau Claire	<p>Engineering Excellence Awards Entry deadline October 30, 4:00 pm ACEC WI is seeking entries into its 39th annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition. This awards competition provides the opportunity to recognize exceptional ideas and innovations in engineering.</p>
Secretary-Treasurer Greg Jewell, PE Jewell Associates Engineers, Spring Green	<p>Every firm has projects it is proud of and firms are encouraged to submit a project or projects to the Engineering Excellence Awards competition. Review</p>
ACEC Director Kevin Hagen, PE GRAEF, Madison	<p>"Entering ACEC WI's Engineering Excellence Awards competition is an opportunity to showcase distinctive projects that deliver high client satisfaction through quality work, on time and on budget." Matt Hintze, PE, Vice President, HNTB Corporation</p>
ACEC Alternate	<p>"Entering the Engineering Excellence</p>

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The [2010 Call for Entries](#) and [Easy Entry Workbook](#) are available online.

Contact ACEC WI with questions or to set up an appointment to view last year's winning entries. Those who have reviewed the entry notebooks have found it to be a valuable tool in learning what makes a winning entry.

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Education Programs

DSF Consultants Conference October 29, Madison

Conference agenda and registration are now available. Visit <https://m360.acecwi.org/event.aspx?eventID=10373>.



Discover New Opportunities – The Division of State Facilities (DSF) Consultants Conference is the *must attend* event of the year for engineers, architects, design professionals, and business development managers working with the state. Attendees will learn the latest information relating to consultants and the DSF. The combination of educational programming, networking opportunities, and question and answer time make this conference invaluable to design firms working with or planning to work with the state.

Same Great Registration Rates as 2008!

[Register](#) by September 30 to take advantage of the reduced, early registration rate.

Continuing Education

Up to 6.5 PDH (professional development hour) credits or AIA/CES learning unit hours will be awarded to conference attendees.

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Third Party Claims Seminar

November 11; 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Videoconference: Madison, Green Bay, Waukesha, Eau Claire

With the help of affiliate member firms, Akerman Senterfitt and Axley Brynelson, ACEC WI is offering a seminar to address potential liabilities and risk management for design professionals. The seminar will focus on key risk management provisions to consider in developing construction contracts and practical issues relating to contract administration.

To keep this program cost low for members, this seminar is intended to be a lunch and learn opportunity. Beverages will be provided and participants are welcome to bring a lunch. The cost of the program will be \$65 for the first firm registrant and \$45 for each additional registration from your firm. Registrants need not attend the same location to receive the multiple registration discount.

The program will be presented via videoconference from Madison (live location) to Eau Claire, Green Bay, and Waukesha. A special thanks to Ayres Associates for hosting this seminar.

Watch for details later this fall.

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Principals Roundtable Breakfasts

ACEC WI is sponsoring 4 roundtable breakfasts this fall for principals within our member firms. Breakfasts will be held in Eau Claire, Green Bay, Madison, and Wausau.

This forum is an excellent opportunity for senior level staff to share ideas in a small group setting relating to consulting engineering business practice issues in today's economy. ACEC WI is also interested in learning from you how the organization can support your firm during these difficult times.

The cost of each breakfast is \$40. Each breakfast will run 7:30 – 9:30 am.

Click [here](#) to download the registration form or use the links below to register online.

[Wausau](#)

[Madison](#)

September 18 Jefferson Street Inn – City Grill <i>Registration deadline September 15</i>	September 23 Holiday Inn at the American Center <i>Registration deadline September 18</i>
Green Bay October 27 Radisson Hotel <i>Registration deadline October 23</i>	Eau Claire October 28 Holiday Inn Campus <i>Registration deadline October 23</i>

Scheduling Note – A roundtable breakfast was held in Milwaukee in May as part of the ACEC WI Annual Meeting. If there is an interest in holding a Milwaukee breakfast, one can be scheduled this fall.

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Engineering Future Leaders Alumni Program October 20, Madison

At the request of future leaders alumni, a special, alumni-only program is being planned for October 20 for our future leaders. The alumni event will kick off with a roundtable breakfast to discuss issues that matter to you, the future leaders of the design industry. It will continue with a 2.5-hour program on work/life balance. Complete the day by participating in an optional afternoon golf outing. The Future Leaders Classic Golf Outing is an opportunity to catch up with classmates and network with the other classes of future leaders.

Work/Life Balance

In this fast-paced world, many professionals struggle with work/life balance. Some ask the question, "Is achieving it even possible?" You may be surprised by Jason Kotecki's answer in this thought-provoking and entertaining program. He will share no-fluff, real-world strategies to deal with adultitis, a dreaded condition that leaves its victims jaded and overwhelmed, with super high stress levels. By masterfully combining hilarious anecdotes, uplifting stories and powerful imagery.

Participants are asked to read *The Last Lecture*. The book will be discussed as part of the program.

Click [here](#) for the day's agenda, guest room rates, and registration form. The registration deadline is October 13. Please note this program is only for graduates of ACEC WI's Engineering Future Leaders program.

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Virtual Seminars

Virtual seminars are the perfect solution for training on a budget. For one low registration fee, any number of employees can participate in the program at your firm's office. Avoid additional expenses of multiple registrations and travel costs by participating in virtual seminars. Recognizing these difficult economic times, ACEC WI will be focusing on offering these cost-effective solutions for training rather than face-to-face meetings.

ACEC WI is proud to offer the following virtual seminars. These 90-minute programs are perfect lunch and learn opportunities and offer the opportunity to earn PDH (professional development hour) credits. In many cases, a program CD may be purchased if the program date and time are not convenient. Click [here](#) for seminar details and registration information for each program.

Green Recovery: How Green Initiatives Will Keep Your Company on Top Tuesday, September 22

11:00 am – 12:00 pm, virtual seminar

Green initiatives ratchet up your company's resource efficiency, creativity, and employee motivation. They save energy, waste, preserve precious capital, and give precise focus to your innovation efforts and strategic priorities. In this webinar, you'll gain a road map for using green initiatives to deliver short-term gains and position your company for long-term strategic growth. You'll discover how to:

- Get lean: Amp up your energy and resource efficiency to survive tough times.
- Get smart: Use environmental data about products and supply chains for a competitive advantage.
- Get creative: Rejuvenate your innovation efforts by asking heretical questions, such as "How might we operate with no fossil fuels?"
- Get going: Engage and excite your employees to solve the company's, the customer's, and the world's environmental challenges.

The webinar is your guide to establish your competitive position in these difficult times and to emerge even stronger into a vastly changed economy. ACEC WI partners with the Harvard Business Review and KRM to present this webinar. Click [here](#) for details.

1 PDH
professional development
hour

Global Tectonics: What Every Business Needs to Know Tuesday, October 13

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

There's a tendency in every economic crisis to focus only on short-term emergencies and ignore the big picture. But the crisis we are experiencing now is a sign of the major shifts that are taking place in our organizations, industries and markets, technology, and the world.

Global tectonics is the process by which the developing trends in technology, nature, and society revolutionize the business environment of the future. Much like the Earth's tectonic plates, global trends shift unnoticed until they transform industries and societies. Dr Fariborz Ghadar, a world authority on future business trends, global economic assessment, and strategy, and his team have identified 12 global trends that present the most formidable challenges to business leaders in the next 30 years.

Anyone tasked with leading an organization, division or team, or with developing and planning for the leadership and human capital needs of the future will be invigorated by the trends, ideas, and approaches discussed in this webinar. You'll learn:

- The 12 global trends that will challenge business leaders for the next 30 years.
- How the 12 trends can converge into sets to create fantastic new markets or diminish established ones.
- How the 12 trends have already changed many industries, markets, and organizations.
- How product lifecycles have changed and why that has threatened many organizations and made leadership and strategy implementation more complicated and demanding.
- What needs to happen in terms of people, team, message, and leadership to make business strategy implementation successful.
- What diversity brings to an organization's ability to evolve and respond to developing trends.
- How leaders and managers can be coached on the need to business differently.

ACEC WI teams with Unbound Ideas and KRM to present this webinar. Click [here](#) for details. The program has met the HR Certification Institute's criteria to be pre-approved for recertification credit.

1.5 PDH
professional development
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Serve Your Profession - Join A Committee

One of the most important benefits of ACEC WI membership is the opportunity to serve on one of the committees that guide the association. While many individuals are currently serving, ACEC WI is looking for additional volunteers. Committee involvement provides unique opportunities to get an "insider's view" of the industry. In addition to serving your profession, you'll be giving your own career a boost. Through committee service, you will meet and work with other dynamic individuals and take an active role in making the ACEC WI vision a reality.

Typically, a committee has a single representative from a firm, but the firm decides how many representatives it wishes to have. Is your firm involved? Talk internally about representing your firm at the committee level. You will find a list of the ACEC WI committees and a roster of its members on our [web site](#). Most committees have no prerequisite for participation, just your interest and willingness to serve.

Contact ACEC WI if you would like to change your volunteer member on a committee or for more information. Get involved today! Contact ACEC WI at 608-257-9223 to learn more.

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Marketing Tools for Members

Now that summer is winding down, tradeshow season is starting for many ACEC WI member firms. September and October is the time to showcase your firm's affiliation with ACEC WI and we have the tools you need to do it:

- Member insignia - The 8.5 x 11 laminated signs read "A member of ACEC WI" with the recognizable ACEC WI logo. Sign has a Velcro backing for positioning directly on your exhibit or can be placed on an easel for a tabletop display.
- ACEC member seal - Because the ACEC logo is nationally associated with excellence, integrity, and quality, members use it on their business literature. Many ACEC members report that, in their clients' eyes, membership in ACEC offers an advantage over nonmembers. If you haven't done so already, affix the seal to the brochures you are taking to the tradeshows.

Contact [ACEC WI](#) at 608-257-9223 to receive these marketing tools for members.

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Member News & Updates

Bonestroo – is pleased to announce JoEllen Donovan, water resources engineer in the firm's Mequon office, has successfully passed the Wisconsin Professional Engineering exam. Following the firm's recent merger with Northern Environmental, Dave Rautmann, PE, Mequon, has been

appointed to manage the firm's energy/industrial division.

GRAEF – welcomes 3 new employees to the firm's Milwaukee office. Gary Bazan to the firm as an on-call construction inspector and Scott Luckiesh, PE, SE as a structural engineer and business development professional. Also joining the firm is Richard Koenig, PE as a plumbing project engineer.

Clark Dietz – welcomes Joseph Calliari to its Kenosha office as a transportation engineer.

Vierbicher Associates - announces the addition of Sarah Church, PE to the Madison office as a stormwater engineer. Tom Veith, project engineer has received his professional engineer license and Neil Pfaff recently became a certified engineer in training.

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Committee News & Updates

Business Practices – The committee has focused on educational programs and revisions to the content for this year's Future Leaders program. The MMSD subcommittee will be preparing for a meeting with the district later in the month and the QBS subcommittee is focusing on educational programs on the value of QBS.

DNR – The committee's September 24 will include a presentation by DNR Executive Assistant Mary Ellen Vollbrecht.

DOT – WisDOT's request to amend state transportation contracts continues to be a key focus of the committee and transportation task force. The contracts and negotiations task force continues its work, with the next meeting scheduled for September 9.

DSF – Final arrangements have been completed for the October 29 [DSF Consultant Conference](#). The committee is currently reviewing the alternative delivery recommendations presented by the State Building Commission Secretary in August. The fee guidelines task force is scheduled to meet on September 1.

Human Resources – The September committee meeting will be held at MSA Professional Services, Madison.

Government Affairs – The committee has planned its grass roots effort for co-sponsorship of a QBS bill once it is introduced, hopefully this month.

Membership – The committee's subcommittees are meeting monthly via conference call. A key focus is retention of the membership in this current economic climate.

Public Relations – The committee met in August to set goals for the year. At the October 8 meeting, the committee will identify action steps and champions to reach each goal. Watch for news on the committee goals and a call for additional committee members.

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State Agency News & Updates

Department of Natural Resources

The August editions of the RR Report from DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment Program are available at the following links:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/news/09/08-04-09.pdf>

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/news/09/08-25-09.pdf>

The Floodplain and Shoreland Management Notes will now be distributed by email. Click [here](#) to view the summer edition. If you'd like to be added to the email distribution list, contact [Gary Heinrichs](#).

The Wisconsin Association of Floodplain, Stormwater, and Coastal Management Association's August newsletter is available [here](#). The association is holding a seminar titled, Latest Developments in Stormwater Treatment. The seminar will be held 12:00 – 4:30 pm at RA Smith National's Brookfield office. Space is limited, please register by September 4. Click [here](#) for program agenda and registration information.

Department of Transportation

WisDOT's research efforts continue to produce valuable results for transportation practitioners. The projects below were recently completed through the [WisDOT Policy Research Program](#).

[92-00-03](#) - Effectiveness of a Hydrodynamic Settling Device and a Stormwater Filtration Device in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

[92-04-04](#) - Pollutant Loading to Storm Water Run-Off from Highways: Impact of a Highway Sweeping Program - Phase II

[92-05-17](#) - Use of a Stormwater Filtration Device for Reducing Contaminants in Runoff from a

Parking Lot

[92-08-23](#) - Wisconsin Department of Transportation Communication with Local Government: Focus Group Report

To access the full reports of these and other WisDOT research projects, visit the [completed research projects page](#). If you have questions or suggestions for future research, please contact us at research@dot.wi.gov.

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ACEC National News & Updates

2009 Fall Conference

October 7-10, Palm Springs, California

Don't miss ACEC's fall conference, Engineering America's Recovery, featuring keynote speaker Vicente Fox, former President of Mexico. The conference will address the critical role of engineering firms in transitioning our nation's economic recovery. Faced with a changed social and economic landscape, conference attendees will gain invaluable information and resources on opportunities for infrastructure spending and ideas for new projects and markets to stimulate growth. The conference features world class educational sessions, a trade show, networking, and local color/entertainment events.

Information is available at <http://www.acec.org/conferences/fall-09/index.cfm>. The early bird registration deadline, Sept 4, is being extended for an additional 2 weeks, to September 18. Don't miss this outstanding conference, register early for the additional savings!

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ACEC WI Conduit Fund & WisPAC

The ACEC WI Conduit Fund and WisPAC advance and protect interests of the consulting engineering industry and enhance your firm's bottom line. It is important that the industry's voice be heard. Members are encouraged to participate the [ACEC WI Conduit Fund](#), [WisPAC](#), and [ACEC PAC](#) to develop relationships and increase the likelihood our industry's interests are considered. Join the growing list of members who support these important initiatives.

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In addition to the WisPAC contributions listed above, there were 6 contributions of less than \$100 and numerous contributions through ACEC WI raffles.

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City of Madison Lobbyist Training Session

In accordance with City of Madison Ordinance 2.40: Lobbying Regulated, a lobbyist training session will be available on September 9. Training will be held in Room 260 of the City County Building (210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Madison) from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm and is open to all who may be affected by the ordinance.

This training is not required, but is recommended. If this time is not available for attendance, a previously recorded video of the training can be viewed on www.cityofmadison.com/mcc12/archive/mayor/lobbyord.ram.

Questions should be directed to Adam Gallagher in the Madison City Clerk's Office by phone at 266-4601 or by email at tgallagher@cityofmadison.com.

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UW Business News Wire

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TDA Annual Meeting – Building Wisconsin's New Economy

October 1, Madison

It has been hard to escape the deluge of news over the last year about the tremendous challenges that Wisconsin and the country face. During these unsettling times, it can be easy to dwell on the negative. Despite all of the challenges, however, Wisconsin has significant opportunities to expand and grow in the emerging new economy. The decisions we make in the immediate future will determine whether Wisconsin seizes these opportunities for growth. The 2009 TDA Annual Meeting will provide a forum for participants to hear from state and national experts regarding the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for Wisconsin and the important role transportation plays.

Click [here](#) for an agenda/registration form for this year's event.

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