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ACEC/MS Members Named to Mississippi Board of Licensure

On September 28, 2026, Governor Tate Reeves announced four new appointments to the Mississippi Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers & Surveyors. We are very pleased to report that three of these appointees are ACEC/MS members and thus, seven of the nine members of the current MS Board of Licensure are members of ACEC/MS!



Colby Willis White, PE



David Bowman, PE

The Board of Licensure provides a complete and thorough licensure process for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors, ensuring that each is properly qualified to practice in the state of Mississippi.

The three new Board of Licensure appointments that are ACEC/MS members are:

- Ron Cassada, PE, PS
- Colby Willis White, PE
- David Bowman, PE

They join these ACEC/MS members who are currently serving on the Board:

- Michael Blake Collins, PS
- William Mitchell PE
- Steven Twedt, PE
- Carey Hardin PE



Ron Cassada, PE



2026 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The ACEC 2026 Fall Conference was held in October at the JW Marriott in Phoenix, AZ, bringing together more than 1,000 engineering executives, firm leaders, and industry partners to gather for four days of candid conversations, practical ideas, and relationships that continue long after the closing session. Together, they addressed the leadership decisions and innovations shaping the firm of the future—from talent and technology to succession planning, growth, and risk.













SAVE THE DATE

February 23, 2027
ACEC Capitol Day
Mississippi State Capitol

February 24 or 25, 2027
Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet
Site TBD

Date TBD
Spring Meeting
Mississippi State University

April 18-21
ACEC National 2027 Annual Convention and Legislative Summit
Washington, D.C.

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2026 DEEP SOUTH CONVENTION

ACEC/MS, along with ACEC chapters from Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana, held our annual Deep South Convention in Destin this summer, bringing members from the four states together for professional fellowship in a beautiful Gulf Coast setting. The convention offered an array of excellent speakers and an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, build relationships, and exchange ideas while enjoying time with family and friends. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this year's gathering a success.









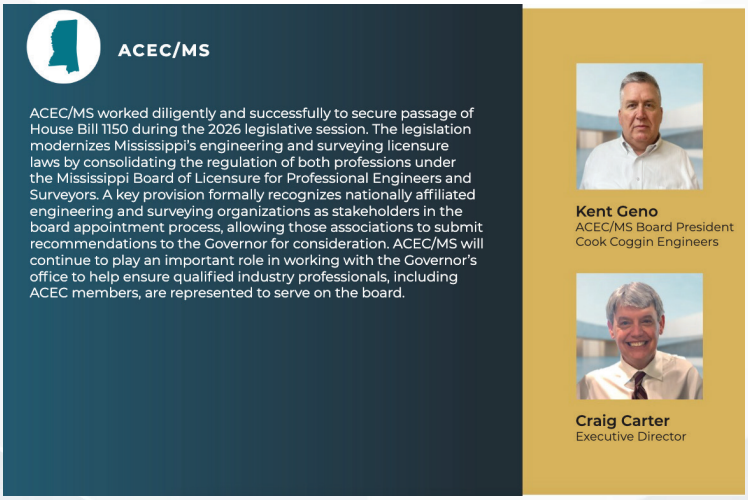
Fall Happenings



Congratulations to ACEC/MS Board President Kent Geno on his inclusion in the Northeast Mississippi Community College Alumni Hall of Fame. Kent is President of Cook Coggin Engineers. In the announcement, the school stated, "Through a lifetime of professional achievement, community service, and unwavering support of Northeast Mississippi Community College, Kent Geno exemplifies the spirit of the Northeast Alumni Hall of Fame and the lasting impact of a Northeast education."

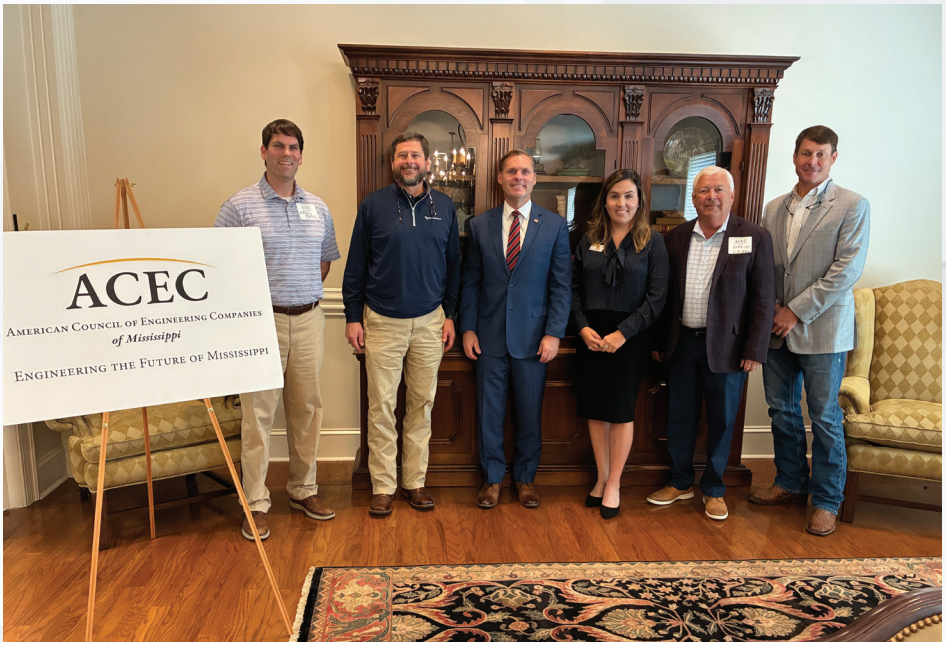


The ACEC/MS Transportation Committee met at the ACEC/MS office with MDOT and State Aid officials on September 30.



ACEC/MS was featured in the national ACEC Annual Report for 2026 with this article highlighting our work on HB 1150 in this year's legislative session.

United State Congressman Michael Guest visited the ACEC/MS office in October to receive a PAC contribution and meet with members.The visit provided an opportunity to discuss state and national issues affecting the engineering industry and Mississippi's business community. We appreciate Congressman Guest taking the time to hear our members' perspectives and engage in a productive conversation.





2026 FALL MEETING



The Beau Rivage in Biloxi was the setting of this year's ACEC/MS Fall Meeting, held in conjunction with the Mississippi Transportation Institute (MTI) Conference. The gathering provided an opportunity for members to connect with colleagues, strengthen professional relationships, and discuss issues affecting Mississippi's engineering community. Held alongside the conference, the ACEC/MS Fall Meeting highlighted the value of collaboration across the engineering and transportation industries.

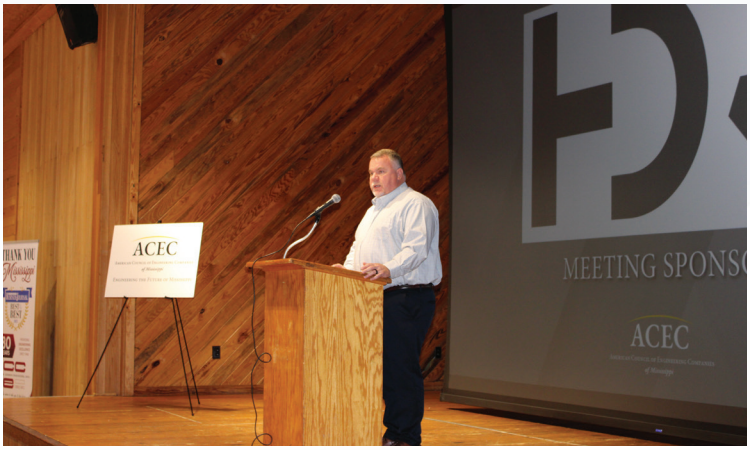


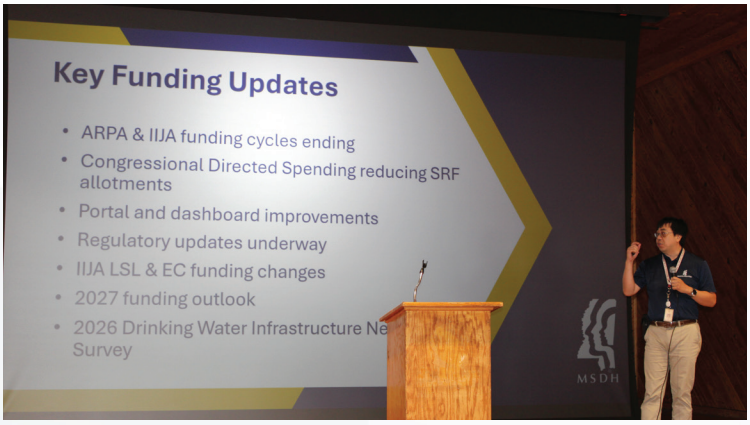




Roosevelt Day

ACEC/MS had its largest attendance ever for Roosevelt Day this year, and we thank all of our speakers and participants who made it such a successful event! Roosevelt Day is an opportunity for our members to earn a full day of professional development hours and hear from speakers on many topics that directly affect the Mississippi engineering profession. This year's speakers included representatives from the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Health, and others. The day kicked off with an inspiring speech from noted Mississippian Robert St. John.









ACEC/MS Welcomes Pritchard Engineering

We are very pleased to welcome Pritchard Engineering, Inc. as our newest ACEC/MS member firm! Founded in 1997 and based in Columbus, Mississippi, the firm provides civil engineering, geotechnical investigations, surveying and mapping, environmental assessments, and construction materials testing and inspection. Serving private developers, industries, municipalities, healthcare providers, and educational institutions, Pritchard Engineering emphasizes direct principal involvement and close client communication from initial design through construction. We look forward to their participation in ACEC/MS!

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