

PARTNERING AGREEMENT

ACEC *Arkansas*

AND



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Arkansas (ACEC/A) seek through this agreement to sustain a meaningful partnership between our organizations. Our common purpose is to provide quality and responsive engineering and consulting services to the citizens of the State of Arkansas.

Goals and Objectives of Our Partnering Agreement:

- Ensure an open and constructive dialog between AHTD and ACEC.
- Support the changing roles and needs of AHTD and the engineering community.
- Foster an attitude that explores opportunities and strives to resolve issues in a win-win manner.
- Enhance professionalism and integrity throughout the design and construction industry.
- Promote improved business practices that enhance quality, value, sustainability, and a secure public transportation infrastructure.
- Invest in the future by promoting training, continuing education, new technology, and research and development for design and construction of quality transportation infrastructure.
- Support qualifications-based selection for procurement of Consulting Engineering (A-E) services.
- Support the use of project delivery methods that best serve the public interest.
- Support a technically capable AHTD and a strong consulting engineering industry.

Mutual Agreements:

- Continuation of a six person Liaison Committee to meet and discuss areas of common concern and address problem areas.
- The Liaison Committee will meet at least two times per year.
- The Liaison Committee will have three members from AHTD and three members from ACEC.
- AHTD members will be appointed by the Director of Highways and Transportation.
- ACEC members will be appointed by the ACEC President with approval of the ACEC Board in accordance with ACEC Charters.
- The Liaison Committee may create task groups to address specific areas of concern.

This agreement is a model and frame work for action on the part of both organizations.

Agreed to this date:

Wednesday, December 13, 2013

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