

December 24, 2007

Mr. Orrin B. MacMurray
American Council of Engineering Companies
1015 15th Street, 8th Floor, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Subject: Position on Bachelors Plus 30 Model

Dear Chairman MacMurray:

The Board of Directors of ACEC-Kansas would like to express our opinion that ACEC should oppose the Bachelors Plus 30 Model for engineering licensure. We have evaluated the proposal based on whether it would benefit the profession, individual engineers, and our businesses and believe the model as presented by NCEES and ASCE does not demonstrate a clear business benefit for the member firms of ACEC-Kansas.

We support the issues raised by Mr. Robert Salaber of the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California. He makes an excellent argument that the current engineering licensure process is rigorous enough and should not be considered substandard to other professions as stated by those in favor of the new model.

It is debatable whether the proposed Bachelors Plus 30 Model would discourage students from pursuing an engineering degree. However, the additional requirements directly and negatively impact individuals seeking a professional license. We believe that this would reduce the number of people licensed to be in responsible charge of engineering design at a time when we are experiencing and projecting a shortage of licensed engineers and an increase in demand.

ACEC represents the business of consulting engineering. We believe that ACEC, in taking a position on the Bachelors Plus 30 Model, should evaluate the business consequences or benefits. Based on information presented to our board, we do not believe this model presents a benefit for our member firms and we believe ACEC should push back at NCEES and not let the Bachelors Plus 30 Model be propagated.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our input on the very important issue.

Sincerely,

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Kansas National Director

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President