

TO: ACEC and APWA Members
FROM: ACEC/APWA Committee Members
SUBJECT: Survey for Topics/Issues for the Partnering Committee

Your input is needed!

Have you ever had a topic and/or issue that you wished you had the time to explore and ideally make an impact on the way you do business or serve your constituents? That is the role that the ACEC/APWA Partnering Committee wants to have for you. The partnering agreement between ACEC and APWA has a mission statement:

“The American Public Works Association and American Council of Engineering Companies agree to work together to improve the quality and responsiveness of public infrastructure and services to the nation’s local and state agencies and the public we serve.”

The goals of the partnership have been to:

- ensure effective communication between APWA and ACEC;
- promote training and education to better understand the roles and relationships of public works officials and consulting engineers;
- promote qualification based selection in the procurement of engineering and other professional services and cost-effectiveness in the construction, management, and operation of public works projects;
- mutual development and support of contract principles;
- develop and promote the application of ethical and effective business practices that enhance the quality and value of public works projects and services;
- invest in the future by promoting continuing education, research and development, and innovative ways to design, finance, and construct public works projects; and
- examine the means and mutual efforts to improve international interaction between public works officials and consulting engineers.

The ACEC/APWA Partnering Committee provides a forum for the discussion of issues peculiar to engineers in private and public practice and a vehicle for action on those problems through the resources of the committee members. The focus of the partnering committee has been almost exclusively on QBS thus far through education, presentation at conferences, and development of a draft QBS ordinance.

So what’s next? We need our member’s input. With the above stated mission and goals, what is important to you? What would you like the committee to address? Send your comments to to the following email address by August 15, 2005:

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