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ACEC KANSAS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

Applications for City and County Public Improvement Awards (PIA) will be mailed early summer. It's not too early to begin thinking about what public improvement projects you want to enter.

ACEC of Kansas presents Public Improvement Awards every year in several population categories for both Kansas cities and counties. Created in 1962, these awards do not recognize engineering projects for their engineering excellence. Judges do, however, rate the entries based on their benefit to the citizens of the community.

PIAs offer both cities and counties an excellent opportunity to gain well-

deserved recognition for their projects. City entries that win PIAs receive engraved plaques at a meeting of their peers, while winning county entries are awarded plaques at the Kansas Association of Counties Annual Meeting Banquet. In addition, winning entries also receive public relations benefits by entering this program.

The deadline for 2006 City PIA entries will be September 1st and County PIA entries will be October 1st.

For additional information, please visit www.acecks.org or call 785.357.1824.

YOUNGER TO SERVE AS KDOT'S NEW STATE TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

Jerry T. Younger has been selected to serve as the new State Transportation Engineer and Assistant Secretary for the Kansas Department of Transportation. The 20-year agency employee assumed his new duties on March 20.

Younger accepts his position after serving a year stint as KDOT's District One Engineer with responsibility of 17 counties in northeast Kansas. He started working for KDOT in 1986 following graduation from the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He was initially in the KDOT Engineer in Training program and was a Civil Engineer I and later a Civil Engineer II in Road Design. In 1990, he was promoted to Squad Leader in Road Design and he remained in that position for six years.

Younger left Headquarters in Topeka in 1996 and accepted a position as Field

Engineering Administrator at Wichita. He moved back to Topeka and was promoted to the Topeka Metro Engineer position in 1999 and remained in that capacity until he was promoted to District One Engineer.

Younger, who also holds a master's degree in Civil Engineering from KU, lives in rural Douglas County. He has two sons, Garrett, 25, and Adam, 22.

Younger succeeds Warren Sick, who recently retired after a 39-year career with KDOT.



APWA HEAD SAYS QUALITY AND VALUE ARE KEY BENEFITS OF QBS

Editor's Note: The following article was written by Bob Freudenthal, president of the American Public Works Association (APWA). For more than a decade APWA has partnered with ACEC on the advancement of key infrastructure legislation and business practices.

The American Public Works Association (APWA) is a unique organization, a mix of 27,000 public and private sector members working in concert to educate, advocate and provide information to the public on the critical role we all play in assuring a robust infrastructure and support for economic growth.

Those of us involved in building and maintaining public works infrastructure understand how important it is to ensure quality and value for every project. That is our commitment and indeed our responsibility as members of a profession dedicated to providing the infrastructure and services on which all of our communities depend for their quality of life.

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APWA has long supported quality in all public agency activities with a focus on economy, safety, efficiency, sound construction, serviceability, maintenance and operations. Along with the members of ACEC, we have long encouraged and supported the role of Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) and believe that the public interest is best served when governmental agencies select engineers, architects and related professional services and technical consultants for projects and studies through QBS. It fosters greater creativity and flexibility and minimizes the potential for disputes.

Since passage of the Brooks Act in 1972, federal agencies, most states and many local communities use QBS procedures. The QBS

process recognizes that engineering and design professionals play a critical role in the building of our public infrastructure. And those who use QBS understand that a significant advantage derives from its facilitation of client and consultant collaboration, which maximizes quality, value, cost-effectiveness and usefulness. It is in the best interest of taxpayers to have the most qualified firms selected to do the work.

We know that through the QBS process public agencies can be confident of consistently achieving optimum costs for studies, planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of publicly funded projects. Because it supports creativity, alternative options, innovation and value, QBS is key to achieving smooth joint efforts by agencies and firms toward the common goal of a successful project.

In addition to our common support and encouragement of QBS, ACEC and APWA are working together on many other shared issues through a formal partnership dating back to 1993. Our two organizations jointly support increased investment in our nation's infrastructure at the federal, state and local levels of government and are working to educate lawmakers and the public about the need to close a widening infrastructure investment gap. Support for passage of the recently enacted, and long overdue surface transportation law, SAFETEA-LU, was also an important objective for all of us.

A well-maintained, adequately funded public infrastructure is one of our nation's most important assets. We look forward to continuing and strengthening our cooperative work in support of QBS and all our common goals.

ACEC of Kansas Firm News

Jennifer Gunby, Jennifer Jecker, and Nathan Johnson of George Butler Associates have become LEED Accredited Professionals through the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program. In addition, **Kayla Manning and Adam Stodola** have become registered professional engineers in the state of Kansas. Kayla works in the Water Environment Group, and Adam in the Highway and Streets division.

Level-4 Engineering, LLC is a Civil Engineering firm established in 2004. A focus on Capital Improvement Projects and Land Development is practiced in both Kansas and Missouri. Level-4 allocates more than 50 years of combined experience among the two locations in Lenexa and Downtown Leavenworth.

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ACEC TEACHES MASTERS COURSE AT KU ON PROJECT DELIVERY AND QUALIFICATIONS BASED SELECTION

ACEC, in conjunction with our partnering committee with the Kansas Contractors Association (KCA), taught a class this month at the University of Kansas Masters in Public Administration (MPA) program. The class covered project delivery systems, qualifications based selection (QBS), project management, and a series of best practice papers produced by the ACEC/KCA partnering committee. This is an effort that has been slowly building momentum for almost two years. The class was such a success that the program has advised us that we are likely to be invited back each year to make the same presentation.

In addition to helping train tomorrow's public leaders on public project skills and practices, it is also an opportunity to get the QBS message out to our future city and county managers before they spend years building any preconceived ideas about procurement policy. If ACEC is successful in becoming an annual part of this curriculum, over time it is hoped that this will have a measurable impact on our efforts to promote QBS throughout the state. The MPA program at KU is the highest ranked MPA program in the country, and ACEC and KCA were honored to participate.

ACEC KANSAS PROUD TO WELCOME NEW MEMBER FIRMS

ACEC Kansas is proud to announce that the following firms are now members of the association!

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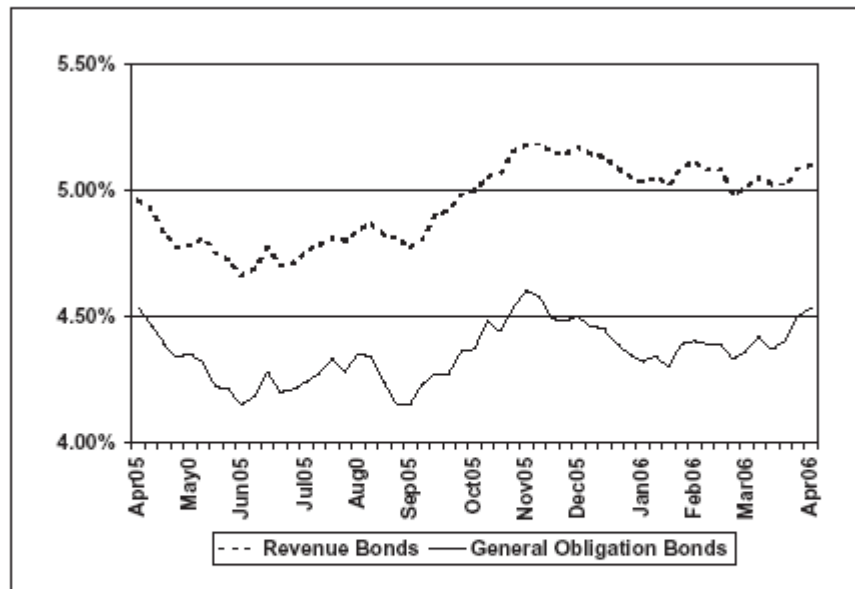
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12-Month Tax-Exempt Interest Rate Trends



The rates shown are weekly national averages of long-term, tax-exempt rates, adjusted to reflect the Kansas market. They represent selected trends of general obligation bonds and revenue bonds since April 2005. General obligation bonds and revenue bonds issued by Kansas municipalities, when properly structured and secured, can typically be sold at interest rates slightly lower than the national average.

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