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Thursday, January 21, 2010

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Governor Calvert House

58 State Circle, Annapolis

Legislative visitations commencing at 8:30 AM.

The Council's Legislative Committee and CEPAC (the Consulting Engineers Political Action Committee) invite you to attend an informal luncheon with members of the Maryland General Assembly.

For more information on this program and to register, contact the ACEC/MD office at 410-539-1592 or acecmd@acecmd.org.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Michael W. Myers, P.E.

The 2010 ACEC/MD Legislative Business Agenda was unveiled during the annual Legislative Breakfast on December 1, 2009 at the Engineering Society of Baltimore. The featured speaker at the breakfast was Blair Lee, CEO of Lee Development Group and more well known as a political commentator on WBAL radio and author of a weekly column for the Montgomery County Gazette. Mr. Lee gave an overview of Maryland's economic conditions, where we are, how we got here and where we may be going. While his overview was sobering, all enjoyed Mr. Lee's delivery style and knowledge of Maryland politics.

This year, ACEC/MD's legislative agenda is focused on immediately addressing Maryland's infrastructure crisis especially transportation funding. Our investment in transportation infrastructure is eroding at an alarming rate. The recession forced the Governor to cut \$2.3 billion from the capital program budget, eliminating many planning, design and construction inspection projects. Unfortunately, most people believe the Federal Stimulus Funding Package more than offset this budget cut. Nothing could be further from the truth, as only 6% of the total stimulus funding was allocated to infrastructure projects. For Maryland, only \$600 million of the \$2.3 billion was restored.

Additionally these funds went primarily to "shovel ready" maintenance projects – not the design of transportation improvements. Because of this crisis, ACEC/MD supports an immediate 10-cent increase in the gas tax. Other revenue generating options exist and should be thoroughly evaluated.

While the focus of the 2010 agenda is infrastructure funding, ACEC/MD has two other initiatives including STEM Education, and prohibiting being required to indemnify another party for their negligence. ACEC/MD will also continue to champion reasonable Minority and Small Business subcontracting goals and Qualifications-Based Selection. For a copy of this agenda, please go to ACEC/MD's website (www.acecmd.org).



Our ad-hoc Transportation Funding Committee continues to make great progress. At our December 17, 2009 General Membership Meeting, a video, entitled "Transportation and You" was presented to our members. This video, professionally narrated by Alan Walden of WBAL Walden's Ponderings fame, was developed for use by our member firms to inform and educate their employees about the transportation funding challenges we face and to plant the seeds for greater grassroots support to ultimately solve this funding crisis. This video is now linked to the ACEC/MD website and can be made available to our member firms for their use. Worthy to note, several ACEC/MD members experienced in transportation funding have volunteered to provide support to those member firms desiring assistance with this employee education effort. If your firm requires support, please contact me or the ACEC/MD office. I want to send special thanks to Steve Zentz, Dan Cheng, Cathy Ritter and David Mongan for their dedicated efforts to develop this very useful video.

Also worthy of mention is that ACEC/MD's Fellows Committee hosted the December 17th meeting and past president Harry Stephen, P.E., Century Engineering was recognized as ACEC/MD's newest Fellow. Congratulations to Harry for his contributions to the engineering profession!

A very important event to attend is our Legislative Action Day including the CEPAC Legislative Luncheon scheduled for January 21, 2010 at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis. This is an excellent opportunity to have lunch with several of your Maryland legislators as a constituent from your home and/or your business' legislative district. As always, ACEC/MD requires the support from its members to make this event successful. Also, it is noted that prior to the luncheon, appointments will be made with key legislators for visitation in their offices. This is a perfect opportunity to discuss our legislative agenda on a one-on-one basis. Please contact the ACEC/MD office, if you are interested in attending these visits.

ACEC/MD's PAC (CEPAC) is at the end of the third year of a four-year pledge cycle and we have raised \$60,000 of our \$100,000 goal. In order for our voice to be heard in Annapolis, please remember to fulfill your pledge even during these trying economic times. Both firms and individuals can make contributions to a state PAC.

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**Now is the time to take action!
ACEC has made it easy for you to
communicate with your elected
officials. Just log on to the ACEC web
site (www.acecmd.org) and click on the
Legislative Action icon.**

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For those firms and individuals that have not pledged to contribute, please seriously consider doing so. Simply put, the CEPAC contributions allow ACEC/MD to gain access to key Maryland legislators that make decisions impacting our profession.

I would like to thank those individuals who made contributions to the federal ACEC/PAC in 2009. As of the writing of this article, ACEC/MD was very close to our goal of \$18,093 to the PAC. Considering the ACEC/PAC exceeds \$1,000,000 and is in the top 4% of all PAC's in the United States, ACEC's access to key federal legislators is the primary weapon to help elect candidates that support pro-business, pro-engineering positions. ACEC is working very hard to gain passage of the Transportation Reauthorization and Water Infrastructure legislation, to repeal the 3% withholding, Health Care Reform, as well as many other issues pertinent to our member firms.

The Engineering Excellence Grand Award and winners for each category will be announced during the February 18, 2010 General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet at the Engineers Club. Mark your calendars and invite your project managers and clients to enjoy this evening.

I wish you a very safe and joyous holiday season and I look forward to continuing to work with you in 2010 to address the challenges we face.



AWARDS BANQUET SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

The American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland (ACEC/MD) is pleased to offer interested firms the opportunity to cosponsor the ACEC/MD Awards Banquet. This annual event recognizes all finalists in our Engineering Excellence Awards Program, along with the recipients of the President's Award and the ACEC/MD Community Service Award. The banquet will be held at the historic Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore, on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM.

Member firms, suppliers to the industry, and other interested parties are invited to participate in this celebration by co-sponsoring the event. Included in this sponsorship are:

- *Recognition on a sign board posted at the event.*
- *Acknowledgement in the March-April, 2010 ACEC/MD Newsletter.*
- *Advertisement in the February 18, 2010 event program.*

The investment for sponsoring the February 18, 2010 event is only:

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We hope that you will join us in this celebration of "Excellence in Engineering," and at the same time take advantage of this chance to promote your company's name.



FORMER BUS DRIVER WELLS IS NEW MTA CHIEF

Maryland Transportation Secretary Beverly Swaim-Staley recently announced the appointment of former bus driver Raligh T. Wells to head the Maryland Transit Administration, an agency with a \$500-million budget and almost 3,000 employees.

Wells, an MTA veteran who is now deputy administrator for operations, will replace long-time ACEC/MD supporter

Paul J. Wiedefeld, who is leaving the MTA, after almost three years as administrator, to return to his old job as chief executive of Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

In choosing the 42-year-old Wells, Gov. Martin O'Malley is turning to a veteran MTA insider who began his career at the agency two decades ago as a bus oper-

ator. At the MTA, Wells has served in a variety of positions, including deputy director of bus operations and director of Metro subway operations.

The newly-appointed administrator's office has already contacted the ACEC/MD office, and we will meet with him in January.



ACEC/MD ROLLS OUT 2010 BUSINESS AGENDA

The 2010 General Assembly Session convenes on January 13, 2010, and your Legislative Committee chaired by GPI's Jim Blake has been laying the ground work for success in what promises to be a very challenging 90 days.

Individual meetings were held in the fall with Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Vice Chair Ed Kasemeyer and Delegate Murray Levy of the House Appropriations Committee's Transportation Subcommittee. Understanding the crisis gripping the transportation industry, both elected officials are very optimistic that a gas tax increase will be a reality in 2011. While ACEC/MD and other business groups such as the Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) and the Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (MTBMA) are encouraging passage of an increase next year, politically that is probably unfeasible.

Breakfasts were also held in early December with both the Anne Arundel County and Howard County Delegations. Appreciation goes out to DFI and GPI for hosting these important meetings.

ACEC/MD's 2010 Business Agenda was officially rolled out at the annual Legislative Breakfast on December 1st, as follows:

ACEC/MD 2010 Legislative Business Agenda

Infrastructure Funding

Maryland is facing an **infrastructure crisis**. To maintain the state's economic competitiveness and viability, it is critical that we invest now to build new infrastructure systems and replace aging ones. Infrastructure refers to the broad range of components that allow us to move people and goods over distances, transport energy, and provide facilities for public usage. Infrastructure includes transit systems, roads and bridges, water and wastewater distribution networks, schools, public buildings and the energy grid. Spending on much needed design and construction of these systems provides immediate job and economic benefits for the entire economy.

Our investment in transportation infrastructure is eroding at an alarming

rate. For example, the six-year Maryland Department of Transportation Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) has decreased 20% over the last year—from \$10.6B in 2008 to \$8.5B in 2009. The transportation infrastructure needs for Maryland have not decreased—in fact they have increased—and a severe delay in future projects is being created right now as no new projects are being designed. Additionally, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("stimulus plan") funds have gone overwhelmingly to "shovel ready" maintenance projects—not the design of major transportation infrastructure systems that result in sustainable projects that will lead to an economic revival in the state.

State revenues dedicated for infrastructure are set aside in the Transportation Trust Fund. ACEC/MD is strongly against "raids" on the Fund to balance state budget shortfalls in other areas. Maintaining the integrity of the Transportation Trust Fund is crucial to ensure there are funds to pay for future transportation programs.

ACEC/MD supports an immediate increase in the gas tax of 10-cents per gallon. Sources of revenue for the Transportation Trust Fund include the gas tax, motor vehicle titling tax, motor vehicle registration fees, a 5.3% portion of the sales and use tax, and 21% of the 8% state income tax on corporations. Many of these sources have not been inflation adjusted for years. For example, the state portion of the motor vehicle fuel tax has remained 23.5-cents per gallon of gasoline since 1992. As a percentage of the cost of gas, the state tax was 21% in 1992 and is just 9% in 2009. The tax would need to increase to 55-cents per gallon in 2009 just to maintain the same percentage. This does not take into account the national average inflation rate increase of 52% between 1992 and 2009. One immediate approach is to adjust these sources of revenue for inflation to present rates. Failure to secure adequate state funds will place federal matching funds for transportation projects in jeopardy.

Other revenue generating options exist and should also be considered.

Funding mechanisms for transit programs should be enhanced as these types of projects are particularly expensive. Review and implementation of funding options are necessary to provide the systems needed for the economic and social well-being of our state. Past legislative studies have been done to identify options. Additional revenue sources might include Public-Private Partnerships, a permanent index of the gas tax to inflation, a vehicle mileage tax, the tolling of specific roads, raising the bonding limit for the Maryland Transportation Authority, and the authorization of a one-cent local sales tax option.

STEM Education

Maryland's economy is dependant on technical and knowledge-based sectors, which are experiencing a growing labor shortage. Filling the void in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) abilities is critical to the state's future economic success.

Programs are needed in K-12, community colleges, and other higher education to increase the number of students in the STEM pipeline. Enhancing the high school engineering curriculum and teacher training is imperative. Current funding for STEM education must remain intact. In addition, **the profession of engineering should be added to the list of critical fields making college engineering students eligible for state Workforce Shortage Assistance Grants.**

Prohibiting Indemnifying Another Party for Their Own Negligence

COMAR Section 5-401 currently prevents construction companies from indemnifying a promisee for damages arising from the sole negligence of the promisee. ACEC/MD is proposing legislation which will amend current law to include engineers and other design professionals in Section 5-401. This is a natural extension of the current law, which results in members of the project team each being held responsible for their own work on a given project.

Minority Business/Small Business Subcontracting

ACEC/MD strongly supports fair, open and equal opportunities for all firms
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without regard to such factors as race or gender. We also support the following:

- Any small/minority business participation goals should be based on the availability of firms that are professionally qualified, and are ready and able to provide the requested services;
- MBE/WBE utilization as prime consultants in the state Small Business Preference Program should be counted toward the satisfaction of MBE/WBE utilization goals for agencies, thus enabling MBE firms to grow larger;
- Goals stated for any project should apply separately and equally to prime and sub-

consultant members of the project delivery team. For example, percentages should apply to all engineering and architectural firms working on a project.

Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS)

The procurement of engineering and related services is one of the most important parts of the process for ensuring quality in a constructed project. A qualifications-based selection (QBS) process allows the owner to choose the firm determined to be the most qualified based on objective criteria. *Selecting the most qualified firm results in the least expensive project over the long run*, as a high quality design

phase will result in less expensive construction and maintenance costs.

ACEC/MD's efforts will hit full stride on January 21st when member firm representatives are invited to participate in the annual Legislative Action Day in Annapolis. In the morning appointments will be scheduled with influential members of the Legislature. Over lunch participants will have the opportunity to discuss issues of importance informally at a luncheon at the Governor Calvert House. Please sign up today. We need the support of all member firms to ensure the success of this event.



CAMEE, ACEC'S COALITION FOR MEPs, PURSUING NEW GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY INITIATIVES

Responding to current issues in the industry, CAMEE, ACEC's coalition focusing on the interests of mechanical/electrical engineers is pursuing new initiatives for its members that includes support for:

- Advanced But Realistic Energy Efficient Building Codes in Federal Energy or Climate Change Legislation
- Federal Incentives for Energy Efficiency, Energy Conservation, and Renewable and Conventional Energy
- Requirements Mandating Commissioning be Supervised by a Licensed P.E. Within a State Licensed Firm. Should be hired using QBS
- Requirements Mandating that Energy Audits/Surveys be Supervised by a Licensed P.E. Within a State Licensed Firm. Should be hired using QBS
- An Update of the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) Whole Building Design Guide (WBDG) to Cover Built-In "Resiliency" of Building Components & Systems

Both House and Senate energy and climate change bills have provisions related to

building codes that will impact local jurisdictions. The bills would provide states with funding to update energy codes and labeling for energy efficient buildings.

The House Bill would require the Department of Energy (DOE) to establish an energy code to achieve 30% savings immediately with a 50% energy savings beginning in 2014 and fully achieved in 2016. The rules would be established by the DOE if IECC and ASHRAE can't finalize codes to meet these targets by the end of the year.

The Senate version takes a more reasonable approach by requiring that the DOE review the ASHRAE and IECC codes every three years to determine 30% energy savings during or after 2010, and 50% during or after 2016.

Other items under consideration in House and Senate bills include:

- A new retrofit program for energy and environmental performances, making financial awards by square foot for energy reductions
- Tax credits for energy improvement upgrades

- Green school renovation
- Lower interest loans for energy improvements

The initiatives are also a response to energy requirements contained in the Energy Independence and Security Act, the President's October 5th Executive Order, and other goals. While goals require custom solutions, energy audit/surveys are not required to be conducted by firms that have professional engineers.

Also under NIBS Whole Building Design Guidance, CAMEE will work with ASHRAE and NIBS to ensure that during a major retrofit or design of a new commercial building, "resiliency" and redundancies are balanced with energy use, safety, security, and other sustainability factors.

Modeled after the highly successful CASE Coalition for Structural Engineers, CAMEE is involved in some very important issues for MEP firms. The investment to join CAMEE is only \$300 per year. For more information, or to join, contact ACEC.



POSSIBLE JOHNS HOPKINS PROJECTS PREVIEWED AT ENGINEERING INNOVATION BREAKFAST

One of the features of this year's Engineering Innovation briefing breakfast was a preview of possible facilities projects at Johns Hopkins' institutions. Delivering an optimistic report for Hopkins, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Jim McGill presented projects under consideration for the Homewood Campus, East Baltimore Campus, and various locations under the Hopkins umbrella.

Launched in 2006 on the Homewood Campus, the Engineering Innovation program has grown to 12 sites in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, and California. Engineering Innovation's mission is to create a national pipeline of innovative and creative thinkers who will lead society's technological advancements.

The program engages high school students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) education, inspires them to consider careers in engineering, and provides an understanding of basic engineering principles.

Engineering Innovation is a month-long summer program for motivated high school juniors and seniors. Through hands-on laboratory experiments and simulations students gain knowledge of STEM principles. Students who earn an A or B grade receive three transferable Johns Hopkins college credits.

Recognizing the importance of this program, ACEC/MD along with member firms KCI Technologies, RK&K, LLP, EBA Engineering, Gannett Fleming, Hatch Mott MacDonald, Schlenger/Pitz & Associates, and Straughan Environmental have made contributions toward the \$100,000 required to support scholarships and other program needs. To become a sponsor, please contact JHU's Neil McCabe at 410-516-4320 or nmccabe@jhu.edu.

Possible future projects presented at the November 13th Breakfast include:

Homewood Campus

- Undergraduate Teaching Laboratories. A 100,000 gsf building on which design has not begun with a target completion of Fall 2013
- A relocation of Student Health Services.

Completed feasibility study; design has begun for \$4 million project

- A project that would infill and add research space to Mergenthaler Hall. A future growth project for which a feasibility study will soon be undertaken
- A project that will add additional chilled water capacity to the Homewood campus. An RFP for design services will be issued shortly
- Mechanical systems retrofit projects are needed in buildings where systems are beyond their useful life. Three buildings are identified as in need. Feasibility studies will be undertaken soon.
- A new home for Hopkins men's and women's lacrosse proximate to Homewood Field. A feasibility study is complete
- Potential for a project that would increase capacity for undergraduate housing
- An addition to Clark Hall's Bio-Medical research building. A feasibility study was conducted. Growth of sponsored research will dictate the timing
- Future buildings on the east and west sides of the Decker Quadrangle. They are only conceptual at present, but the "pad sites" exist for future growth in context with the Master Plan
- Potential development of a parcel of land at the corner of St. Paul and 33rd Streets. Studying in context with current and emerging needs.
- Potential development of the site proximate to the existing Educational Building. No defined need at present but the site offers considerable capacity for the future
- Several projects aimed at space reorganization and interior renovations. Projects might include Garland, Mergenthaler, Shaffer and Maryland Halls

East Baltimore Campus

- Demolition of Reed Hall in 2013-2015
- Tenant improvements in the Rangos building
- Mechanical and electrical infrastructure upgrades to the Traylor Research building
- Mechanical infrastructure upgrades to the Ross Research building

- Fire alarm upgrades to various buildings campus wide
- Replacement of boiler and chillers in the Asthma and Allergy Center
- Interior renovations on the 3rd floor of Pre Clinical Teaching Building
- Renovations to Welch Library for graduate student education
- Cogeneration project

Real Estate – Various Locations

- Renovations at three ambulatory care sites: Frederick, Waldorf and Columbia
- New ambulatory care sites: Hagerstown, Easton and Bethesda
- Fit out of 2701 N. Charles
- Demolition of C Building at Bayview
- Renovation of Mason Lord Tower at Bayview
- Renovation of Alpha Commons at Bayview
- Renovation of 1809 Ashland
- Other possible large renovations
- Montgomery County: two possible large developer-built facilities



MEMBER NEWS

- **EBA ENGINEERING, INC.** is pleased to announce that *Mitchell L. Harris, P.E.* has joined the firm as Senior Project Manager, and *Maria E. Copeland* has joined the firm as Marketing Coordinator.
- **GREENHORNE & O'MARA (G&O)** announces the hiring of *Stephen L. Pattison* as Vice President of Water & Environment. He will lead the firm's environmental services throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast Regions.
- **SIDHU ASSOCIATES, INC.** announces that due to the unfortunate passing of the firm's founder, *Devindar S. Sidhu, Manny Sidhu* is the new President of the firm.



KCI'S TERRY NEIMEYER NOMINATED FOR ACEC CHAIRMANSHIP

Congratulations to former ACEC/MD President and Chairman of the Board and CEO of KCI Technologies Terry Neimeyer who has been nominated to serve as Chairman-Elect of ACEC for FY 2010-2011. He is currently Treasurer and Senior Vice President of ACEC as well as Co-Chairman of the Budget Committee. He is an ACEC/PAC Chairman's Club member, an ACEC Fellow, member and former Chairman of the Design Professionals Coalition, and former member of the Planning Cabinet, Government Advocacy Committee, IBM Committee, and ACEC/PAC Trustees.

He served as National Director from Maryland and as President of ACEC/Maryland in 2001-2002. Terry is on the Board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Past Chairman of the Corporate Leadership Advisory Council of the U.S. Chamber, a member of the University of Delaware Engineering College Advisory Board, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Water Environment Federation. Terry holds a BSCE from the University of Delaware, an MSEE from The Johns Hopkins University and an MBA from Wilmington College.

Other nominees for office in 2010-2012 include:

Treasurer – Sergio Pecori (Hanson Professional Services; IL)

Vice Chair – Paul Grosser (Grosser Consulting; NY)

Vice Chair – Miller Love (Collins Engineers; SC)

Vice Chair – Robert Paulsen (PBSJ Corporation; FL)

The terms of office commence during the April 2010 Annual Convention.



MEMBER FIRMS ENCOURAGED TO UTILIZE NEW TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PRESENTATION

Recognizing the dire straits of transportation funding in the state of Maryland, ACEC/MD is offering member firms a resource to both educate and encourage their employees to become part of the solution.

Spearheaded by former ACEC/MD President and Ex-MDOT Deputy Secretary Steve Zentz, the presentation entitled Transportation and You outlines the problem facing the state's Transportation Trust Fund, and calls on all member firm employees to help educate their family members, colleagues and friends on the issue at hand.

The goal of this effort is to utilize the 6,000 employees of our member firms as "foot soldiers" in developing support in both the Maryland Legislature and

Congress to gain funding for sustainable projects in the state of Maryland.

To access this presentation, please go to www.acecmd.org and click on the EXE format to download the presentation to your computer or the SWF format to import the presentation to your firm's server. Members of the Transportation Funding Initiative Committee are ready to assist any firms in rolling out this presentation.

We hope that all member firms will utilize this resource to educate their employees about the urgency of the situation and the importance of getting involved in the solution. Please contact the ACEC/MD office for any assistance that you might need.



MAN CHARGED WITH FAKING PE CREDENTIALS

According to the Baltimore Sun, the Maryland State Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR) has charged a 51-year-old Westminster man with using fake credentials to get hired as a professional engineer by at least three firms.

According to the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, a three-count indictment was handed down charging the individual with one count of practicing without a license and two counts of counterfeiting a public seal.

The Board's investigation found that the individual was an electrician by trade with no education or training in engineering. He was used as a troubleshooter in

the field and had testified as an expert witness in court cases stemming from electrical fires. Charging documents claim that the individual was practicing without a license between May and November, but might have worked as a professional engineer for as long as five years.

The Board also found that he supplied employers with a phony Johns Hopkins University transcript that he ordered over the internet. He also had fake licensing documents that contained an authentic Maryland State seal and an authentic professional engineer license number belonging to a person who was last licensed in 1998.



 Holiday Wishes
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- January 19-20** **Exterior Walls Technology and Science**
- January 21-22** *Masonry Wall Systems* Charleston, SC. Both courses offered by RCI, Inc. For more information call 800-828-1902 or go to www.rci-online.com.org.
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- January 27-28** *MdQI Conference 2010 Annual Conference/Workshop "Envisioning our Future: Funding, Environment and Innovation"* Baltimore. For information or to register, please go to the ACEC/MD website www.acecmd.org.
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- February 8-10** *SPAR 2010 – 3D Imaging & Positioning 7th Annual Conference.* Houston, TX. For more information, call 978-774-1102.
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- February 23-26** *Green Infrastructure and Sustainable Communities: Opportunities in New Markets* New Orleans, LA. Presented by ACEC. For more information call 202-347-7474 or go to www.acec.org.
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- March 2-3** *8th Annual Urban Transportation Summit* Toronto, Ontario. Sponsored by ALSTOM. For more information call 1-866-298-9343 or go to registrations@strategyinstitute.com.
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- March 10-12** *3rd Annual Transportation & Infrastructure Convention* Washington, DC. For more information contact Trudy Hester at 214-750-0123 or thester@dean.net.