



CASE, NCSEA and SEI to Meet in Colorado Springs

New Group SELPP to Hold Organizational Meeting

Leaders of the three major structural engineering associations will meet the morning of May 11, 2004 at a "Leaders Forum", in conjunction with the ACEC

convention in Colorado Springs at the Broadmoor Resort. Periodic meetings are held by these groups to coordinate and update each other on current and future activities. Registration and certification of structural engineers is always a topic, along with coordination of meetings and educational sessions.

That same afternoon, there will be an organizational meeting of a new

group – Structural Engineers Liability Prevention Program (SELPP). As its name indicates, its focus will be on risk management and liability prevention drawing on the experience and knowledge of its members. Some major structural engineering firms are involved in its organization and any private sector firm interested in learning more is welcome to attend.



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ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament

Headliners Include PGA's Carnevale And NFL's Hall Of Famer Stenerud

NFL Hall of Fame Kicker Jan Stenerud will be a featured guest at the ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament at the Broadmoor in Colorado on May 13, 2004. ACEC/PAC members will also have the opportunity to hone their game with PGA Professional Mark Carnevale, 1992 PGA Rookie-of-the-Year, who will host a golf instruction clinic prior to the tournament.

The ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament will be held at the Broadmoor's East Course, one of only 12 courses in North America to receive

a five-star rating by Golf Digest last year.

A former kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs, Stenerud was one of the first soccer-style kickers in the league, and had a profound impact on kicking in the NFL. He played 19 seasons in the NFL and was selected as a member of the NFL's 75th Anniversary all-time team. He is the NFL's all-time leader with 373 field goals, and is second on the all-time scoring list with 1,699 points.



To register for ACEC/PAC events in Colorado Springs, contact Sumita Singh at 202-347-7474 or go to www.acec.org for an online registration form.

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CASE Publications

Some You May Know About, Some You May Not

- A Guideline Addressing Coordination and Completeness of Structural Construction Documents, #962 D
- One-page short form limited services agreement between client and structural engineer (SE), #1
- Longer form agreement between client and SE, #2
- Agreement between SE and Consulting Design Professional, #3
- Project Peer Review Agreement, #5
- Agreement between SE and a Testing Laboratory, #9
- An Agreement for Forensic Engineering Services, #12
- Agreement when the Structural Engineer is Prime Professional, #13
- CASE Commentary on Design/Build

Contracts, #976 B

- Commentary on Code of Standard Practice for Steel Buildings and Bridges, #976 C
- A Proposal Preparation Spreadsheet (designed especially for SE's)

All can be found at www.acec.org/publications.



CASE In Point



ACEC Private Client Task Force

ACEC Seeking To Protect Cash Accounting Method Crucial To Firms Serving Private Sector

ACEC has taken the offensive to protect legislation that allows the "cash method" of accounting, an important tool for small firms and firms that focus on private sector clients.

ACEC-endorsed legislation to update the tax code, and preserve the ability of employee-owned engineering firms to continue to use the "cash method" as opposed to the "accrual method" of accounting for tax purposes, was introduced last year by Congressman Jim Nussle (R-IA). It was subsequently passed by the House.

Members of ACEC's Private Client Task Force have had meetings with key leaders including Senate Finance Chairman Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Senate Budget Chairman Don Nickles (R-OK). Both have expressed broad support for the measure.

Bob Macomber, Executive Committee member and Chairman of the Private Client Task Force, has been working with ACEC members to focus on issues that firms with primarily private sector clients consider most relevant to their business interests, such as the "cash method" of accounting.

Other issues that the Task Force is pursuing include urban sprawl, resistance to development, professional services tax, PDH requirements, sustainable development, liability reform and issues relating to lending institutions.

In addition, ACEC reached out to client organizations, such as the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), and others to partner in advancing issues of mutual concern.

"This effort will create more dialogue and a closer relationship between ACEC



members and client organizations," said Macomber, "and more business opportunities for engineering firms."

CASE Agreement for Small Projects

A One-Page Three Part Carbonless Form

This is CASE agreement number one for small projects or investigations. Its official name is "An Agreement For the Provision of Limited Professional Services". Included is a form of agreement and the terms and conditions. It is recommended when work will be performed in a relatively short time frame. It contains the essentials of a good contract including scope of service, fee arrangements, and terms and conditions. This agreement can be used as a contract

between the structural engineer (SE) and owner, architect or other client. There are no clear criteria as to the maximum size project for which this contract can be used. However, it has been suggested that if the scope of services on a project can be adequately stated in the eight lines provided, this agreement would be appropriate.

This document has been widely used by CASE members, as well as other

structural engineers. The usage has fostered familiarity by engineers and their clients, and has established a track record that helps the engineers to persuade new clients to use it. As with any short contract, special attention should be paid to the areas of billings/payments, hidden conditions and risk allocation. Modifications may be appropriate. It can be ordered off the ACEC website at www.acec.org/publications.

OSHA Statistics

Worker Injuries/Illnesses/Fatalities for 2001

In 2001, occupational injury and illness rates dropped to the lowest level – 5.7 cases per 100 workers – since the U.S. began collecting this information, part of an eight-year downward trend. There were 5.2 million injuries/illnesses among private sector firms.

There were 5,900 worker deaths in 2001, less than one percent fewer than in 2000.

Fatalities related to highway incidents, electrocutions, fires and explosions, and contact with objects or equipment all declined. Deaths from job-related falls increased 10 percent, while homicides decreased to their lowest levels since the census was first conducted in 1992. These figures do not include fatalities related to the events of 9/11/2001.

