



ACEC-PEI

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Prince Edward Island (ACEC-PEI) is a non-profit association representing the business interests of the majority of consulting engineering firms in Prince Edward Island. As the business voice of the consulting engineering industry on the Island, ACEC-PEI is the link between private industry, government, regulators, purchasers, decision makers, and owners.

Our Association is a highly focused group that advocates, educates, networks, awards and recognizes outstanding engineering efforts of its Member Firms.

ACEC-PEI represents the commercial interests of businesses that provide professional engineering services to both the public and the private sector. Our members' services include planning, designing and implementing all types of engineering projects, and providing independent advice and expertise in a wide range of engineering-related fields.

ACEC-PEI's member firms directly influence virtually every aspect of quality of life in PEI - economic, social and environmental.

ACEC-PEI is a member organization of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-Canada (ACEC) and International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC). When a company joins ACEC-PEI, it automatically joins ACEC-Canada and FIDIC.



Benefits of Membership

As an organization, our greatest strength is our members. ACEC-PEI member firms enjoy unparalleled opportunities for professional networking and growth. Our member firms automatically become a member of ACEC-Canada and receive all the benefits associated with that membership. Member voices are heard both at the provincial and the national level. PEI firms can submit projects to the Canadian Consulting Engineering Awards program and will be listed on the ACEC-PEI and ACEC-Canada websites.

Included in ACEC-PEI membership is a discount on the ACEC-Canada E-Shoppe items which include ACEC standard engineering contracts, surveys and CCDC standard contracts and guides. While, CCDC contracts are the industry standard construction contracts, our ACEC contracts are becoming widely accepted by Island clients including the Province and many municipal governments as well as private clients. Quality contracts form the backbone of a well understood and equally balanced client-engineer agreement and protect the interested for both their mutual benefit.

Member firms take advantage of professional development programs designed specifically for the consulting engineering sector and engage their future company leaders in our Young Professional Network. Member firms also benefit from the close working relationship ACEC-PEI has with other local industry stakeholders and client groups and help promote the consulting engineering industry.

Advocacy

Our main goal is to stay focused on the key issues that affect our members and ensure their positions are made known.

For most clients, selecting an engineering firm may be the most important decision in ensuring the success of a project. For that reason, the procurement process is of specific interest to us. ACEC-PEI advocates the use of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) as the preferred method for procuring engineering services. QBS takes into account a company's qualifications (experience and skills) as opposed to awarding a contract based on the low price.

Priority should be given to core infrastructure that grows the economy, creates jobs and expands the tax base. Growing the economy is essential to making further investments in community social infrastructure viable and sustainable in the long term. We suggest a 10-year plan which will de-politicize infrastructure planning and create stability.

ACEC-PEI is working to tackle these important issues in several ways by:

- Raising political awareness of issues at the federal and provincial level
- Engaging with government departments that hire engineering firms
- Allying with other organizations that are also affected by current practices
- Negotiating an agreement with the PEI Department of Transportation, Infrastructure and Environment to move away from price based selection
- Promoting the use of ACEC-Canada standard contracts with clients
- Raising awareness of the importance of the professional engineering sector both socially and economically
- Providing a review and comments on the Applied Science & Engineering Technicians & Technologists Act
- Direct consultations for the implementation of the Provincial Building Code Act

Activities

ACEC-PEI has made the voice of consulting engineering heard among government and other stakeholders on important member issues related to business, public policy and regulations. Working with other PEI associations and ACEC-Canada, we have spoken out on the need for infrastructure investment, responsible resource development and a more favourable business and regulatory climate for our industry.

ACEC-PEI activities include:

- Member, Board of Directors, ACEC-Canada
- Advocacy on behalf of member firms at ACEC-Canada's annual Parliament Hill Day
- Represent member firms' interests as a member of the Construction Association Standard Practice Committee
- Represent member firms' interests with, PEI Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association
- Represent member firms' interests with, Construction Association of Prince Edward Island
- Represent member firms' interests with, Architects' Association of PEI
- Represent member firms' interests as a member of the Engineers PEI Advocacy Committee

Become more involved with your industry!

Corporate members maintain an office or offices in Prince Edward Island and are engaged primarily in the business of offering independent consulting engineering services.

Member firms:

**CBCL Limited
Coles Associates Ltd.
Delcom Limited
Eastech
Fundy Engineering & Consulting Ltd.
Harbourside Engineering Consultants
Harland Associates
Joose Environmental Consulting Inc.
Stantec Consulting Ltd.
WSP**

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