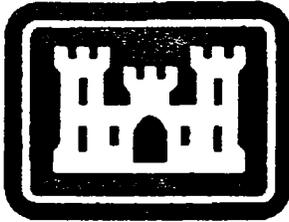


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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
and
AMERICAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS COUNCIL



PARTNERING AGREEMENT



Mission Statement

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC) seek through this agreement to achieve a "world-class" partnership between our organizations. Our common purposes are to provide quality and responsive engineering and consulting services to the nation and to keep the United States competitive in the "global economy".

Goals and Objectives

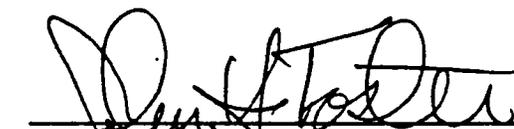
- Ensure a continuing dialogue between USACE and ACEC at all levels.
- Enhance professionalism and integrity throughout our industry.
- Foster a problem-solving attitude to ensure effective issue resolution.
- Promote quality through continuous process improvement.
- Clarify and understand the changing roles of USACE and the private sector.
- Promote qualifications-based selection procurement of A-E services and support a healthy business environment.
- Improve communications and teamwork to achieve uniform and efficient business practices.
- Invest in the future by promoting continuing education, research, and development.

This agreement is a model and a roadmap for direction, a framework for action, and a guideline for operations. It ratifies the work of the USACE/ACEC Partnering Conference at St. Michaels, MD, September 28-30, 1992, and the conferees' signatures are appended.

Agreed to this day
October 16, 1992



Major General Peter J. Offringa
Deputy Commander
USACE



John H. Foster
President
ACEC



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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

CEMP-ES (1110)

MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Partnering with Architect-Engineer Organizations

1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has just ratified an historic partnering agreement with the American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC). The enclosed agreement commits the Corps and ACEC to work as a team to promote engineering excellence in service to the nation.

2. This agreement was developed at a conference between key leaders of both organizations on 28-30 September 1992, and was ratified at the ACEC Fall Conference on 16 October 1992. The eight common goals and objectives seek to enhance our profession, continually improve quality and business practices, strengthen communications and understandings, and promote a healthy engineering business environment.

3. I expect this national-level agreement to be a model for you to follow in developing similar regional and local partnerships with ACEC and other professional and industry organizations. Partnering is the way we want to do all of our business in the Corps. Partnering creates a positive and cooperative climate for success in our relationships with contractors and industry.

4. Please keep me informed of your successes in building partnerships with the architect-engineer (A-E) community. Likewise, we will keep you informed of the results of our agreement with ACEC and of our progress in developing similar partnering agreements with other national organizations.

5. My point of contact on A-E partnering is Donald Evick, P.E., Engineering Division, Directorate of Military Programs, (202) 272-1053.

Encl

Arthur E. Williams
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