EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

ACEC of Kansas Emerging Leaders Program is for individuals committed to developing their leadership abilities. This program imparts specific skills and competencies identified by top ACEC of Kansas principals as critical for leadership success. These highly interactive sessions are taught by experts in the field of business administration and people management in professional services firms. Session meeting locations and times are listed with the session. This program is only open to ACEC of Kansas member firms. Featured session topics include:

Thursday and Friday, September 24-25, 2020
Location: Cyrus Hotel
920 S. Kansas Ave
Topeka, KS 66612

Thursday, September 24, 2020
Orientation
Scott Heidner, J.D., ACEC of Kansas Executive Director 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Do you think 20 engineers will be too shy to get to know each other in a short time? Think again! ACEC Kansas Executive Director Scott Heidner will deliver a high energy presentation, and interactive sessions will have class members working and laughing together in no time at all. This critical session sets the stage for class members to work together for the program.

Lunch 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Leadership 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Break 3:00 – 3:15 pm

Dan Oblinge, Founder, Leadercraft Corporate Education
If you want to be a great leader, you’ll want to be a great listener. This presentation helps the participants to diagnose any listening habits that are hindering their ability to communicate well. It provides a practical and effective method of improving listening, negotiating, and leadership. An experienced hostage negotiator will provide a guided tour of the ancient and nearly lost art of listening well.

Reception at ACEC Office 5:30 – 6:30 pm
825 S. Kansas Avenue, Suite 500
Topeka, KS 66612
This will include a presentation from Steve Hall, ACEC National Vice President of Government Affairs and other ACEC Kansas leaders.

Dinner as a group: Celtic Fox
**Friday, September 25, 2020**

**Business Development**

*Mike Lally, PE, PG, Replica*

8:30 - 10:30 am

Instilling and encouraging a strong business development culture in your firm makes great business sense. It can prove to be an important differentiator and can positively influence the firm’s project delivery, hiring and recruiting, and career development processes. Developing a business development culture requires understanding the distinction between marketing and business development, exposing false common business development myths, recognizing the many ways in which technical staff can contribute to the business development process, and investing in strategies that yield the highest return-on-investment.

**Governmental Affairs**

*Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt*

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

The government’s leadership influences the overall business climate and an individual firm’s success. Business leaders need to know how to participate effectively in the public arena and build consensus. They also need to understand how government affairs activities can help their business succeed and how to encourage active participation at the grassroots level in the firm.

**Voluntary Capitol Tour**

Dome Tour 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

Historic Tour 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Thursday and Friday, October 8-9, 2020**

**Location:** Hotel at Old Town

830 E. 1st St. N.
Wichita, KS 67202

**Thursday, October 8, 2020**

Risk Management 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Break 3:00 – 3:15 pm

*Wyatt Hoch, J.D., Foulston Siefkin LLP*

Carefully wording contract provisions minimizes risk to design professionals. We’ll discuss how contract provisions allocate risks between parties and the legal effect of specific contract provisions. Getting contracts right the first time can be the difference between a profitable project and incurring more liability than your firm can afford.

**Dinner as a group:** Public at the Brickyard 5:45 pm

129 North Rock Island Road
Wichita, KS 67202

**Friday, October 9, 2020**

Management 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Break 10:30 – 10:45 am

*Dan Oblinger, Founder, Leadcraft Corporate Education*

The most critical ongoing discussion managers have is the performance conversation. This session clearly defines the relationship between manager and employee and offers concrete strategies to manage performance, handle workplace issues, and ensure employees are engaged and satisfied.
Voluntary Lunch (on your own): River City Brewery  
150 N. Mosley Street  
Wichita, KS 67202

Wednesday and Thursday, November 18-19, 2020
Location: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Kansas City – Overland Park  
10100 College Blvd  
Overland Park, KS 66210

Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Human Resources  
1:00 – 5:00 pm
Break  
3:00 – 3:15 pm

Anthony Comella
Human resource philosophy and functions are often the basis for company planning and meeting client needs. We’ll examine systems for performance management and employee relations strategies. The strongest asset for any organization is its people. Maximizing that asset is essential to strong leadership.

Dinner as a group: Garozzo’s Ristorante  
5:45 pm
9950 College Blvd  
Overland Park, KS 66210

Bowling as a group: AMF College Lanes  
8:30 pm
10201 College Blvd  
Overland Park, KS 66210

Thursday, November 19, 2020
Senior Leaders Roundtable  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

From Management to Leadership
Tony O’Malley, Lamp Rynearson; Agnes Otto, WSP; Keith Warta, Bartlett & West
Take the opportunity to network with a diverse panel of leading industry professionals. This session will culminate the Emerging Leaders Program experience. The facilitated session gives participants a chance to ask industry leaders questions concerning industry, practices, and management.

Conclusion
Graduation Celebration and lunch  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Participation is limited to 20. You may only register one member from your firm. Registration priority is given to firms that have not participated, length of time since firm last participated and then first-come first-served. A waiting list will be maintained.

- **Cost:** $1325 per person for attendees. Tuition includes all meeting materials, PDHs, welcome reception, breakfasts, dinners and lunches. Tuition does not include lodging or travel expenses.
- Return the completed registration form via fax, email or regular mail as soon as possible to reserve a spot. If paying for the program by check, that check should be sent with a printed copy of the participant’s registration form.
- **Payments/Cancellations/Refunds:** Full payment must be received by July 17, 2020 or registration will be cancelled. Cancellations received from July 17 to August 14, 2020 will receive a 50% refund unless another registrant can be confirmed. Slot may be transferred to another member of the same firm. **No refunds after August 14, 2020.**
- **For Check payments:** Please make checks payable to ACEC Kansas and mail it with this form to ACEC Kansas, 825 S Kansas Avenue, Suite 500, Topeka, 66612.
- If you have questions or would like to add a second individual from your firm to the program waiting list, call Andrea Isaias at 785-357-1824.
- This program is only open to ACEC of Kansas member firms.
- Attendees must be present at all sessions. If more than half of one session is missed, that session must be attended the following year to graduate. Only the attendee registered may attend the sessions. Substitute attendees will not be accepted. Participants do not have to be a P.E.. Anyone that has an impact on your business, including land surveyors, architects, business development, etc. are welcome and would benefit from this training. There will be PDH forms available at the end of the program.

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