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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of North Carolina*

The latest news & upcoming events  
for engineering excellence in  
North Carolina

## Upcoming Events:

### March

3.16.2022

Pitch Fore the PAC

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3.21.2022

ECNC Education and  
Advocacy Fundraising  
Event

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3.29.2022

Business Practices  
Committee Event

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### April

4.7.2022

Virtual Bourbon Tasting

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4.13.2022

B&I Committee Meeting

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4.20.2022

Environmental & Energy  
Education Networking  
Event

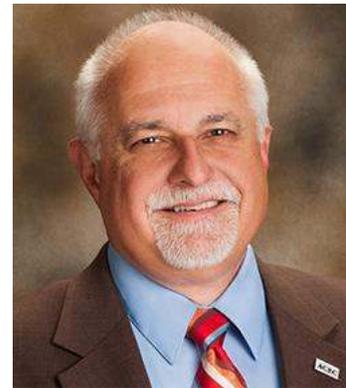
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## A message from Executive Director James Smith

Dear ACEC/NC Member,

Happy March! If you are like me, you are looking forward to the warmer temperatures. Just not the pollen that we know comes with it.

Like many of you, the first quarter of 2022 has been busier than we ever expected. We have seen the pent-up demand for events, especially in-person, following two years of lockdown. And we are doing our best to meet the demand through new and innovative offerings. [Read the full letter](#)



## BUSINESS PRACTICES MEETING

### Industry Trends:

**Where are we going and how  
do we get there?**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 29th

**TIME:** 10:30am to 2:00pm

**LOCATION:** Embassy Suites Raleigh  
Crabtree



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## Business Practices Meeting

Our [all-star panel](#) includes representatives from the city of Raleigh, Towns of Fuquay-Varina and Holly Springs, as well as HR professionals that will provide their insights and visions.

4.26.2022

Business Practices  
Committee Meeting

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## ECNC Education and Advocacy Fundraising Event

Engineering Companies for North Carolina (ECNC) aims to educate and advocate on behalf of engineering Companies in North Carolina.

Join us at the 2nd annual Education and Advocacy Fundraising Event on Monday, March 21, 2022, at Pinehurst Resort. Your support of ECNC helps promote the legislative interests of North Carolina engineering firms. All engineering firms practicing in North Carolina will benefit from this informational event.

Please visit the [ECNC website](#) for more information and the register for this event.

## Young Professional of the Year Award

Nominations due March 18th



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The Young Professional of the Year Award strives to promote the accomplishments of young engineers by highlighting their engineering contributions and the resulting impact on society.

All nominations are due by March 18th, 2022.

Click [here](#) to learn more and submit a nomination.

## ACEC Research Institute's Engineering Business Sentiment Survey Finds Extreme Optimism



The second quarterly ACEC Research Institute Business Sentiment survey paints a starkly two-tone picture. Of the more than 600 member firm respondents, most are "extremely optimistic" about the current state of their firms and our industry, but at the same time, their "faith in the future of the U.S. economy dropped."

The survey uses a "Net Ratings" system, in which the negative responses are subtracted from the positive responses. A positive Net Rating indicates optimism and a negative one indicates pessimism.

You can read more about the report [here](#).

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## Featured Member Spotlight

Founded in 1993, **The Vericom Group** supports engineering firms by leveraging its industry contacts and knowledge to save them time and money in the area of expense management. Additionally, Vericom provides consolidated billing statements that reduce dozens or hundreds of monthly bills into one statement that provides GL/Cost Center Coding and Variance to Budget information and ensure your bills are accurate and paid on time.



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