

2016
ACEA

Annual Conference

MAY 10 - 11, 2016

PERDIDO BEACH RESORT

ORANGE BEACH, ALA.



Federal Highway Bill



Liability Issues Facing Counties



County Transportation Report and FHWA Update



President's Luncheon and Awards Ceremony



Golf Tournament

ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY
ENGINEERS OF ALABAMA

The 2016 ACEA Annual Conference is scheduled for May 10 - 11, 2016, at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Ala. We hope you will make your plans NOW to attend! **You can register online for the conference at www.alabamacounties.org.**

Conference registration for ACEA members is \$185 each if you register before Friday, April 15. Late registration will take effect after April 15 and will be \$200 each. (Cancellations will not be refunded after Friday, April 29.) Enclosed in this packet is information on the John F. Courson Excellence in County Engineering Award, information on the Golf Tournament, and a conference agenda.

PLEASE NOTE: The ACEA Board meeting will be on Tuesday following the golf tournament. This allows for a less constrictive time for the Board meeting and also allows Board members to participate in the Breakfast on Wednesday morning.

I am sure you can see from the topics that this will be a great conference! We are especially excited about the Opening General Session. We will spend some time talking about the Federal Highway Bill and breaking down recent flood damage throughout the state. We'll also hear our annual reports from Craig Dillard, Ed Austin, Mark Bartlett and Brent Watson. In addition we'll hear from DOT on ATRIP Phase III Deadlines.

We will be returning to the Florabama Yacht Club again this year. Please be sure to sign up your guests for this family friendly dinner.

To reserve your room at the Perdido Beach Resort, you may call the hotel directly at 800-634-8001 or log onto www.perdidobeachresort.com, and then go to the "Reservations" section. Enter **10267** in the Group Code section. The conference room rate is \$159 a night and the cut off date for hotel reservations is April 10th.

We must use 85% of our room block or the ACEA will have to pay for the unused rooms. We are asking that you please stay at the Perdido Beach Resort in support of the ACEA.

If you have any problems or questions regarding the conference or making reservations, please call Jennifer Datcher at (334) 263-7594, or send an email to jdatcher@alabamacounties.org. We look forward to seeing you in Orange Beach!

**JOHN F. COURSON
EXCELLENCE IN COUNTY
ENGINEERING AWARD**



The ACEA would like to recognize projects, programs, and/or departments that have excelled in the field of county engineering. The John F. Courson Excellence in County Engineering Award will be awarded during the ACEA Annual Conference May 10 - 11, 2016, and will recognize unique, innovative, or superb accomplishments in county engineering in Alabama. Individuals who wish to nominate a project, program, and/or department should fill out the nomination form below and return to the ACCA office along with a supporting letter.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2016. The nomination form and letter may be accompanied by supporting documentation, such as photos, charts, tables, etc.

Name of the county being nominated: _____

Name of the County Engineer: _____

Description/name of the program, project, or department being nominated:

In a separate letter please explain why the nominee should receive the award.

The ACEA Awards Committee consists of the three most recent Past Presidents of the ACEA. Nominations are welcome from the county with the nominated program, project, and/or department, or by a second party. If you have questions, please call Donna Key at (334) 263-7594.

ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS OF ALABAMA

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Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach, Ala.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

8 a.m.

ACEA Golf Tournament Registration

Gulf Shores Golf Club

9 a.m.

Shotgun Start, ACEA Golf Tournament

(A buffet lunch will be served.)

3 - 6 p.m.

Conference Registration

4 - 6 p.m.

ACEA Board of Directors Meeting

6 - 7 p.m.

Opening Reception and Golf Tournament Prizes

*(Tournament prizes will be
announced during the reception.)*

Dinner on your own.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Conference Breakfast

8 - 10:30 a.m.

Conference Registration

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Opening General Session

- Breaking Down the Federal Highway Bill, *Jessica Monohan, NACo Associate Legislative Director (invited)*
- Managing Employees and Dealing with the Public, *Barkley Kirkland and Ashley Clements, Houston County (invited)*
- ACEA Motor Grader Operator Training, *Chris Champion, John Bedford, Justin Hardee and Randy Cole*
- Panel Discussion on Flood Damage and Q&A, *Randy Tindell, Coffee County Engineer; Josh Harvill, Chambers County Engineer; Bryan Cheatwood, Winston County Engineer*
- Liability Issues Facing Counties, *Craig Dillard, Webb and Eley, P.C.*

12 - 1 p.m.

President's Luncheon

(Awards Ceremony, NACE Update, ACCA Legislative Report, Business Session)

1:15 - 5 p.m.

Afternoon General Session

- County Transportation Status Report, *Ed Phillips, ALDOT*
- FHWA Update, *Mark Bartlett, Division Administrator*
- ATRIP Phase III Deadlines, *ALDOT (speaker TBA)*
- ADEM Update, *Brent Watson, Chief of Enforcement and Remediation Section, ADEM*
- Legislative Report, *Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*
- Legal Update, *Mary Pons, ACCA Association Counsel*

6 - 8 p.m.

Conference Dinner at the FloraBama Yacht Club

- Busses will be provided for transportation. Please do not drive your own vehicle.



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ACEA CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT



- Tuesday, May 10, 2016
- Gulf Shores Golf Club, Gulf Shores, Alabama
- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Range Balls
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start (A buffet lunch will be served when you come off the course)
- The Tournament will use a scramble format to allow every player to be directly involved in the scoring. This format does not require that all players be expert golfers. Everyone, regardless of skill level, is encouraged to play!
- The cost is \$35 per player for county engineers and employees. This includes lunch, greens fees, cart, drinks, snacks and prizes!
- Register online at www.alabamacounties.org!

Please remember that in order to
comply with the Alabama
Ethics Law, you may only
accept an invitation to dinner, etc.
from a vendor that is a
registered participant in the
Conference.