Engineering Practice in Alabama

QBS Update

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White Papers by Board of Licensure

1. Quality Based Selection of Engineering and Surveying Services
   (Exhibit 1)
   - Federal Agency Process – The Brooks Act
   - Alabama Agency Process

2. August 31, 2015 Memorandum to Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
   (Exhibit 2)
Background Information

ASCE Policy Statement 304 – Qualification Based Selection of Professional Engineers (Exhibit 3)

ACEC Issues Brief – Qualification Based Selection (Exhibit 4)

Testimony by Ronald Brenke, P.E. – ACEC of Michigan (Exhibit 5)
Key Events in Alabama Affecting QBS

- Changes to Board of Licensure
- August 31, 2015 Memo from Board of Licensure to Licensees (Exhibit 2)
- ASPLS appealed to the Board of Licensure to become exempt from QBS for projects under $15,000. The request was denied.
- 2016 – Alabama Legislature establishes LRS Review of Boards and Commissions
**Key Events in Alabama Affecting QBS (cont.)**

- **June/July 2016** – ASPLS makes second appeal to the Board of Licensure for exemption. ASPLS votes on QBS position statement at their annual meeting. (Exhibit 6)
- **July 2016** – Administrative Rule pertaining to QBS submitted to Legislative Reference Service for review
- **August 10, 2016** – Board of Licensure notifies societies of Board Meeting on August 11, 2016
- **August 11, 2016** – Societies are notified that the Board of Licensure voted to repeal 330.x.14.05(f) and 330.15.06(A.14).
- **September 20, 2016** – Letter from ACEC attorney to ACEC Executive Director (Exhibit 7)
Key Events in Alabama Affecting QBS (cont.)

- September 21, 2016 - Proposed Rule draft prepared and agreed on by Engineering and Survey society stakeholders in collaboration with the Board of Licensure
- November 2, 2016 – Draft dismissed by Board of Licensure
- November 2016 – Board of Licensure votes to repeal QBS
- December 2016 – Board of Licensure votes to repeal and replace QBS
- January 10, 2017 – ACEC leadership met with LRS Special Council
Key Events in Alabama Affecting QBS (cont.)

- January 30, 2017 - Board of Licensure Public Hearing
  - Board of Licensure votes to pursue Immunity Bill and suspend prior vote to repeal QBS
- State Senator Clyde Chambliss, P.E. files SB171 and SB174
- State Representative David Sessions files HB231 and HB232
- February 22, 2017 –
  - HB231 and HB232 pass Committee
  - SB171 passed for second reading
  - SB174 carried over
What is our future response?

- Personal relationships with Legislators
- Organized to respond quickly and strategically
- Join ACEC and other partners to promote legislation
- Support engineers to run for public office
- Participate in ASCE Legislative Day
- Contact Legislators to support legislation (Exhibit 9)
Questions: