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Extreme Weather Driving Unprecedented Demand for Resilient Infrastructure, Says National Survey

WASHINGTON D.C. — The increasing frequency of major storms, tornadoes, flooding and other catastrophic weather events in recent years has resulted in unprecedented actions to protect infrastructure against extreme weather and climate change, according to a new national survey.

Findings from the quarterly Engineering Business Index (EBI) survey of engineering firm executives, conducted in July by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), show that nearly half (46 percent) of their clients – owners of facilities and infrastructure – now mandate extreme weather resiliency as an integral part of project requirements.

This new demand is a substantial change from three years ago, when only 23 percent of respondents said their clients wanted extreme weather resiliency in infrastructure designs.

“Demand for resilient infrastructure and facilities are so strong and growing so rapidly that engineering firms are expanding their capabilities to meet this need,” said ACEC President and CEO David A. Raymond.

To view a detailed summary of the latest EBI survey, go to: www.acec.org.

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