

<u>Issue Description</u>	<u>ACEC Position</u>
Issue 1: House passage of HR2881, FAA Reauthorization, which provides for increased multi-year funding guarantees for the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and raises the cap on Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs) for airports to fund improvement and expansion projects. The bill also includes committee report language encouraging the use of QBS on airport projects funded through PFCs. The bill passed by a vote of 267-151.	Supports the bill
Issue 2: Final passage of HR1195, SAFETEA-LU technical corrections, which makes technical and clarifying changes to SAFETEA LU. It eliminates the ability to opt-out of the application of QBS on transit projects, and it allows hundreds of highway improvement projects to move forward, providing more contracting opportunities for engineering firms. The bill passed by a vote of 358-51.	Supports the bill
Issue 3: House passage of HR6532, which provides a one-time transfer of \$8 billion into the Highway Trust Fund. It shores up the balance for Fiscal Year 2009, averting a potential 34% cut to state highway programs and the cancellation of thousands of highway projects. The bill passed by a vote of 387-37.	Supports the bill
Issue 4: House passage of HR720, the Water Quality Financing Act, which reauthorizes and expands the Clean Water Act State Revolving Fund (SRF) for wastewater treatment loans to local governments to \$14 billion over four years. The bill also includes language to require the use of QBS in the procurement of engineering services for SRF-funded projects. The bill passed by a vote of 303-108.	Supports passage
Issue 5: House passage of the final conference report for HR1495, Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (WRDA) – authorizes \$24 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for various river, harbor improvement, conservation, flood control and development projects nationwide. The bill addresses a long list of infrastructure projects that have awaited approval by Congress since the last WRDA package was adopted in 2000. The bill passed by a vote of 381-40.	Supports passage
Issue 6: Cosponsorship of HR2421, “Clean Water Restoration Act”, which subjects to federal jurisdiction ephemeral and intermittent streams, ditches and other conveyances, and potentially groundwater by defining them as “waters of the United States.” Such federally-jurisdictional waters would be subject to permits by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, and other federal agencies.	Opposes cosponsorship
Issue 7: Cosponsorship of HR1023, which would repeal the 3% withholding mandate on federal, state, and some local government contracts set to take effect in 2011. This mandate, which goes into effect in 2011, was approved by Congress without debate and would harm honest taxpayers, especially small businesses.	Supports cosponsorship
Issue 8: Cosponsorship of HR2380, which would permanently repeal the estate tax. This legislation would protect small, family-owned businesses.	Supports cosponsorship

- Issue 9:** Sessions amendment to HR2641, the FY'08 Energy and Water Appropriations bill, sought to strip language from the bill that could restrict the ability of the Corps of Engineers to contract with the private sector. The Sessions Amendment was defeated 259-164. **Supported the amendment**
- Issue 10:** House passage of HR1362, the "Accountability in Contracting Act", which includes language that could result in the public disclosure of confidential and proprietary company information. The bill also restricts agency flexibility by limiting non-competitive contracts to one year and requiring agency programs to minimize sole-source and maximize fixed-price contracts. The bill passed by a vote of 347-73. **Opposed passage**
- Issue 11:** House motion to shut down debate on legislation to expand the availability of Association Health Plans (AHPs). During House consideration of legislation to increase the minimum wage, Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon (R-CA) offered a motion to include an AHP provision. Rep. George Miller (D-CA) then offered a procedural motion to shut down debate and prevent a vote on AHPs. The Miller motion passed 232 – 197. **ACEC opposed the Miller procedural motion**
- Issue 12:** House passage of HR3999, which authorizes an additional \$1 billion for Fiscal Year 2009 for the Highway Bridge Program. It also makes important changes to the bridge inspection program recommended by ACEC, including a risk-based approach to inspections and repairs and a professional licensing requirement for bridge inspectors. The bill passed by a vote of 367 – 55. **Supported passage**