

# PUBLIC POLICY 101

Welcome to Public Policy 101, an entry level guide for engineers beginning their journey with public policy.

The purpose of this document is to provide an entry level foundation for ACEC Texas' public policy activities. Additionally, it is our desire to see more of our practicing engineers and their firms engaged in Public Policy at the state and local level.



## Who is this for?

This guide is a publication of ACEC Texas, written to practicing engineers in Texas.



## What do we mean by being involved in public policy?

Public policy describes the activities of a governmental body, Federal, State, or local that impact both communities and businesses. Being involved in ACEC's public policy activities means engaging with elected officials, their staff, or representatives on matters relating to the business environment for our member firms or the practice of engineering.



## Where do I begin?

- Start with finding your local and state representatives at the State of Texas' ["Who Represents Me?" link](#).
- You can also join us at a local ACEC TX meeting! Find your chapter [here](#).



## Why should I be involved?

Our Mission at ACEC Texas is to **"Advance a favorable business environment for our member firms."** We accomplish this mission primarily through engaging directly with policy makers. By being involved, you make a direct impact on advocating for increased infrastructure funding, protecting the qualifications based selections process, fighting for fair contracting language, and much more.



## How do I engage in the process?

There are a number of ways to get engaged!

- Scan the QR code above to see our Roadmap to Engagement
- Join your local ACEC chapter
- Get involved with your Local Policy Council (LPC)
- Engage in the Public Policy Council

**What are you waiting for? ACEC Texas is THE place to make an impact in your community and your business. We invite you to partner with us today to make a difference in both!**

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