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1:30-2:30 PM
2:45 - 3:45 PM
4:00-5:00 PM
5:00-6:00 PM
6:00-8:30 PM
8:30-10:30 PM
10:30PM-Midnight

DAY 1:

Wednesday, October 14

REGISTRATION OPENS

Visit the registration desk for your nametag, ribbons, and to make sure you have the conference app downloaded!

Conference Registration

Inside IDOT: Perspectives from Regions 2 and 4

Trisha Thompson, *Regional Engineer*
Teresa Price, *Regional Engineer*

ROOM: Naper 1

From Concept to Completion: An IDOT District 1 Leadership Panel on Programming, Design & Construction

Fawad Aqueel, *Bureau Chief of Design, IDOT -Region 1*
Steve Schilke, *Engineer of Program Development, IDOT - Region 1*
Jonathan Schumacher, *Bureau Chief of Construction, IDOT-District 1*

ROOM: Naper 2

Power Skills for High-Impact Project Managers

Jennifer Knox, PE, MBA | *Consultant, Strategic Growth Advisory - Stambaugh Ness*

ROOM: Naper 3

Driving Connections: Vision, Planning & Delivery for the Next Generation Tollway

Manar Nashif, *Chief Engineering Officer, Illinois Tollway*
Karyn Robles, *Chief Planning Officer, Illinois Tollway*

ROOM: Naper 1

Beyond the Proposal: What IDOT Evaluators Are Looking For

ROOM: Naper 2

The Profit Equation: How AEC KPIs Work Together for Growth

Jennifer Knox, PE, MBA | *Consultant, Strategic Growth Advisory - Stambaugh Ness*

ROOM: Naper 3

Powering Tax Savings: Strategies for Data Center Design and Construction

Alliant Global

ROOM: Conference Room C

OPENING SESSION: One-on-One with Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse

ROOM: Grand Ballroom

Welcome Reception with Exhibitors

Join us for a welcome reception and to network with exhibitors.

Grand Ballroom Prefunction Area

Dinner in Naperville

Attendees are invited to enjoy dinner off-site and continue conversations with colleagues and fellow ACEC Illinois members.

Off site Dinner

ACEC IL House Party

Keep the night going with games, friendly competition, music, and plenty of laughs. Join fellow ACEC Illinois members for a relaxed, late-night social where the only goal is to have a great time!
Come play games, listen to the DJ, and make some great memories at the ACEC IL Fall Conference!

ROOM: Grand Ballroom

Lobby Bar Open

Hotel Lobby

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CONFERENCE

ACEC ILLINOIS

NAPERVILLE, IL

OCTOBER 14 – 15, 2026



8:00 AM
8:00-9:00 AM
9:00-10:00 AM
10:15-11:15 AM
11:30AM-12:30PM
12:30-1:30 PM

DAY 2:

Thursday, October 15

Registration Opens

Visit the registration desk for your nametag, ribbons, and to make sure you have the conference app downloaded!

Grand Ballroom Prefunction Area

Breakfast with Exhibitors

Start your morning with a buffet breakfast in the exhibit hall while connecting with exhibitors and fellow attendees. Grab a bite, enjoy a cup of coffee, and take some time to explore the exhibits and make new connections.

Grand Ballroom Prefunction Area

Morning Session: The Firm of the Future: How AI is Reshaping Engineering Practice presented by the ACEC Research Institute

Join us for Day 2 Morning Session. This is included for all registrations!
SPEAKER: Joe Bates, *Senior Research Consultant* | ACEC Research Institute

ROOM: Grand Ballroom

From Blueprint to Action: Transforming Project Delivery at IDOT

Ryan Mitchell, *Deputy Secretary*
IDOT

ROOM: Naper 1

Best Practices for Embracing AI in the Design Industry

Jake Winkler, *Sr. Account Executive*,
PC - Holmes Murphy

ROOM: Naper 2

Reframing Retirement for Engineering Firms

Lydia R. Zabrycki, *Client Engagement* | ACEC
Retirement Trust

ROOM: Naper 3

Powering the Digital Future: Data Center Growth, Challenges, and Engineering Solutions

ROOM: Conference Room C

Investing in Illinois Water: SRF, Lead Line Replacement & Infrastructure Priorities

Nidhan Singh, *State Revolving Fund
Manager*, IEPA

ROOM: Naper 1

Before the Crisis: Managing Risk, Reputation and Response

Hayley Bierkle Burns, *Partner*, *River
Strategies*

ROOM: Naper 2

What Comes Next: Succession Strategies for Engineering Firms

Chartwell Financial Advisory

ROOM: Conference Room C

Lunch & Closing Session

Enjoy lunch while connecting with fellow attendees, followed by our closing session.

ROOM: Grand Ballroom

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- Preferred seating at main sessions
- Social media recognition
- Introduction of session speaker

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LUNCH SPONSOR \$2500 (1 AVAILABLE)

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- Company logo displayed on signage at the late-night house party
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GAME SPONSOR \$1000 (8 AVAILABLE)

- Logo displayed at your game station at the late night house party
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- Social media recognition

DJ SPONSOR \$2500 (1 AVAILABLE)

- Logo at the DJ Booth with Direct Access to Playlist!
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- Social media recognition

NAMETAG \$2500 (1 AVAILABLE)

- Logo on all attendee's nametag
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- Social media recognition

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- Company name is the WiFi Password (highlighted on the event app)
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- Social media recognition

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Sponsors & Pricing

MEMBER REGISTRATION:
\$425

NONMEMBER REGISTRATION:
\$850

EXHIBIT BOOTH \$750:

- Includes 1 registration
- Exhibit table in hallway
- 6ft table, electrical connection, & Wi-Fi
- Showcase your productions & services
- Engage current clients & expand your industry contacts

