



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Pennsylvania

ACEC/PA SUPPORTS HOUSE BILL 1608

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania (ACEC/PA), which represents more than 110 engineering firms across Pennsylvania and more than 11,700 employee members, serves as the voice of the engineering industry in Pennsylvania. From roads and bridges to dams and waterways, ACEC/PA member firms design, plan, and inspect every aspect of the Commonwealth's infrastructure, supporting billions of dollars in economic development every year and creating thousands of jobs.

ACEC/PA supports House Bill 1608 because:

- **the bill provides efficient procurement alternatives to the Commonwealth.** HB 1608 allows for the use of an integrated team of designers and builders, ensuring efficient communication through a unified team from the beginning of a project. Not only does this approach save considerable time, but it also drastically reduces disputes between design and construction. Teams are selected not just on low bid, but their qualifications and greatest ability to provide the desired outcome. This regularly results in faster project completion and earlier cost estimating, providing lower project costs for the Commonwealth.
- **the bill encourages innovation and fosters best practices for infrastructure.** Design Build Best Value procurement heavily encourages the use of Alternative Technical Concepts (ATCs), of variances from contractual requirements that are equal to or better than the requirements themselves. This creativity and innovation, in both design and construction, inevitably leads to a better end product and allows the Commonwealth to explore a variety of submissions that propose a better result than the one originally intended.

On behalf of our 110 member firms and their nearly 12,000 employees, ACEC/PA requests your support of House Bill 1608. If you should have any questions about our support, please contact Executive Director Brent Sailhamer at bsailhamer@acecpa.org or (717) 386-9941.