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ACEC California applauds passage into law of SB 1008

Sacramento, CA (October 1, 2010) – The American Council of Engineering Companies of California has applauded the signing into law by Governor Schwarzenegger of SB 1008.

Sponsored by ACEC California, and authored by Sen. Alex Padilla (D-San Fernando Valley), SB 1008 allows licensed engineers and land surveyors to organize and operate as limited liability partnerships (LLPs) putting them on the same footing as firms in other professions such as law and accounting as well as design professionals such as architects.

“This legislation will allow many of California’s smaller engineering and surveying firms to partner up in order to better compete for projects, creating more jobs and more economic opportunities,” said Senator Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima). “This ability comes at an ideal time with federal and state funds being invested to help stimulate economic recovery,” Padilla added.

Paul Meyer, Executive Director of ACEC California, said: “This important bill helps California compete in the national marketplace for engineering and surveying services. Nearly all other states already have this law in place. We thank Senator Padilla for authoring the bill and guiding it through the legislature, and we also thank California Chamber of Commerce (CalChamber) and California Business Properties Association for supporting this needed legislation.”

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