

# 2012 ACEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 15 - 16, 2012

Perdido Beach Resort • Orange Beach, Ala.

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The 2012 ACEA Annual Conference is scheduled for May 15 - 16, 2012, at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Ala. We hope you will make your plans NOW to attend! You can register online for the conference at [www.alabamacounties.org](http://www.alabamacounties.org).

Conference registration for ACEA members is \$185 each if you register before **Friday, April 20**. Late registration will take effect after April 20 and will be \$200 each. (*Cancellations will not be refunded after Friday, May 4.*) Enclosed in this packet is information on the John F. Courson Excellence in County Engineering Award, information on the Golf Tournament, and a conference agenda.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The ACEA Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday following the golf tournament. We believe this will be a better, less constrictive time for the Board meeting and also allow Board members to participate in the Breakfast on Wednesday morning.

I am sure you can see from the topics that this will be a great conference! We are especially excited about the Opening General Session. We have invited NACo Legislative Director Bob Fogle to come talk to us about the federal highway legislation working its way through congress right now. In addition, we expect to have a lengthy session on options for funding county road and bridge projects based on actions during this legislative session.

The conference dinner this year will be held offsite at Live Bait restaurant on Wednesday, May 16. This is a family friendly event, so be sure to sign up your guests. Crenshaw County Engineer Benjie Sanders and his band will be playing for us.

To reserve your room at the Perdido Beach Resort, you may call the hotel directly at 800-634-8001 or log onto [www.perdidobeachresort.com](http://www.perdidobeachresort.com), and then go to the "Reservations" section. Enter **7008** in the Group Code section. The conference room rate is \$157 a night and the *cut off date for hotel reservations is Friday, April 13th*.

Please understand that we must use 85% of our room block or the ACEA will have to pay for the unused rooms. We are asking that you please stay at the Perdido Beach Resort in support of the ACEA.

If you have any problems or questions regarding the conference or making reservations, please call Donna Key at (334) 263-7594, or send an email to [dkey@alabamacounties.org](mailto:dkey@alabamacounties.org). We look forward to seeing you in Orange Beach!

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.ALABAMACOUNTIES.ORG](http://WWW.ALABAMACOUNTIES.ORG)**

# **John F. Courson Excellence in County Engineering Award**

sponsored by the  
Association of County Engineers of Alabama

The ACEA would like to recognize projects, programs, and/or departments that have excelled in the field of county engineering. The John F. Courson Excellence in County Engineering Award will be awarded during the ACEA Annual Conference May 15 - 16, 2012, and will recognize unique, innovative, or superb accomplishments in county engineering in Alabama. Individuals who wish to nominate a project, program, and/or department should fill out the nomination form below and return to the ACCA office along with a supporting letter.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 11, 2012.** The nomination form and letter may be accompanied by supporting documentation, such as photos, charts, tables, etc.

Name of the county being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the County Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

Description/name of the program, project, or department being nominated:

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In a separate letter please explain why the nominee should receive the award.

The ACEA Awards Committee consists of the three most recent Past Presidents of the ACEA. Nominations are welcome from the county with the nominated program, project, and/or department, or by a second party. If you have questions, please call Donna Key at (334) 263-7594.

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## TUESDAY, MAY 15

8 a.m.

ACEA Golf Tournament Registration

*Glenlakes Golf Club*

9 a.m.

Shotgun Start, ACEA Golf Tournament

*(A buffet lunch will be served.)*

3 - 6 p.m.

Conference Registration

4 - 6 p.m.

ACEA Board of Directors Meeting

6 - 7 p.m.

Opening Reception and Golf Tournament Prizes

*(Tournament prizes will be announced during the reception.)*

Dinner on your own.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Conference Breakfast

8 - 10:30 a.m.

Conference Registration

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Opening General Session

- **Update on the Federal Highway Bill**  
*Bob Fogle, Senior Legislative Director, NACo (Invited)*
- **Options for Funding County Road and Bridge Projects**
- **Part-time Versus Full-time Employees in the Road Dept.**

- **Transitioning After the 2012 Elections**  
*Randy Tindell, Coffee County Engineer*

- **Liability Update**  
*Craig Dillard, Webb & Eley, P.C.*

12 - 1 p.m.

President's Luncheon

*(Awards Ceremony, NACE Update and Business Session)*

1:15 - 5 p.m.

Afternoon General Session

- **ALDOT Update**  
*Ed Phillips, ALDOT*
- **FHWA Update**  
*Mark Bartlett, FHWA Division Administrator*
- **Colbert County Budget Solutions**  
*John Bedford and Jeremy Robinson, Colbert County*
- **Access Management**
- **CORPS Permitting**
- **ACCA Legislative and Staff Report**  
*Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*

6 - 8 p.m.

Conference Dinner (Live Bait)

- *Entertainment provided by Crenshaw County Engineer Benjie Sanders and his band*
- Busses will be provided for transportation. Please do not drive your own vehicle.

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## ACEA Annual Conference Golf Tournament



**WHERE:** Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley, Ala.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. Registration and Range Balls  
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start (A buffet lunch will be provided when you come off the course)

**FORMAT:** The tournament will use a scramble format to allow every player to be directly involved in the scoring. This format does not require that all players be expert golfers. Everyone, regardless of skill level, is encouraged to play!

**COST:** \$35 per player for county engineers and employees. This includes lunch, green fees, cart, drinks and prizes!

**ACTION:** Register online at [www.alabamacounties.org](http://www.alabamacounties.org)!

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