



The Florida Engineering Society and Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers (FES/FICE) is committed to the advancement of Florida's engineering profession. Therefore our Legislative principles are based on our FES and FICE Vision Statements.

FES Vision - Promotes and defends the professional interests of all engineers in the state of Florida.

FICE Vision - To be the recognized advocate for all consulting engineers in Florida.

Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) – **SUPPORT** the CCNA Act, a competitive procurement approach that emphasizes consultant qualifications rather than “low bid.”

Transportation Infrastructure – **SUPPORT** a transportation plan that meets the following goals: safety, infrastructure condition, mobility, economy and the environment. The goals are all interrelated and together create Florida's transportation future.

Water Infrastructure and Environment – **SUPPORT** protecting Florida's water future by supporting science-based infrastructure investments and initiatives that allow our state to grow while protecting our natural resources and streamlining state processes.

Unified Building Code – **SUPPORT** a building code which promotes cost-effective, energy-efficient design reflecting the needs of Florida.

Trust Funds – **OPPOSE** any use of money designated for trust funds for general revenue.

2017 Key Legislation

HB 789 (Stone) amends the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) FS 287.055 by adding so-called “best value” language requiring each of the firms selected as most qualified to submit a compensation proposal to be weighted up to 50% of the total evaluation criteria. These changes gut the qualifications based selection processes. **FES/FICE Opposes this Legislation.**

SB 7000 (Community Affairs)/HB 901(McClain) would require the Florida Building Commission (FBC) to use the most recent published edition of the Florida Building Code as the foundation code; requiring the commission to review, rather than update, the Florida Building Code every three years. **FES/FICE continues to work with stakeholders to amend the bill language.**

The Florida Engineering Society and Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers continues to track and monitor bills and amendments through the 60 days of FL Session. Any member who has concerns or comments on any bill relating to engineers or their business can contact Samantha Hobbs, Director of Government Affairs and Executive Policy at 850-224-7121. A complete list of bills being monitored can be obtained by emailing [Samantha Hobbs](mailto:Samantha.Hobbs@fice.org).