



BIOGRAPHY

Dave Bender **Vice President of Political Affairs** **American Council of Engineering** **Companies**

Dave Bender served as the President & CEO of ACEC-Illinois from December 2012 until June 2019 when he joined ACEC National as Vice President for Political Affairs. While at ACEC IL, Dave helped secure seemingly impossible victories for the engineering industry including the prevention of Prevailing Wage for surveyors, reversing IDOT's policy on bonus compensation issues, QBS violations and the selection committee criteria at the Illinois Tollway. In 2018-19, Dave co-chaired a business/labor coalition with the goal of passing Illinois first transportation funding law in 29 years.

In his current role at ACEC National, Dave oversees the ACEC/PAC, a \$2.5 million PAC per cycle that ranks in the top 1% of all trade association PACs in Washington, DC. Bender meets with all newly elected member of Congress to introduce them to ACEC and the engineering industry, hosts events for members of Congress that supports industry and business issues and works with the 51 ACEC Member Organizations connecting them with their respective congressional delegations.