

# FICE Value Proposition

| Item   | Savings & Benefits for Member Firms   |
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| <b>Government Advocacy</b>                                   |   |
| Killed CCNA Reform Measures.                                 | Protects design professionals from bidding out their services. Procurement must be based on qualifications.   |
| Stopped Sweeps from the STTF.                                | Provides more revenue for FDOT projects.  |
| Actively involved in the NNC rule changes with FDEP and EPA. | New rules added biology to the procedure and will not impose monetary cost when not needed.   |
| Enhanced the design build procurement process.               | Exempted design build procurement from FL government-in-the-sunshine law. Allowing for a fair and economical procurement method.  |
| Sanctioned stipends.   | Allows the FDOT to pay stipends on design build projects.   |
| Repealed 1% My Florida Market Place fee.                     | Saves members thousands of dollars, e.g., a firm with a \$500,000 project is exempt from the 1% fee (\$5000).   |
| Protected responsible charge.                                | Allows engineers to maintain responsible charge over their employees.   |
| Repeal of joint and several liability.                       | Returns fairness to the civil legal system and dictates that each defendant is held liable for only their negligence.   |
| Lowered the statute of repose.                               | Lowers the time period that a lawsuit can be filed regarding the design, planning or construction of an improvement to real property from 15 years to 10.   |
| Increased per diem for state employees.                      | Raised the per diem from \$50 to \$80 and increased automobile expenses from 29 cents per mile to 44.5 cents.   |
| Improved procurement of continuing contracts.                | Firms providing professional services under continuing contracts shall not be required to bid against each other.   |
| Limited liability for FDOT consultants.                      | Limits the civil liability for contractors and engineering consultants, under certain circumstances.  |
| <b>Business Resources and Education</b>                      |   |
| FICE Transportation Committee                                | Works directly with the FICE/FDOT Liaison committee that gives recommendations to FDOT on how contracts should be negotiated, costs are allocated and business is let out to the engineering community.       |
| Water Resource Committee                                     | Works with water resource agencies to establish and maintain a model program of public/private partnership for the enhancement of procurement, delivery, and quality of water resources engineering services. |

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| Florida Engineering Leadership Institute  | Builds community professionals while creating a network of colleagues across the state.  |
| Over 25 live seminars offered annually.   | Provides value annually to approximately 4,000 engineering professionals.  |
| Continuing Education Discounts  | FICE members save an average of 30% on all continuing education seminars, on-line courses, and DVD courses. New seminars are available each month.   |
| <b>Informative Communications</b>   |  |
| <i>FICE Update</i> , the monthly electronic publication.                                | Keeps members informed on the latest industry trends, training opportunities, and legislative updates.   |
| <i>The Florida Register</i> , a weekly on-line listing of job advertisements.           | Provides members with 25-30 RFP's from around the state to their desktop.  |
| Year round exposure in the annual <i>FICE Directory &amp; Guide</i> .                   | Features information about your firm and the services you offer. Over 2000 directories are distributed to local and state government decision-makers. Available electronically and in print.   |
| <b>Professional Awards &amp; Recognition</b>  |  |
| Annual Engineering Excellence Awards – showcase firms' innovative engineering projects. | Recognizes outstanding contributions to firms through comprehensive evaluation of projects by a distinguished panel of experts in related fields. The top winners at the state level proceed to the national competition administered by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). |
| Wide range of awards programs   | Recognizes contributions to the public office/civic leadership, industry, and the community.   |
| FICE Florida Scholarship  | Honors one Florida college student \$5,000 to provide educational support for engineering students.  |