

# LEGISLATIVE FORUM + LUNCHEON

AIA NEBRASKA  
AGC NEBRASKA BUILDING CHAPTER  
ACEC NEBRASKA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Visit your Senator at the Nebraska State Capitol

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

State of the State Address, Governor Pete Ricketts  
*Balcony, Norris Legislative Chamber, Nebraska State Capitol*

11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Nebraska State Education Association, *605 South 14th, 4th floor*

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ACEC President, Rob Brigham, JEO Consulting

## SPEAKER

Senator Heath Mello, District 5, Chair, Appropriations Committee

11:45 a.m.

Adjourn

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

## LUNCHEON HONORING NEBRASKA LEGISLATORS

*The Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th, Lincoln*  
Lancaster Room | Lower Level

## WELCOME

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## POLICY POSITIONS

### AIA Nebraska

- Adopt Good Samaritan legislation providing liability protection for architects and engineers when they volunteer their services to protect public health, safety, and welfare in natural disaster recovery efforts.
- Supports governmental and private sector policy programs and incentives to encourage a built environment that embodies the advantages of sustainable architecture.
- Supports the development, evaluation, and use of codes, standards and evidence based rating systems that promote the design, preservation and construction of sustainable communities and high performance buildings.
- Opposes the imposition of sales taxes on professional services.
- Uphold that only architects and engineers be licensed through examination possess the necessary education, training and experience to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in the built environment.

### AGC Nebraska Building Chapter

- Supports legislation that enhances economic development throughout the state; increases the public and private sector's likelihood to build or renovate structures; and lowers the cost of doing business in the state.
- Opposes all legislation that increase the taxes on construction firms; increases the administrative burden or increases our liability/ risk on items we cannot or do not control.

### ACEC Nebraska

- Adopt Good Samaritan legislation providing liability protection for architects and engineers when they volunteer their services to protect public health, safety, and welfare in natural disaster recovery efforts.
- Pass legislation which supports funding mechanisms to ensure adequate and stable funding sources for meeting the transportation improvement needs of Nebraska for the next 20 years.
- Protect and strengthen procurement of private sector design, engineering and construction services and opposes efforts to restrict the flexibility of state agencies to contract out.
- Defeat legislation that would implement a sales tax on businesses that provide professional services.
- Pass legislation which supports incentives for energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy and conventional fuel sources.