

# 2011 ACEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

April 5 - 6, 2011

Perdido Beach Resort • Orange Beach, Ala.

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The 2011 ACEA Annual Conference is scheduled for April 5 - 6, 2011, 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.acca-online.org](http://www.acca-online.org).

Conference registration for ACEA members is \$185 each if you register before **Friday, March 11**. Late registration will take effect after March 11 and will be \$200 each. (*Cancellations will not be refunded after Friday, March 18.*) Enclosed in this packet is information on the John F. Courson Excellence in County Engineering Award, information on the Golf Tournament, and a full conference agenda.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have moved the ACEA Board of Directors meeting to Tuesday and bumped up the starting time for the golf tournament to accommodate the Board Meeting. 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 new ALDOT Director John Cooper to speak and ACCA Executive Director Sonny Brasfield will update everyone on the new ethics law and how it will effect county employees.

We are currently working on plans for the Conference Dinner. The Portland Cement Association and Lehigh Cement are going to cook for us at an offsite location. 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 6862 in the Group Code section. The conference room rate is \$157 a night and the *cut off date for hotel reservations is Saturday, March 5th*.

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@acca-online.org](mailto:dkey@acca-online.org). We look forward to seeing you in Orange Beach!

REGISTER ONLINE AT [WWW.ACCA-ONLINE.ORG](http://WWW.ACCA-ONLINE.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 April 5 - 6, 2011, 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 MARCH 2, 2011.** 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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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

8 a.m.

**ACEA Golf Tournament Registration**

*Glenlakes Golf Club*

9 a.m.

**Shotgun Start, ACEA Golf Tournament**

*(A buffet lunch will be provided when you come off the course)*

3 - 6 p.m.

**Conference Registration**

7:30 - 8:30 a.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, APRIL 6

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**

- Director's Perspective  
*John Cooper, Director, ALDOT (Invited)*
- Overview of the New Ethics Law  
*Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*
- GIS Strategic Plan Update  
*Chris Johnson, Senior Vice President, Geospatial Technologies, U.S. Space & Rocket Center*

- Implementing a Safety Program

- 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 (Invited)*
- FHWA Every Day County Initiatives and Six Deployable Technologies  
*Mark Bartlett, FHWA Division Administrator*
- Replacing County Bridges with Truss Bridges  
*Brian Rosenbalm, Calhoun County Engineer*
- Management Program for Sign Inventories  
*Ricky Mitchell, Mobile County Road Department*
- Single Purpose Road Program  
*Cal Markert and Frank Lundy, Baldwin County Road Department*
- ADEM Update  
*Chip Crockett, Water Division, ADEM*
- ACCA Report  
*Sonny Brasfield, ACCA Executive Director*

6 - 8 p.m.

**Conference Dinner (Location TBA)**

- Busses will be provided for transportation
- Dinner sponsored by The Portland Cement Association and Lehigh Cement
- Entertainment provided by Crenshaw County Engineer Benjie Sanders and his band

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## ACEA Annual Conference Golf Tournament



WHERE: Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley, Ala.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 5, 2011

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.acca-online.org](http://www.acca-online.org)!

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