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MINISTER OF WORKS OPENS ACEN WORKSHOP ON INFRASTRUCTURES - COMMENDS ACEN

The ACEN International workshop on Infrastructure took place as planned at Abuja Sheraton Hotel & Towers from 27th - 30th April, 2009. 99 participants attended the workshop including professionals from different segments of the society. The keynote address of the opening ceremony was delivered by the Honourable Minister of works, Housing and Urban Development, Dr. Hassan Lawal. Also present at the opening ceremony were the President of COREN - Engr. Habu A. Gumel, the President of Nigerian Society of Engineers, represented by his deputy Engr. O.A. Ajibola, Past President of ACEN, Sir. Dr. Amana, the Principal Partner of Ette Aro & Partners, Engr I I Etteh, Past President of NSE, Engr Mustapha Bulama and the Registrar of COREN Engr Felix Atume.

In his keynote address, the Minister of works commended ACEN for bringing into fore discussions of highly topical issues which affect our country today. He re-emphasised his belief in FIDIC contracts administration to which his ministry has been very familiar. He also stressed the importance of good water, waste management, road building and construction in our daily lives.



Delegates at the opening ceremony of ACEN Abuja International workshop on Infrastructure. Left-Right (front row). Mr. Bogdan Oprea-FIDIC Instructor, Engr. E.I.I. Etteh, ACEN Vice President-Engr. N.A. Rafindadi, ACEN Past President-Sir. Dr. Edet Amana, Honourable Minister of Works, Housing & Urban Development-Dr. Hassan Lawal, ACEN President- Engr. K.A. Adeola; COREN President- Engr. Habu .A. Gumel, Deputy President of NSE- Engr. O.A. Ajibola & ACEN Executive Secretary - Mr. Babatunde Amode.

He further pointed out that the success of the government's 7-point agenda would require an input from engineers at large. He then challenged engineers to be more careful in their designs of the infrastructural needs of the country. He enjoined them to continue training young ones and also review their fees appropriately.

Over twenty of our Member Firms sent participants to the workshop, and some sent as many as four. Many of them registered and paid early, which ensured the success of the workshop. Participants also came from Lagos State Government, Ogun State parastatal, OGROMA, the Federal Capital Development Authority, the Federal Ministry of Works and other public and private institutions.

The workshop included visits to Abuja sewage and water treatment plants and on-going highway construction in the city. Participants were very happy with the visits commenting that it added to their knowledge as some of them were seeing life treatment plants for the first time.

International Workshop contd.

Most of the participants commended ACEN for taking up the training of consulting engineers and filling a critical gap in the practice of consulting engineering in Nigeria. They commended the quality of lecturers and wished the course could be longer. The closing ceremony was attended by NSE President, Engr. K. Alli who presented certificates to participants and declared the workshop closed.

SECRETARIAT REPORTS

FAO PHILLIPS RESOURCE CENTRE

FAO Phillips Resource Centre witnessed a progressive development in the month of April in terms of provision of necessary facilities. Some of the facilities provided for the Resources Centre include:

- (a) 1 Work station for 3 people
- (b) 4 sets of Flat Screen HP Computers
- (c) 4 UPS
- (d) One 32 inch LCD plasma television
- (e) 1 Dstv decoder.

We expect to go on line in the next three weeks. We are therefore still appealing to members who made pledges toward this venture to redeem it as soon as possible.

ACEN DIRECTORY

The Secretariat published the new 2009 - 2010 ACEN directory which was made available at International Workshop on Infrastructure that took place in Abuja Sheraton Hotel. Members are implored to contact the Secretariat to buy their copy for a token fee of N2,500.00. Similarly, ACEN pins, T-Shirts and Ties are also available at the Secretariat.

ACEN MAGAZINE

The second edition of the biannual ACEN magazine for year 2009 - *"The Consulting Engineer"* will be published in the next few weeks. We implore all members to send soft copy of their outstanding projects and articles to be featured in this magazine to the secretariat. We would also welcome your adverts in the magazine.

ACEN COUNCIL/EXCO MEETS IN LAGOS

The third ACEN EXCO meeting takes place in Lagos on 6th May, 2009 while the Council meeting will be held on 7th May, 2009. The meeting is expected to discuss progress made since the last council meeting and to chart the way forward

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRAINING COMMITTEE COMPLETES PLANS FOR ROUTINE WORKSHOPS

The Training Committee has completed plans for routine workshops for ACEN members and the construction industry as a whole. This is to ensure continuous improvement in the quality of engineers and improve the quality of services provided by our members.

Nine workshops are planned for the rest of the year, with one in May and two each in June, July, August and October. The workshops will be held at ACEN Secretariat in Yaba.

The subjects to be covered this year include Design of Buildings and Design of Estate Infrastructures. Civil, Structures, Electrical and Mechanical Design and Supervision will be covered.

The secretariat will provide more detailed information on this very soon.

LAGOS LOBBY ENGAGES LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT

The chairman of the Lagos Lobby Group, Engr Ashim Oyekan, has met with officials of Lagos State Government with a view to identifying areas in which ACEN could partner with the Lagos State Government to improve the quality of engineering services in the state. The first area of interest identified is Training, and discussions are going on as to how this could be facilitated.

ABUJA LOBBY ENGAGES FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WORKS

The chairman of the Abuja Lobby Group, Engr Ibrahim Maimaje was instrumental in getting the Hon Ministry of Works, Housing and Urban Development to attend the ACEN Workshop on Infrastructure. This has now provided a window for ACEN to engage with the Ministry with a view to partnering with them on engineering development. An area being considered is the organisation of FIDIC Contracts Training for Ministry staff.

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* Consulting experience of at least five years.

Duties and Responsibilities:

*Conduct engineering site meeting with clients.

* Ability to prepare, develop and analyze bill of quantity.

* Vet bill of quantities.

* Give advice to other project officers and clients on engineering matters.

* Ability to read, develop, analyze and interpret engineering drawings.* Any other assigned duties.

Competencies and Skills required:

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SUBSCRIPTION FROM MEMBERS

Five months into the new year many members are yet to forward their subscriptions to the Secretariat. The Secretariat can only be run effectively if members pay their subscription promptly. The secretariat therefore appeals to all members who have not paid to do so immediately.

Members Feedback & Suggestions?

**Please send to ACEN Secretariat: 3,
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i) Electrical Engineering

ii) Mechanical Engineering

Qualification: Bachelors Degree

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i.) Job requires an Electrical Engineer. Must have COREN or NSE registration and have experience in the design of Electrical Power Control, Rural/urban Electricity Distribution Telecommunication and Security Systems

Experience: Minimum of 8yrs

Location:- Abuja

ii.) Job requires a Mechanical Engineer with COREN or NSE Registration and have experience in the Design of Plumbing, Water Supply and Air-Conditioning /ventilation System.

Experience: minimum of 2 yrs

Location:- Lagos and Abuja

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