

Alaska Capital Engineers

A branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers

December 2025 Newsletter

December Monthly Luncheon Topic: Juneau Economic Indicators and the Implications of Large Infrastructure Projects on our Community

Location: UAS Rec Center Room 116

Date: December 17th at 12 PM

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Juneau Economic Indicators and Future Implications of Planned Projects

We will highlight several trends from our recent Indicators Report. We will also share information about three large infrastructure projects coming to Juneau in the next several years totaling approximately \$1 billion dollars (Aak'w Landing, Goldbelt Aani, and USCG Storis homeporting) and the requirements these projects will have regarding workforce and housing, in particular. We will share some of the input we have received from Juneau business, education, and civic leaders about some of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.



Brian Holst

Juneau Economic Development Council Executive Director

Brian Holst has served as Executive Director of the Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) since 2008, having worked in community and economic development for more than thirty-five years. He has extensive experience executing grants and contracts at all levels of government. He has also served as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in small business development and worked as an international consultant and small business owner. At JEDC, Brian has implemented economic development initiatives supporting many different areas including: technology transfer, STEM education, affordable housing, eldercare workforce development, business lending and investing, and Industry Cluster Working Groups. He is committed to the prosperity of Juneau and the wellbeing of Alaskans.

Born and raised in Alaska's Capital City, Brian worked out of the state and overseas for many years before returning to live and work in Juneau with his family, including his wife Estela and four children.

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ASCE Board Openings - Secretary and Treasurer

We are busy gearing up for our fall presentations and planning for the upcoming year, and we are currently looking to fill two vacant officer positions on the board. The secretary will help with coordinating presentations, putting together newsletters, and supporting the local ASCE branch. The treasurer helps to manage and organize the finances for the branch. The time commitment is only a few hours per month, and it's a great way to get involved with the local engineering community.

If you are potentially interested (or want more information) please contact Eva Melancon (eva.melancon@gmail.com)

Current Job Postings

PND - Structural Design Engineer - EIT DOWL - Project Archaeologist 1
PND - Summer Civil Engineering Intern DOWL - Senior NEPA Lead
Respec - Water/Wastewater Engineer

Local Branch Officers:

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