American Concrete Pavement Association

Senior Vice President Engineering and Government Affairs

Position Description

The Senior Vice President, Engineering and Government Affairs is an executive-level position reporting directly to the CEO on technical, policy, and federal/state agency-issues related to highway funding and concrete pavement matters. The incumbent will serve as a member of the senior team and act as Association spokesperson on most technical issues. The incumbent is expected to develop and maintain relationships with key federal agencies, particularly FHWA (working to shape federal policy on behalf of the concrete paving industry), while also acting as liaison with technical working groups and the Association’s State/Chapter (CSEs) Executive Directors on state matters.

A minimum of 15 years relevant experience is required for this position and professional engineer (PE) licensure is preferred. Strong technical expertise on highway construction and/or concrete paving is a must. Candidate must also possess a working knowledge of the legislative and regulatory process and be capable of making persuasive arguments, while advising and mobilizing on advocacy opportunities for the industry. A good sense of humor, team player mentality and collaborative spirit is essential for this position, with an ability to build consensus among groups and effortlessly communicate (both written and verbal) with staff, CSEs, industry stakeholders, and the public. Travel comprises approximately 20% of this position duties, but remote work from anywhere in the country is an option – with a strong advantage to those candidates based in Chicago-area or Washington, D.C. ACPA offers a competitive salary and benefits package.

The specific job functions of the Senior Vice President include, but are not limited to:

1. Maintaining relationships with key federal agencies and offering insight on national trends, while providing strategic recommendations to the CEO, senior team, and CSE’s on ways to influence policy;
2. Participating and hosting workshops for CSEs and other industry stakeholders on industry trends;
3. Drafting comments to federal agencies and other communications pieces including bi-weekly newsletter articles for membership consumption and working with stakeholders to develop white papers and industry reports;
4. Acting as ACPA Government Affairs Committee liaison taking an active role in developing Association agency outreach strategy, producing quarterly government affairs updates for membership and encouraging member engagement.
5. Assisting with the oversight of an outside legislative consulting team who monitor Congressional activity and protect certain Association federal funding interests and cooperative agreements, while being mindful of opportunities to advance Congressional legislation that serves the industry;
6. Serving as primary liaison to AASHTO, Transportation Construction Coalition, and other advocacy coalitions;
7. Serving as primary liaison to academic research partners, such as CP Tech Center (Iowa State) and MIT, on technical matters;
8. Serving as a strong advisor to the CEO and senior team on strategic plan implementation, with a focus on Association revenue growth and supporting the important technical services work of the federation;
9. Serve as primary liaison to ACPA’s engineering consultants and provide support to the Senior Director of Technical Services.

Those interested in learning more about the position of Senior Vice President of Engineering and Government Affairs should contact Laura O’Neill Kaumo at loneill@acpa.org.

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