

Engineering Coalition chooses Roger Niello as Legislator of the Year

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SACRAMENTO -- Assemblyman Roger Niello, R-Sacramento, was named American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of California's "Legislator of the Year" for 2008 at a luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento hotel.

Niello was chosen due to his tireless efforts to expand California's currently limited authority for public-private partnerships and design-build. He also consistently and effectively spoke out against many bills that would worsen California's business climate.

"I'm honored to have been chosen by ACEC California as its 2008 Legislator of the Year," Niello said. "Public-private partnerships and alternative contracting have been at the forefront of my policy agenda during my entire tenure in the Legislature and ACEC California has been a champion in the Legislature for these issues."

Accepting the award at the luncheon, Niello talked about the importance of providing a good system of public infrastructure.

"At a time when taxpayer resources are precious, and construction costs are high, I firmly believe that public-private partnerships and other innovative contracting methods will help California deliver our huge backlog of infrastructure projects much more efficiently," he added.

ACEC California Executive Director Paul Meyer emphasized the great work Niello has done to help find ways to build and enhance California's infrastructure.

"Assemblyman Niello clearly sees that California needs new ways to develop infrastructure and bolster the economy," Meyer explained. "His championing of public-private partnerships and design-build were instrumental in our work to highlight these very effective project delivery methods in 2008."