



Which firms are eligible to join ACEC in California:

1. *Definition.* A Member Firm of a Chapter shall be an individual firm, parent firm, branch office, division or subsidiary which meets all of the following criteria:
 - a. The firm provides independent consulting engineering or land surveying services for clients on a fee basis, and
 - b. The firm has one or more Individual Members who is a Registered Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor in the State of California, and
 - c. The firm does not have any commercial affiliations or alliances which would create a conflict of interest with the practice of consulting engineering or land surveying, except that a firm may be a subsidiary of a parent or holding company, providing the firm is independently managed by a Registered Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor, and
 - d. The firm maintains an established office or offices for the practice of consulting engineering or land surveying within the boundaries of a Chapter. However, if a firm's office is located outside the boundaries of a Chapter, that firm may nevertheless be a Member Firm of that Chapter provided that the firm's membership is approved by both the Chapter in which the office is located and the Chapter which the firm wishes to join.

There is no requirement that the firm be registered by the State.

If you have any questions please: <http://www.acec-ca.org/doc.asp?id=2216>

**The key factor as to whether they will qualify for regular membership is:
Does the company have a registered professional on staff**

Remember, it doesn't just have to be a registered civil engineer or land surveyor, it can be an whole array of other licensed professionals:

AG—Agricultural
CE—Civil Engineer
CH—Chemical Engineer
CO—Consulting Engineer
CS—Control System
EE—Electrical Engineer
FP—Fire Protection
GE—Geotechnical Engineer
IE—Industrial Engineer
LS—Land Surveyor
ME—Mechanical Engineer
MF—Manufacturing
MT—Metallurgical
P—Petroleum Engineer
PS—Photogrammetric Surveyor
RG—Registered Geologist
QU—Quality
SE—Structural Engineer
SF—Safety Engineer
TR—Traffic Engineer