

## **Welcome to the Bridging Government and Engineers program!**

Bridging Government and Engineers is a grassroots, non-partisan initiative that partners engineers with their local federal member of Parliament, in their home constituencies.

### **Goals:**

Engineers Canada developed this program to ensure that federal members of Parliament hear the voice of the engineering profession, as it relates to issues that fall under the responsibility of the Government of Canada. By forging these closer ties, engineers educate members of Parliament on their contribution to matters of public policy.

### **Task:**

Program volunteers are asked to develop an ongoing relationship with their member of Parliament for the constituency in which they reside. The message is strongest when it comes from a constituent, especially when they raise important national issues with a local angle.

### **Engaging your member of Parliament:**

- Requesting face-to-face meetings with them or their staff in the constituency office once or twice per year.
- Attending public events where they will be present.
- Writing letters on specific and current engineering issues.
- Inviting them to engineering-related events in the constituency.
- Maintaining a regular and open dialogue.

### **Volunteer Expectations:**

Volunteers must be members in good standing with a provincial or territorial engineering association or ordre. We also seek people who can:

- Convey a passion for the engineering profession;
- Set aside personal partisan considerations;
- Commit to a minimum two-three year term;
- Familiarize themselves with and articulate Engineering Canada's key issues and its recommendations to the federal government;
- Attend an initial training session, which are planned with the volunteer's schedule in mind;
- Dedicate time to schedule meetings with their member of Parliament and coordinate appropriate follow-up;
- Report to and share all contacts with Engineers Canada.

**For more information, please contact:  
Kevin Machida, Manager, Government relations  
1-877-408-9273 x276 or [government.relations@engineerscanada.ca](mailto:government.relations@engineerscanada.ca)**