

Large Consultancy group

ACE's Articles of Association makes a provision for members firms of all sizes to be represented on the ACE Board and makes clear that representation at the highest level is of paramount importance.

ACE's large member firms play a leading role in promoting UK PLC globally. Therefore, in order to better understand the issues that affect them ACE wishes to ensure large firms are corporately represented at the highest level within ACE's activities.

ACE's Large Consultancy Group will meet on a regular basis to discuss big and strategic topical issues affecting large members and the wider industry. It is an important platform allowing members to engage with key industry stakeholders and decision makers within the political process. Additional Large Consultancy Group forum meetings may be required to address key lobbying issues.

The formation of the Large Consultancy Group is also critical to assist in shaping ACE corporate and operational activities and ensure appropriate services are delivered to meet the needs and wants of the large consultancy and engineering firms operating within and from the UK.

Terms of Reference

Objectives:

1. To provide leadership and strategic direction on key issues affecting the industry
2. To provide a wide-ranging network platform for ACE major corporate agenda
3. To influence the commercial environment in which ACE Large Consultancy Group members operate.
4. To seek to improve the business performance of ACE Large Consultancy Group member firms and increase the opportunities available to them
5. To support ACE international business group activities including dealings with international organisation such as EU, World Bank, EBRD, EIB, AfDB, IADB and FIDIC
6. To support ACE annual national and corporate events programme
7. To assist the development and delivery of ACE corporate plans including legitimising its position as the preferred association of choice representing the business interest of the consultancy and engineering sector in the UK
8. To represent ACE on major industry related issues and act also act as spokesperson for ACE.
9. The Large Consultancy Group Chair will host and lead each meeting with the support of the CEO

Formation & Operations:

1. The Group Chair and Succession Guidelines shall apply to the operation of this Group, as set out in Appendix 2 The Chair will automatically become a member of the ACE Board and will attend the ACE Advisory Board meetings representing the interests of the Large Consultancy Group

2. The Large Consultancy Group Chair will be supported by a deputy who will jointly assist in developing and leading the group in collaboration with the Chair
3. ACE Large Consultancy Group firms including non-members are to be invited to events
4. Members of the ACE Board (including ACE Chairs and Chief Executive) and ACE operational directors will be invited to attend the Large Consultancy Group meeting/events
5. The Large Consultancy Group will host four formal meetings a year, including dinner and external speakers, one of which will be combined with the annual ACE Consultancy & Engineering Awards (or equivalent event)
6. The Large Consultancy Group annual programme will be championed by the Chief Executive and managed by the ACE corporate office staff
7. Members of the Large Consultancy Group will become the main official contact for the ACE within the respective consultancy and engineering firm