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This year's theme, "Transforming Tomorrow," shows how AECOM's greatest opportunity to shape the future is by managing our clients' complex economic, social and natural investments and assets. We design, build, finance and operate critical infrastructure and deliver international development programs that unlock opportunities, protect the environment and improve lives. Our commitment to sustainability drives innovation, reduces risk and provides attractive project lifecycle returns on investment.

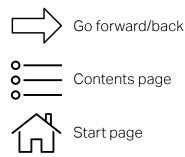
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Opened in 2016, the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento, California, United States, is the world's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum-certified indoor sports arena. We provided a combination of services to deliver a 100 percent solar-powered structure made of 36 percent recycled materials that plays host to more than 200 events a year at net-zero energy.

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# Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility at AECOM

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We recognize the responsibility to make our operations sustainable.

Corporate Responsibility is an extension of our purpose:

Built to deliver a better world.

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# A Message From Our CEO



I'm delighted to introduce AECOM's fifth annual Sustainability Report, "Transforming Tomorrow." A sustainable world depends on physical and social infrastructure that advances economic opportunity, protects our environment and improves people's lives. Sustainable solutions and innovation are at the core of what we do, and how we operate.

2016 marked the first anniversary of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), adopted by countries to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all as part of a new sustainable development agenda. We are proud to showcase 17 projects, one for each of the SDGs, in which our solutions and knowledge are helping a client take action to make the world a better place.

The report also serves as an opportunity to introduce *Blueprint for a Better World*, AECOM's Corporate Responsibility platform. Our charitable work taking place around the world is vital in extending our sustainability commitments. *Blueprint for a Better World* is a reflection of our core values and priorities.

As a global company, AECOM recognizes our responsibility to make our operations sustainable. This report highlights our progress over the past year, including our efforts to focus on practices that reduce energy consumption and waste.

### 2016 highlights

- Named one of Fortune magazine's "World's Most Admired Companies" for the second consecutive year
- Ranked #1 in Engineering News Record's "Top 100 Design Firms" for the 7th consecutive year; #2 in the Green Building's category
- Ranked #2 in Architectural Record's Top 300 Architectural Firms
- Awarded "Company of the Year" in Construction at the 2016 Dive Awards, in part for our carbon reduction efforts
- Recognized as "Highly Commended" in the Consultancy of the Year Category at the 2016 BusinessGreen Leaders Awards in the U.K.

Through innovative processes and our integrated approach to projects, partnerships and our operations, AECOM aims to build a better world.

Regards,

Mike Burke Chairman and CEO

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# **Environmental Sustainability (ES)**

### **Doing more with less**

Infrastructure impacts the environment where it is built. At AECOM, we take this seriously and are committed to being responsible stewards of the environments where we work and live, and of the future we imagine.

Our commitment to sustainability goes beyond meeting client requirements and complying with environmental rules and regulations at the local, state/provincial and national levels. We seek to innovate and deliver solutions that are resilient to a dynamic and unpredictable world, reduce pollution, are environmentally sustainable and conserve resources.

In partnership with our clients, we are:

- Advancing green building systems that harness 100 percent of their energy from renewable sources and seamlessly blend different experiences with the natural environment
- Designing energy-efficient transportation hubs that can withstand a myriad of environmental conditions with a minimal carbon footprint
- Developing cutting-edge tools to evaluate and generate energy conservation measures that strengthen communities' future resilience and capabilities

We partner with leading organizations to build a more sustainable planet:

- Since 2012, AECOM has partnered with CDP (formerly Carbon Disclosure Project) to analyze climate change data for over 500 cities and report on the ways urban centers are tackling these challenges
- AECOM has organized and supported the UrbanSOS student competition in partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation's 100 Resilient Cities program and the Van Alen Institute to engage future generations in solving significant sustainability challenges through technology and innovative thinking
- With 100 Resilient Cities we collaborate with mayors and chief resilience officers in 16 global cities to assess baseline strategies and improve resilience

As a global company, we recognize our expansive footprint and focus on practices that reduce energy consumption and waste. We've implemented a sustainability data management system to better track and analyze data to enable continuous improvement. We've launched initiatives to decrease energy, consolidated our physical footprint by nearly 10 percent year-overyear and committed to significantly reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.



NASA Ames Research Center, Mofett Field, California, United States.

# **Corporate Responsibility (CR)**

### Setting a new bar for CR

Our CR platform, *Blueprint for a Better World*, is inspired by our employees. Through charitable contributions and volunteering, they make a positive and tangible impact in communities around the world.

At the heart of *Blueprint for a Better World* is our CR mission: *To deliver access to safe and secure infrastructure to those that need it most, to create opportunity for the leaders of tomorrow and to protect our planet so that, together, we can realize our dream of a better world.* 

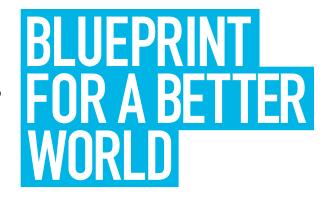
Blueprint for a Better World identifies three strategic pillars that support this mission:

**Opening Doors:** We deliver access to safe and secure infrastructure so those who need it most have a place to call home and resources to thrive.

**Creating Opportunity:** We help develop the next generation of the world's problem solvers and ensure future leaders reflect the diversity of the world we live in.

**Protecting Tomorrow:** We leverage our expertise to lessen our impact on the planet to help communities prepare for the future.

Learn more about our CR work from examples provided in the report's <u>Community</u> section.



Blueprint for a Better World, AECOM's CR platform, captures our unique CR mission.

# Solutions + Knowledge



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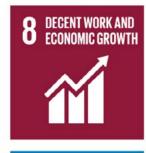
































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### Our Work and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

AECOM's solutions look beyond our projects to the communities they serve. Our holistic approach uses current best practices and innovations to meet both immediate and emerging challenges.

The United Nations' 17 SDGs define global sustainable development priorities and aspirations for 2030 and seek to mobilize global efforts around a common set of goals and targets. The SDGs call for worldwide action among governments, business and civil society to end poverty and create a life of dignity and opportunity for all, within the boundaries of the planet. We support the SDGs through our work on clients' projects.

As a global, fully integrated infrastructure firm, AECOM connects the knowledge and experience to provide solutions to the world's most complex challenges. This section offers case studies on projects that reflect each of the SDGs and our involvement in them — whether it is enhancing opportunities for the disenfranchised, facilitating economic equality or promoting responsible resource use and consumption.



Yambuk Wind Farm, Portland, Victoria, Australia.

# **Supporting the Growth of Business Opportunities**

# Strengthening Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development (SEED), Egypt



In recent years, Egypt has experienced a number of economic challenges, including currency devaluations, fuel subsidy cuts and increases in foreign exchange earnings. To address these issues, foreign

aid agencies have stepped in to offer economic development assistance.

AECOM is assisting as an implementing partner in USAID's SEED project, which aims to support the growth and development of entrepreneurs and micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). Through SEED, we provide sustainable technical assistance, capacity building and training to relevant stakeholders and counterparts.

SEED fosters collaboration between universities, business associations, financial institutions, government and entrepreneurs. It also focuses on disadvantaged areas and populations such as women and youth.

The project's central goal is to create an environment in which MSMEs and entrepreneurs can continue to create economic opportunities for themselves.



Taher Usri, right, winner of the USAID SEED business plan competition.

# Introducing Techniques that Yield More and Better Livestock

### Livestock for Growth (L4G), Mali



Herding is a traditional business for people in the Bankass and Koro districts in Mali. Access for women, often seen as outcasts, is limited and they often struggle to produce and sell sheep.

Through the USAID Mali L4G program, we reached out to some of the most disenfranchised women in the area to help them with livestock fattening techniques that have resulted in extremely positive outcomes in an unrelentingly harsh environment.

These livestock fattening techniques quickly improved the physical condition of the sheep, permitting them to produce more and demand greater compensation. Our training has helped Dougnon Harérata Maiga, who lives in Pel Maoude village of the Koro district, double the size of her flocks in just a year, and she is excited to train other women in the techniques.

She is excited about the advantages of making and using multi-nutritional lick blocks, treating straw and hay to increase nutritive value and growing hyacinth bean to achieve impressive increases in production — all part of our training regime.

Before our involvement, there was little to no nutritional advice for women herders to improve their livestock. The sheep were underfed and suffered during the "lean season" of no rain that runs from November through July each year. Ewes would only produce one lamb per year. Since our involvement, four of her ewes have had twin births, something she has never experienced before.



Dougnon Harérata Maiga uses livestock feeding and fattening techniques learned through the L4G program.

# **Strengthening Critical Healthcare Service Capacity**

# Haiti Health Infrastructure Program (HHIP), Haiti



Following the devastating earthquake in 2010 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016, the USAID HHIP was created to repair, renovate and equip the Haitian Ministry of Health's damaged

medical facilities. The program also constructs facilities in Haiti to strengthen local health referral networks and provide access to health care through sanitary and safe facilities.

With support from USAID, AECOM is providing planning, design and construction management services that will enable the Haitian Ministry of Health to deliver critical health care services.

One of the most significant contributions to the HHIP scheme is the reconstruction of the National University General Hospital (L'Hôpital Universitaire d'État d'Haïti). The 5,850-squaremeter (19,192-square-foot) complex in Portau-Prince has modern teaching facilities, a school of nursing and a lab technician school. The National Campus for Health Sciences (Le Campus des Sciences de la Santé), which offers clinical training, is adjacent to the complex.

Renovated medical facilities and new hospitals and health centers are giving Haitian citizens access to the basic health services they need to maintain a standard of living. In addition, design and construction of new medical supply warehouses in the west, north and south departments are supporting improved supply chains, leading to better care across the country.



Rendering of a pediatric clinic in Cap Haitian, Haiti that will provide important health care to local citizens.

# **Reinvigorating Education**

### Kidal Youth Summer School, Mali



The Malian Ministry of Education aims to reopen 62 schools that had been closed since 2012 due to the conflict crisis, a result of a coup that had led to militants occupying parts of northern Mali. To prepare

for the new academic year, a special onemonth summer school program was created for youth in the Kidal region of the country.

This special program was created thanks to support from USAID's two-year Mali Peace Initiative, also known by its French acronym, ACCORD (Programme d'Appui à la Cohésion Communautaire et les Opportunités de Réconciliation et de Développement). AECOM managed grants under ACCORD, which awarded an in-kind grant to the Kidal Teaching Academy, the Malian government body responsible for school management in the Kidal region.

The program attracted 808 students — 410 boys and 398 girls — from grades one to nine who completed standard curriculum courses and transitioned to a new grade the following year.

The funding helped provide school uniforms, school manuals, a t-shirt for each student and a small honorarium for the 40 teachers recruited to participate in the program.

It helped reinvigorate school life after years of interruption. According to the director, it built excitement for the upcoming school year and despite a chronic shortage of teachers, students remained devoted and hardworking throughout the month.



Kidal Youth summer school program participants with their supplies and uniforms.

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# **Engaging Women to Boost Confidence in Government**

# Stability in Key Areas (SIKA)-East, Afghanistan



To promote stability in conflict-affected areas of Afghanistan, the SIKA-East program sought to increase citizen confidence in district-level government. The program supported efforts

to improve governance and effective service delivery by promoting participation in governance processes. This included providing women with a platform to connect with district leaders and local authorities.

AECOM supported SIKA-East by working with provincial and district officials to develop tools and processes to sustain responsive and accountable governance. Events were held to encourage women to participate and engage in defining district challenges and priorities with local decision makers. The program examined how women influence traditionally maledominated decision-making in Afghanistan and encouraged diverse perspectives.

Women leaders from District Development Assemblies' communication committees achieved significant and sustainable gender empowerment. These leaders demonstrated resourcefulness, creativity and leadership to raise awareness of women's priorities, connect with the government to obtain services and increased the overall voice of women in rural areas.

Women were highly represented during meetings with line department officials. Communications committee meetings created public outreach plans and other mechanisms to share information and advocate for local priorities. In total, over 9,000 women attended 1,377 meetings across all 30 SIKA-East districts, laying the groundwork for future government-led engagement with female community leaders.



Afghan women's advocacy group overseeing a community project facilitated by SIKA-East.

### **Expanding Access to Water**

# Extension of Sawah Raja Water Treatment Plant (WTP), Malaysia



The Sawah Raja WTP produced approximately 13.2 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated water for residents of Rembau in southeastern Malaysia. However, this was insufficient

to meet demand and Rembau still relied on additional water to be supplied from the Gemencheh WTP, located over 12 miles (20 kilometers) away.

As a result, plant owners Pengurusan Aset Air Berhad and Syarikat Air Negeri Sembilan asked AECOM to expand the existing water treatment capability at Sawah Raja WTP. To ensure success of the project, AECOM studied and investigated the site, assessed and appraised the existing WTP and water supply network, and provided detailed design and site supervision.

Drawing on world-class water treatment experience and expertise, our solution considered the existing site constraints, treatment processes and equipment and ensured that the plant operation and water supply to Rembau was not disrupted.

The expansion of Sawah Raja WTP from 13.2 MGD to 26.4 MGD reduces supply dependency on Gemencheh WTP while also improving the security of the water supply to Rembau.



Construction site of the Sawah Raja WTP's extension project.

# Engineering and Designing a Solar Facility in a Complex Environment

### Mount Tom Solar Farm, United States



With its coal fired power plant out of operation, ENGIE North America turned to AECOM to engineer and design a 5.8 megawatt photovoltaic (PV) solar facility adjacent the site in the Mount Tom

area of Holyoke, Massachusetts, United States.

Flood risk and snow fall complicated the challenge. A portion of the site is within the 100 year FEMA floodplain along the banks of the Connecticut River. All critical electrical equipment had to be elevated six feet off the ground on steel platforms set on pilings. To account for snow, the solar modules required an optimal tilt angle to shed snow and ensure maximum energy production.

In addition, AECOM performed energy model performance estimates using a mix of different solar PV modules and equipment. The final design scenario yielded 7,286 megawatt hours annually of solar energy production, enough electricity to power 1,800 homes for a year.

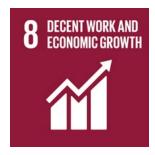
Based on the calculated energy production, the AECOM-designed PV system will reduce over 3,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases annually.



Angled solar panels to shed snow and allow for maximum energy production.

### **Building an Economy on Local Livelihoods**

# Pacific Horticultural and Agricultural Market Access (PHAMA), Various Locations



Agriculture is central to the livelihoods of many people living in the South Pacific. Historically, the region has been economically disadvantaged, with limited development opportunities, and is increasingly

vulnerable to issues of climate change, population growth and a competitive international trade environment.

The PHAMA program is an initiative of the Australian Government, co-funded by the New Zealand government, to support development opportunities and economic growth in the South Pacific. PHAMA helps Pacific Island countries develop and better manage exports including fish and forestry products. Countries assisted by the program include Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

AECOM manages PHAMA on behalf of the Australian government and oversees activities including:

- Conducting technical studies to understand market access issues
- Facilitating industry coordination and planning
- Promoting public-private partnerships to overcome issues
- Developing systems and procedures to improve compliance and quality in export pathways

PHAMA is opening and protecting market opportunities and increasing exports for producers from Pacific Island countries. This is contributing to economic growth and improved rural livelihoods in these predominantly agricultural and resource-based economies.



Women preparing agricultural goods for export to Australia.

### **Helping Cities Become Resilient**

### 100 Resilient Cities (100RC), Various Locations



Cities are looking for ways to prepare for the growing number of physical, social and economic challenges that threaten their growth and development.

100RC — Pioneered by the Rockefeller

Foundation — is dedicated to helping cities around the world respond to these challenges, and AECOM is providing the strategic planning services to make it happen.

As a strategic advisor, thought partner and project manager for the cities participating in 100RC, AECOM helps facilitate diverse stakeholder engagement workshops to better understand perceptions, needs and risks. We carry out technical analyses in key priority areas, help to identify a list of potential actions and assist in developing the final strategy.

The 100RC resilience method identifies interdependencies between major components of a city: people and organizations, places and infrastructure, and the economy, networks and knowledge. This harnesses connections to help cities cope and recover after sudden events like fires, earthquakes and floods, referred to as "shocks" by 100RC, which make cities vulnerable. It also addresses long-term trends, referred to as "stresses," such as unemployment and widespread crime which undermine cities' systems and increase their vulnerability.

In 2016, AECOM helped Bangkok (Thailand), Berkeley (United States), Christchurch (New Zealand), Medellín (Colombia), Melbourne (Australia), Mexico City (Mexico), Oakland (United States), Rotterdam (Netherlands) and San Francisco (United States) publish their resilience strategies. We also worked with Wellington (New Zealand) to publish its resilience strategy in March 2017. We will help at least an additional seven cities publish their strategies in 2017.



100RC roundtable discussion.

# **Enhancing Democratic Capacity**

# Strongim Pipol Strongim Nesen (SPSN), Papua New Guinea



Papua New Guinea's (PNG) vision for 2050 is to become a "wide, fair and happy society." For PNG's leaders, that means a society in which citizens are enabled to participate, there is fair and equitable

distribution of benefits and vulnerable communities are represented and protected. SPSN, a program AECOM is implementing in PNG, is helping the country realize this 2050 societal transformation.

Translated to mean "Empower People, Strengthen the Nation," SPSN is a six-year partnership between the governments of PNG and Australia. The project aims to enable civil society to work with the state and other interest groups to better meet the needs and priorities of men, women and children in communities across PNG. AECOM managed the delivery of SPSN by organizing capacity-increasing activities in five key areas:

- Increasing the practice and promotion of democratic governance through key partnerships
- Facilitating communities working together to address identified priorities
- Supporting initiatives that improve local governance
- Improving collaboration of men and women to promote democratic governance
- Strengthening human capital for the practice of democratic governance

The program has benefited more than 1 million people from 87 of the country's 89 districts and has touched all 22 provinces in PNG. More than US\$53 million has been invested in activities that strengthen community participation, including civic awareness, gender equality, education, disability and combating HIV/AIDS.



Man voting in Papua New Guinea.

# Identifying New Approaches to Low-Carbon Communities

# Cooperative Research Centres for Low-Carbon Living (CRCLCL), Australia



The CRCLCL is an Australian-based seven-year academic and industry partnership to upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors across the globe. CRC aims to cut

Australia's residential and commercial carbon emissions by an extra 10 mega tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year by 2020 in addition to government commitments.

To achieve this, CRC focuses on collaborative innovation by bringing stakeholders from planning, engineering and policy organizations together to develop technological and policy tools, facilitating the development of low-carbon products and services to reduce emissions.

As a founding member, AECOM conducted research to examine how to adapt existing power and water infrastructure into more flexible, resilient and sustainable networks. The work sought to identify the opportunities and challenges with using public-private partnerships to make existing infrastructure more energy and resource efficient. The research focused on building in the Broadway neighborhood in inner-city Sydney, but highlighted methods that could be applied to enable such improvements in any urban area.

This research informed a toolkit, policy directive and transition manual to help future teams create low-carbon infrastructure.



University of Technology Sydney's Faculty of Engineering and IT Building, part of the CRCLCL retrofit project.

# **Developing a Routemap for a Circular Economy**

# Highways England, United Kingdom



A circular economy aims to generate no waste by keeping materials for as long as possible and reusing, recovering and repurposing them as often as possible. When Highways England asked AECOM

to develop a circular economy routemap and supply chain risk framework, our team needed to examine the details. That meant taking a close look at Highways England's current processes and suppliers.

To mitigate ethical or environmental infractions in the supply chain, our team:

- Created detailed supply chain maps for two key product categories
- Outlined principles for responsible sourcing in supply chains
- Created a set of questions for suppliers
- Conducted risk assessments for complicated regions and material chains

We submitted these tools to Highways England to help them to manage their supply chains and purchasing decisions. Our work to address Highways England's circular economy routemap focused on moving the existing Highways England business model to a closed materials loop, which ensures that resources are used for as long as possible and reused at the end of a product lifecycle. The recommendations also included repurposing and upcycling where feasible.

As a result of our work, Highways England now has a responsible sourcing management system and a new circular economy routemap that includes the actions required to create a robust framework.



Highways England is the government-owned company responsible for maintaining and improving England's major roads.

# **Building Awareness to Drive Climate Change Preparedness**

# Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) Climate Change Preparedness Toolkit, United States



AECOM partnered with the USDN to create a climate change preparedness training toolkit to help local governments accelerate their progress in climate adaptation. AECOM is providing

training to equip government staff with the knowledge and resources to bring climate change preparedness and resilience into their cities' planning, engineering, operations and maintenance activities.

The focus of the training is on climate-driven changes to coastal, riverine urban flood zones and their impact on municipal infrastructure, service delivery and supply chains. The toolkit includes real-world examples and customizable training materials such as presentation slides, case studies and exercises.

There are two "tracks" within the toolkit. The first is an interactive exercise-based track, while the second is an innovative game-based track. Both facilitate group discussion and learning about evaluating climate hazards, climate vulnerability and risk assessments and considering a range of appropriate adaptation options.

Embedding awareness, knowledge and the toolkit to disperse the information throughout teams and communities will result in more effective planning and better understanding of risks.

We prepared the training materials in collaboration with advisory cities, incorporated input from city pilot sessions and delivered a train-the-trainer workshop for USDN members at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

We are proud to be working with government employees in high-risk flooding areas to help improve their knowledge base and awareness of the risks posed to their communities.



Participants identifying risks at USDN workshop.

# Promoting Sustainable Development of Fishery Sector

# Diversification Économique (DIVECO2), Algeria



AECOM is providing technical assistance to DIVECO2, a program to support the sustainable development of the fishery sector in Algeria, with a focus on marine and continental aquaculture.

The greatest challenge facing this program is introducing sustainable fishing methods that are more compatible with species preservation from current entrenched tactics that promote indiscriminate capture, such as trawling fishing. Such practices are challenged by teaching local communities to use alternative fishing methods that are less intensive, such as pelagic longlining and jar lines for octopus fishing.

Other technical assistance is centered on commercialization and distribution of fisheries and aquaculture products. This includes communication of sustainable production through community engagement and promoting sustainable products.

To improve aquaculture production, AECOM provided equipment and special assistance to introduce standards for water recycling and purifying techniques. We are now planning related trainings for members of DIVECO2 and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fishing and Rural Development.



Information and communication session regarding the progress of the DIVECO2 project.

# Imagining a Sustainable Eco-Corridor

# Envisioning a Better Nanjing, China



Eco-corridors are important links between natural habitats for wildlife to travel through. AECOM was selected as the conceptual masterplanner for the Dachang Eco-Corridor,

one of six in Nanjing, China.

Our masterplans for eco-corridors considered both natural and human needs. We provided water system design, ecological restoration and brownfield remediation services to provide an environmental buffer for the neighboring residential areas. The Dachang ecological corridor is in the center of the biggest industrial area of Nanjing which poses a number of contamination threats to consider.

To solve these problems we established a series of strategies to recover and enhance the ecological function. The first stage includes all control elements for field management: water system management, green corridor control and recovery of existing building lots into green space. One important facet was the creation of a pollution protection buffer zone and ecological structure to secure the local environment.

The primary focus of our involvement was to protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, while sustainably managing forests, combating desertification and halting biodiversity loss. An added bonus of the scheme was an enhanced quality of life for residents and tourists through green spaces in urban areas.

We will aim to improve the ecological value in the second stage of the project through a series of water and landscape habitats to make a multi-functional green corridor. This will not only provide biodiversity habitats for local species, but also protect the surrounding community from contamination and provide them with local green space.



Nanjing Eco-Corridor Masterplan which shows the connection of ecosystems and proximity of urban areas and green spaces.

# **Mitigating Conflict and Promoting Peace**

# Viable Support to Transition and Stability (VISTAS), South Sudan



USAID's Office of Transition and Conflict Mitigation's VISTAS program, implemented by AECOM, is a conflict mitigation and political transition mechanism.

VISTAS' goal is to prevent the further

spread of communal violence and rising tensions in critical areas of South Sudan where local level conflict could have national implications.

To this end, VISTAS has four objectives:

- 1. To increase space and tools to manage conflict and tensions
- 2. To build cross-line interdependency to promote peaceful coexistence
- 3. To promote a more informed community
- 4. To engage communities in trauma awareness to lay the foundation for healing and reconciliation

Misunderstandings and unbalanced information can derail peace building efforts. VISTAS launched a nationwide dissemination of the Peace Agreement, signed by the government and rebels, in local languages and facilitated workshops with local community members so they could understand the implications of each provision and formulate informed opinions.

Additionally, two newly constructed radio stations and large-scale distribution of wind-up radios increased the reach of reliable information to over 50,000 new listeners.

VISTAS raises awareness of how trauma can perpetuate violence through an initiative called Morning Star to promote peaceful co-existence. AECOM helped train a network of resource facilitators to implement the Morning Star program across different communities in both rural and urban settings.

Our work in South Sudan will not finish until 2018, but the social and physical infrastructure that we have put in place throughout the region will go a long way in assisting South Sudan's nation building process.



Recipients of wind-up radios from the VISTAS project to promote the reach of reliable news and information across South Sudan.

# **Helping Governments Prepare for Climate Change**

### Adapt Asia-Pacific, Various Locations



The Asia Pacific region is highly vulnerable to impacts from climate change and variability. Many countries in the region are experiencing frequent and intense flooding, droughts and storm events among other

impacts of climate change. This is especially threatening to low-lying and coastal areas which have seen economic progress over the last 50 years.

Through USAID's Adapt Asia-Pacific project, we are assisting governments of 27 target countries to access pools of climate change. The project promotes sustainable development through multi-stakeholder partnerships that share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources to address the negative impacts of climate change funding in developing countries in the region.

The program has trained more than 139 government officials in climate change finance and adaptation issues, delivering over 4,000 hours of training. An estimated 107,000 people have benefited from facilitated climate change adaptation proposals and the institutional capacity of six Asia Pacific government institutes has been improved to better respond to the needs of the region.



Adapt Asia-Pacific helps government institutes identify solutions to protect rural communities and children who are are among the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.



# **Opening Doors**

Through *Blueprint for Better World's* first pillar, **Opening Doors**, we deliver access to safe and secure infrastructure so those who need it most have a place to call home and resources to thrive. We look to build on what was achieved in 2016 in this area with future work next year and beyond.

#### Water, water, everywhere

Water For People is a non-profit organization that brings together local entrepreneurs, civil society, governments and communities to establish creative, collaborative solutions that allow people to build and maintain their own reliable and safe water systems. In 2016, we raised more than US\$150,000 for Water For People via employee giving programs and over US\$750,000 since 2009.

# Professional quality, community delivery

Engineers Without Borders (EWB) helps create a more stable and prosperous world by addressing people's basic needs — providing necessities such as clean water, power, sanitation and education. We partner with EWB to help to advance its mission and contributed more than US\$92,000 in 2016.

AECOM provided pro-bono design services in Melbourne, Australia, to CERES Community Environment Park — a self-funded, non-profit organization focused on community-based learning and action as part of our partnership with EWB Australia.

### **Building a better world**

Since 2007, AECOM volunteers have traveled with Caminul Felix to Ordea, Romania, to build new homes, as well as improve existing ones, for orphans and their caretakers. The new homes are sold for material cost and without profit. The project is the legacy of an AECOM employee inspired to help the community after traveling in the area for work. The June 2016 expedition included 16 employees from the U.S., U.K. and Romania. A return trip is planned.



Water system installed at the Escuela Oficial Rural Mixta Choacamán III, in the Santa Cruz del Quiche municipality, Guatemala.



AECOM volunteers with Caminul Felix in Ordea, Romania.

# **Creating Opportunity**

With **Creating Opportunity**, the second pillar of our *Blueprint for a Better World*, we help develop the next generation of the world's problem solvers and ensure future leaders reflect the diversity of the world we live in. Our commitment to increasing our activity in this area will continue to grow in future years.

### A legacy of outreach

The "AECOM Millennium Project" is a U.K. registered charity focused on the relief of poverty, hardship and distress among children in developing countries throughout the world. At least 95 percent of the nonprofit's proceeds go directly to helping children.

In 16 years the charity has supported 36 projects in 23 countries, having a real impact on children's lives. In 2016, we provided:

- US\$25,000 for the Engineers For Overseas Development work in Uganda
- US\$6,900 for school emergency relief work in Mozambique
- US\$4,200 final installment of library construction in India (total spend was US\$25,000)

### A gift of STEM education

To help ensure that high school students are prepared for life after graduation and future demands of the the modern workplace, we're helping Aiken County Public Schools in South Carolina, United States, implement a program of accelerated learning initiatives.

We provided US\$300,000 sponsorship to help create two science, technology, engineering and mathematics academies in local high schools.

#### **Employing the people who serve**

AECOM is one of the top companies in the world hiring veterans; more than 10,000 are currently employed. We are committed to helping those who are currently serving as well as those who have returned to civilian life. Our employees dedicate their time and talent to many community organizations, regional or national groups supporting veterans. Semper Fi Fund, Wounded Warrior Program and American Corporate Partners are just a few of the organizations we support.



Students receiving food and drink provided through Mozambique school emergency relief funding.



AECOM representatives presenting funding for STEM academies to South Aiken High School officials.

### **Protecting Tomorrow**

Through **Protecting Tomorrow**, the third pillar of our *Blueprint for a Better World*, we leverage our expertise to lessen our impact on the planet to help communities prepare for the future. We look to build on what was achieved in 2016 in this area with future work next year and beyond.

#### Solar power for the poorest

Pollinate Energy is a social enterprise based in Australia and India that aims to bring life-changing technologies such as solar lanterns, cookstoves, solar fans and water filters to families living in impoverished communities in India. In 2016, we again sponsored six employees from our Australia and New Zealand operations to travel to India. This year's team assisted with Pollinate Energy's team in Lucknow, the fourth city in India where the organization has expanded its work.

### Harvesting rainwater

AECOM's Manila, Philippines, office developed the Million Barrels project. Employees planned, designed and installed a rainwater harvesting and filtration system to collect water for irrigation and sanitation. The system was piloted Tanza, a district of Novotas in Manila.

#### **Glasgow Canal coalition**

AECOM is helping to turn the Glasgow Canal into a surface water storage system and re-thinking the way canals contribute to water management. By using meteorological forecasts and sensors for real-time operational management we are creating a reliable water network to benefit the communities, equipping the canals to be prepared for a resilient tomorrow.

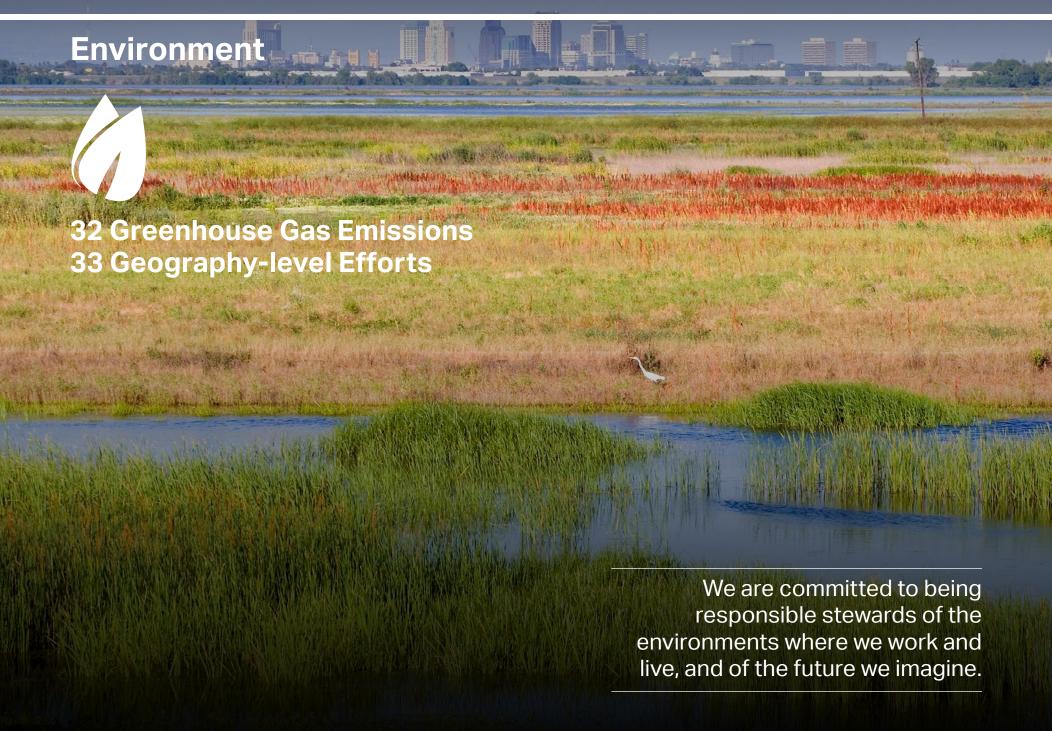
Scottish Canals, Glasgow City Council and Scottish Water are the key stakeholders from the Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Partnership.



Pollinate Energy's AECOM participants with solar lanterns.



The Million Barrels project to collect rainwater in Manila, Philippines.



### **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

### Reducing our carbon footprint

We aim to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions resulting from our operations. As a large, multinational, professional services firm, our sources of GHG emissions are highly varied in form. In an effort to prevent pollution, conserve resources and lead in environmental sustainability, a key commitment in AECOM's Safety, Health and Environment Policy, we regularly measure and report on the progress to lower our GHG emissions.

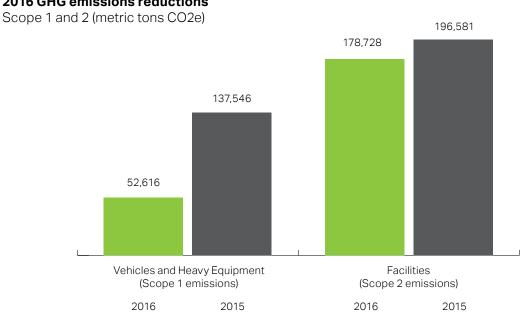
Major sources that we measure include direct emissions from fleet vehicles and heavy equipment (fuel consumption) and indirect emissions from facilities (purchased electricity or other sources of energy), also referred to as Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions respectively, as defined by the Greenhouse Gas Protocol. We also monitor our total annual mileage from business air and ground travel (Scope 3).

AECOM is striving to meet its target of a 20-percent reduction in Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by 2020. This target is set on 2015 operations as its baseline, normalized by revenue. To advance progress toward this goal, our current work is focused on our major sources with initiatives to consolidate our real estate footprint and upgrade to more fuelefficient vehicles and heavy equipment.

### 2016 highlights

- FY16 Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions were 13.29 metric tons of CO2e1/\$US million, compared to 18.29 in the previous year<sup>2</sup>
- Five office consolidations in the United States resulted in a 332.000 square-foot reduction in floor space and related Scope 2 emissions
- Our Oil & Gas construction operations added 20 new excavators, which use 15-20 percent less fuel than existing models
- We strengthened our GHG monitoring with FigBytes, a leading reporting software tool, to improve the data collection and processing demands involved in measuring our emissions

#### 2016 GHG emissions reductions



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2015 baseline revised by 7,500 metric tons due to previously unreported project-level data.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 2016 reductions primarily the result of AECOM's divestment of Oil & Gas fleet assets in North America.

# **Geography-level Efforts**

#### **News from Asia Pacific**

AECOM's sustainability program combines both a "top-down" and "bottom-up" approach to making our operations sustainable.

Our Asian operations have monitored and reported their environmental impacts across 22 regional offices for the past seven years. They track electricity consumption, paper purchased and flight mileage.

The measurements are published annually in AECOM's Asia Sustainability Report.

The report also includes the results of an annual employee survey to gauge both how employees and clients view sustainability as a priority and how they perceive AECOM's own level of commitment to sustainability. This feedback is then used to provide recommendations to guide future initiatives to improve our sustainability performance.

Our Australia and New Zealand operations run GO!, a green office program. A new, five-year strategic plan for GO! was launched in 2016. It aims to demonstrate sustainable business practices in five priority areas: travel, energy, water, procurement and recycling. These areas form the basis for both ANZ- and region-level action plans. The work contributes to AECOM's compliance in ANZ with ISO 14001, the operations' Environmental Management System standard.







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We aim to make our offices and projects sites safe, comfortable and representative of the communities we work in and serve.

# Safety, Health and Environment (SH&E)

### Delivering a safer world

At AECOM, we make safety part of everything we do. *Safety for Life*, our SH&E program, sets an expectation for each employee, contractor and business partner to take personal responsibility for the safety of their colleagues and others associated with our work.

Our employees are critical to reducing the frequency and severity of incidents. Safety for Life empowers employees to stop unsafe work at any of our locations and requires them to make safety observations and report near misses. Executives and senior management lead by example in our safety efforts. Each year we set minimum targets for senior management observations that include visits to project sites where they can assess performance, recognize excellence and report back on issues they have identified.

- AECOM employees made over 345,000 observations through online reporting systems and other sources
- Our global recordable incident rate in 2016 was one-tenth of the current U.S. construction industry average
- Our global lost work day incident rate in 2016 was 22 times lower than the current U.S. construction industry average
- In the United States, six AECOM locations earned Voluntary Protection Program Star status, a designation of exceptional safety performance from the US Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- AECOM's latest <u>Safety Report</u> provides more information on these achievements and others

# **Diversity + Inclusion**

# Encourage diversity and build inclusion

The power to create innovative solutions is connected to our ability to attract, develop and manage diverse teams. We want to grow diversity in our workforce and create a company culture that embraces inclusiveness.

Diversity expresses itself in many different ways — including age, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, religious creed, disability, medical condition, genetic information, military and veteran status and any other legally protected category.

We aim to foster an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and provides equal opportunities in all areas of employment, including recruitment, hiring, training and promotion. We want to ensure all employment practices are objective and free from bias, based solely on work criteria, individual merit and meet the broader goals and objectives of the company.

Our employees' participation in Employee Resource Groups is essential to promoting a greater sense of inclusiveness at AECOM. By connecting employees with shared interests and life experiences, the groups help members grow and learn, network, support their peers through coaching and mentoring and raise awareness in others.

Our online global employee resource group, WomenExcel, is over 2,400 members strong and focuses on celebrating and enriching women's development through active dialogue, engagement and collaboration.

Our mCircles (mentoring circles) program is a grassroots program built to promote diversity and inclusion through group mentoring. There are over 20 mCircles throughout the company, which are made up of eight to ten employees representing entry level- to senior-level positions.

Among others, additional groups within our organization include: LGBT+ Allies, AEMOMS (AECOM mothers), Global Young Professionals Forum and Hispanics@AECOM.

- The number of women leaders increased by nearly 30 percent, an accomplishment that demonstrates our commitment to increasing our women in leadership over the coming years
- Our Australian operations achieved a 50:50 gender split among undergraduate hires in 2016
- Our top employer awards and recognition include:
  - Top 50 Employers (Minority Engineer Magazine)
  - Corporate Equality Index on LGBT workplace equality (Human Rights Campaign Foundation)
  - Most Outstanding Company in Gender Diversity Award (Engineers Australia) and Veteran Friendly Employer of the Year (American Veterans)

### **Work-Life Balance + Career Growth**

### Being balanced and successful

We encourage and assist employees to achieve a work-life balance that is right for them, no matter their age or stage in life. Our employees are supported by a range of policies and benefits, which help ensure they have time and energy for their personal priorities.

To help employees pursue a healthy work-life balance, we develop progressive workplace programs and practices that cater to their needs. In North America, we offer *Wellness at AECOM*, a year-round wellness initiative for our benefits eligible U.S. employees and their spouses and domestic partners. Across the company, we also provide access to competitive and affordable benefits, including healthcare, life and disability coverages, voluntary benefits, including family and parental leaves, along with paid time off.

To help manage mental health issues such as work-related stress and challenging life-events, we provide employees free, 24/7 counseling resources. Through this confidential service, employees also have access to work-life services, such as financial guidance, legal support, child and elder care referrals.

Achieving a healthy work-life balance is one of many ways we help employees lead more fulfilling lives. We also support them on their career paths at AECOM.

Professional development opportunities and career advancement are powerful catalysts in driving job satisfaction for our employees. To support their success, we provide them tools and resources so they can reach their full potential.

Recognizing the ability to build and manage a successful career as a powerful catalyst that drives job satisfaction for our employees we provide them with the tools and resources needed to reach their full potential.

Our Performance + Rewards program provides employees with competitive compensation and rewards. They can work and live abroad, building their experience and professional networks, with our Global Mobility Program. AECOM University, an online learning platform, offers over 10,000 unique professional development courses. Our Development Hub allows employees to take ownership of their advancement with the support and guidance of their managers.

- Our Australia and New Zealand operations launched "Flexibility Works," which offers employees flexible hours of work, two weeks purchased additional annual leave and other flexible work options
- We introduced a new family care service benefit to eligible employees in North America. Care.com helps employees find caregivers for their whole family, including their children, parents/grandparents and/or pets
- We launched a program across our Europe, Middle East, India and Africa operations to train managers to have better conversations about mental health with their teams, and reduce the stigma associated with discussions about it
- Our new office opened in London, England, providing shared desks and drop-in space to support an agile working environment for teams

# **Marketspace**



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In pursuing growth, we are committed to conducting our business in an ethically sound and sustainable way.

### **Economic Performance**

### **Pursuing growth**

We want to be the single point of service for the entire lifecycle of our clients' projects. We have set a course to become the leading integrated infrastructure firm with the ability to design, build, finance and operate infrastructure assets around the world. In 2016, our performance demonstrated that our diverse business model is resilient, strong and positioned for growth.

Our portfolio of truly iconic project wins speaks to our leading role in driving innovation, improving communities and shaping skylines. Highlights include AECOM's selection to build the expansive new NFL stadium in Los Angeles, our framework agreement with Shell to deliver enabling infrastructure work across major global projects, our work on transformative transportation projects like Hyperloop and our selection to build New York City's newest skyscraper — the US\$1 billion One Vanderbilt tower.

We also continued to successfully diversify our business into attractive new markets, with more than US\$2 billion in key power, energy and industrial wins in the year and the expansion of our Construction Services and Management Services businesses into new global markets.

These accomplishments provided significant momentum and allowed us to close fiscal year 2016 with an approximately US\$43 billion backlog and a robust project pipeline.

- We delivered on our commitment to return the Americas design business to positive growth in the second half of the year
- Building Construction experienced its second consecutive year of doubledigit growth and 15 percent growth in contracted backlog in the year
- Our Management Services group entered the year with US\$25 billion in bids awaiting client decisions
- We delivered strong free cash flow to drive a substantial US\$1.2 billion in debt reduction since closing the URS transaction two years ago





### **Corporate Governance**

### A foundation of trust and integrity

We are guided by our core values and corporate policies and practices that ensure the company is managed in our shareholders' best interests. In addition, we are committed to upholding sound principles of corporate governance and to meeting the requirements of various regulatory institutions, including the governing laws of the markets in which we operate.

AECOM's Board of Directors is comprised of industry leaders and experts who are highly respected for their accomplishments as well as their values.

Our company leadership represents some of the best executives in our industry. Many have built their careers at AECOM, reflecting our company's career development opportunities, and have significantly contributed to our business and organizational growth.

Executive Team	2016	2015	2014
Number of executive officers	9	10	11
Percentage of executive officers that are women	22%	20%	0%

Board of Directors*	2016	2015	2014
Number of board members	10	13	12
Percentage of independent directors	80%	77%	67%
Percentage of directors that are women	20%	15%	8%

\*As of fiscal years ended September 30th, respectively.

## **Ethics + Compliance**

### **Acting ethically with integrity**

We take pride in how our people operate ethically and with integrity while delivering excellence to our clients.

Our actions are guided by the AECOM Code of Conduct which establishes our professional, ethical, financial and social values. The Code informs our actions and helps us make the right decisions when conducting our business worldwide.

Everyone at AECOM, as well as those working on our behalf, knows the expectations and requirements spelled out in our code. Our annual ethics training program reinforces these expectations and requirements of all employees and provides guidance on international anti-corruption laws and conventions.

A workplace that prioritizes ethical behavior is fundamental to one of our core values, Safeguard. We foster a culture of ethics by celebrating AECOM's Ethics Week, a global event held annually that recognizes the importance of ethics and integrity to our operations. Employees are encouraged to participate in enterprisewide as well as location-based activities that promote our values-based culture.

- AECOM's Modern Slavery Act Statement was signed by Chairman and CEO Mike Burke and approved by AECOM's Board of Directors, reaffirming our commitment to human rights
- Our sixth annual Ethics Week launched an internal video competition to encourage AECOM employees to share how they safeguard our people, our work and our world by acting ethically with integrity

### **Sustainable Procurement**

### Better supply chain management

We expect that goods and services related to our business are procured and delivered with full consideration of local legislation and environmental, social, ethical and economic issues throughout the whole purchasing and product lifecycle.

Our commitment to sustainable procurement drives us to work with our diverse network of suppliers to make a positive impact across our broad range of global markets. By building long-term collaborative partnerships, we seek to use AECOM's strategic position to support, encourage and influence our suppliers to extend the impact of AECOM's sustainable procurement actions throughout their own supply chains.

We consider the sustainable impacts of our procurement decisions, including but not limited to, complying with all international and local laws, employment laws, safety and quality standards. To assess our suppliers' sustainability performance, we communicate our requirements and evaluate their ability to deliver goods and services in a sustainable manner.

Working in collaboration with our suppliers and operations teams, AECOM strives to transform our supply based on our sustainability values. If a supplier does not align with or is unable to meet our commitment and expectations, we actively work with them to develop improvement plans. We reduce the need for new goods, procure goods and services from sustainable sources and reuse or recycle as far as practically possible.

- AECOM developed its Sustainable Procurement Policy to align and update the existing practices and policies of its global operations
- Our Infrastructure & Environment team in the U.K. was named a Rated Supplier on the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply Sustainability Index for a second year in a row

# **Supplier Diversity**



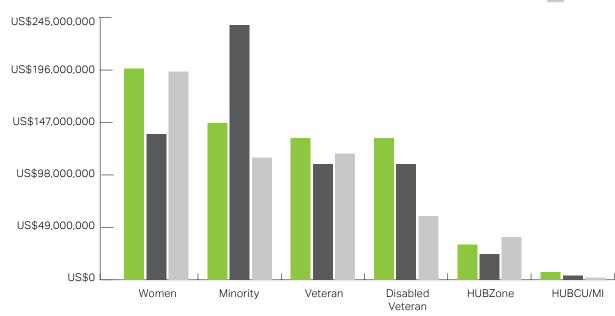
### Working and growing together

We believe that small and diverse businesses bring innovation and expertise that can strengthen the services we deliver our clients. This commitment is reflected in our Supplier Diversity Commitment Statement, signed by Chairman and CEO Mike Burke.

AECOM's supplier diversity program engages small and diverse businesses to support our work across all markets. Our suppliers include women- and minority-owned businesses, companies run by service-disabled veterans and small businesses from rural and urban communities participating in the Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program. Supplier diversity is a critical component in delivering projects for the federal and public utility contracts in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Australia, among other countries.



To continuously seek out new partners, we have instituted a comprehensive outreach program to identify new diverse firms to support our work. Engagement activities include hosting and attending industry-led conferences, workshops and events where small and diverse firms can market their products and services to us. We also participate in mentor-protégé programs to help small and diverse businesses build strategic partnerships with larger firms, develop their technical capabilities and share knowledge.



- 59.9 percent of AECOM's subcontracted work for U.S. federal and public utility contract awards went to small and diverse businesses
- In Australia, as part of our Reconciliation Action Plan, we recommitted to embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander procurement initiatives to increase supplier diversity
- AECOM was a winner of multiple business diversity awards and recognition in 2016.
   For more information on these awards and past ones, visit our Small Business/Supplier Diversity webpage

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### **GRI Disclosures**

This report contains Standard Disclosures from the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Sustainability Reporting Guidelines. References to where information related to the Standard Disclosures in the table provided.

The GRI G4 sustainability reporting framework informs the process by which the AECOM Sustainability Program team identifies and prioritizes what we include in the sustainability report.

AECOM will continue to improve our alignment in future reports. AECOM is also a signatory of the United Nations Global Compact, and this report represents our 2016 Communication on Progress.

This report has been audited by an independent team of internal reviewers to check that the information and facts presented in it reflect our performance.

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### **Disclaimers**

#### Scope of report

This report covers data and activities for the past several years to provide a clearer picture of our performance. This report covers our owned or operated businesses and does not address the performance of our suppliers, contractors or partners unless otherwise noted. We have prepared the information and case studies solely to provide a general overview of our sustainability activities and this report should not be used by anyone making an investment decisions. In addition, the information in this report is summarized and is not a complete description of all of our activities; therefore, we have made qualitative judgments as to certain information to include that could be determined to be inaccurate or incomplete. We did not employ any third party firm to audit this report.

#### **Forward-looking information**

This report contains forward-looking statements relating to the manner in which we intend to conduct our activities based on our current plans and expectations. These statements are not promises of our future conduct or policy and are subject to a variety of uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond our control. Therefore, the actual conduct of our activities, including the development, implementation or continuation of any program, policy or initiative discussed in this report, may differ materially in the future. The statements of intention in this report speak only as of the date of this report and we do not undertake to publicly update any statements in this report. As used in this report, the term "AECOM" and such terms as "the company," "our," "its," "we," and "us" may refer to one or more of AECOM's consolidated subsidiaries or affiliates or to all of them taken as a whole. All these terms are used for convenience only and are not intended as a precise description of any of the separate entities, each of which manages its own affairs.

#### About AECOM

AECOM is built to deliver a better world. We design, build, finance and operate infrastructure assets for governments, businesses and organizations in more than 150 countries. As a fully integrated firm, we connect knowledge and experience across our global network of experts to help clients solve their most complex challenges. From high-performance buildings and infrastructure, to resilient communities and environments, to stable and secure nations, our work is transformative, differentiated and vital. A *Fortune* 500 firm, AECOM had revenue of approximately US\$17.4 billion during fiscal year 2016. See how we deliver what others can only imagine at aecom.com and @AECOM.