

### THE PROBLEM

The number of participating civil engineering companies is increasing at a much faster rate than the number of participating students.

To meet the needs of employers, it is important that we grow our Professional Practice Program within the Lyles School of Civil Engineering. We see strong benefits to our students' participation, as is evidenced in their career preparedness and increased starting salaries.

### THE SOLUTION

The CE Professional Practice Advisory Board consisting of both students and corporate partners/alums was formed. The main purpose of the Board is to provide advice and counsel, act as a sounding board on matters important to the CE Professional Practice Program, and provide feedback on the goals of the program. We anticipate expanding the membership of the Board after the completion of the 2018-19 school year. Gaining diverse feedback was important to us, so we invited members as outlined below:

- All corporate members would be Purdue Civil Engineering Alumni
- Three members will be long-standing participants in the co-op program
- One representative will have been a co-op participant during their time as a student
- One representative will be from a company new to the co-op program
- One member will be a current co-op student who has completed their co-op program (this member will change annually)

### THE PREDICTED OUTCOME

The feedback and advice obtained from board members will continue to improve the quality of our Professional Practice program, providing increased opportunities for our students.

As we continue to monitor the program, we expect to see an increase in participation by both employers and students.

Our board members will have impact on our students, helping to retain them to program completion and transition them into full-time positions upon graduation.

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### STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



*"Working at my employer has provided me with profound benefits to my major and my comprehension of civil engineering. From the company culture to the various responsibilities, they give me an extremely accurate depiction of a future career as a PE."*

**- Dominic Raffin**



*"When I began the co-op program, I was excited to learn more about the industry and become more involved. I would recommend the experience to everyone. I look forward to each session and am grateful for the personal and professional growth that my employer has provided me."*

**- Logan Stewart**