

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE)
GEO-INSTITUTE (G-I)
CODES AND STANDARDS COUNCIL (CSC)**

INTRODUCTION

The Geo-Institute's Codes and Standards Council oversees the G-I's Codes and Standards Program. The CSC administers and coordinates the producing activities of all codes and standards-type documents within the G-I, in accordance with the rules and procedures formulated by ASCE to meet the requirements of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Accreditation by and adherence to ANSI policies allows the G-I of ASCE to produce codes, standards, guidelines, and practices, which are acknowledged and accepted by the profession and the public as consensus documents of recognized value.

The G-I Codes and Standards Program provides important contributions to the profession as part of the G-I's technical education and information dissemination activities. The Program produces revenues for the G-I from sales of documents and related continuing education and training courses in the use of pertinent consensus standards, guidelines and practices. CSC intends to lead the program to a preeminent position as a leading producer of standards for geotechnical engineering. The following STRATEGIC PLAN is CSC's blueprint to achieve the goal, in support of the G-I's vision to be the worldwide leader for excellence in geotechnical engineering.

CSC's MISSION

The purpose of the G-I Codes and Standards Council is to further the mission of the G-I. CSC will provide leadership within the G-I on public policy issues related to geo-applications in the form of consensus standards, guidelines and practices. CSC will establish G-I as a leading geotechnical standards developing organization serving the profession and public at large.

STRATEGIC PLAN

OBJECTIVE #1: Maintain the Program's accreditation with ANSI.

1-A: ANSI Compliance:

1-A-1: Ensure that ASCE's rules for Standards Committees are followed.

1-A-2: Review and revise rules and procedures governing the Program to be consistent with ANSI consensus requirements.

1-B: Program Administration:

1-B-1: Monitor codes/standards/guidelines/practices previously developed and under current development within the G-I.

1-B-2: Monitor codes/standards/guidelines/practices under development by other organizations, including constituent groups of ASCE.

1-B-3: Establish positions and prepare position and/or white papers on relevant codes, standards, and consensus guidelines/practices issues.

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STRATEGIC PLAN (Continued)

OBJECTIVE #1: (Continued)

1-B: Program Administration (Continued)

1-B-4: Recommend the appointment of standard committee chairs and monitor standard committee activities to assure timely development of consensus standards, guidelines and practices.

1-B-5: Maintain/increase membership of CSC by providing for liaisons to pertinent ASCE groups (CSAC) and other organizations producing geotechnical related ANSI codes and standards; e.g., ASTM, AASHTO, ACI, etc., plus at least two (2) non-liaison individuals.

1-B-6: Increase the efficiency/influence of the CSC by creating a membership category of Corresponding Member and including as such the G-I's standards committee chairs, a representative from the G-I's Technical Committees Council, and representatives from any other ASCE CSC or ASCE/G-I committee where appropriate.

1-B-7: Expand the sphere of influence of the G-I by including liaisons from other organizations that are involved in producing geotechnical related codes, non-consensus guidelines and manuals of practice as Corresponding Members; e.g., ACEC, ASFE, ADSC, AEG, etc.

1-B-8: Annually review CSC membership and G-I staffing needs for the CSC Program and make appropriate recommendations to G-I BOG for consideration.

1-B-9: Establish and document appropriate practices and procedures for developing and maintaining consensus standards, guidelines and practices within the G-I, including monitoring during and post-publication.

I-B-10: Annually (end of year) correspond with G-I Technical Committee Chairs to inform them of the status/plans for consensus standards, guidelines and practices which are under development; and, encourage submittal of new proposals.

I-B-11: Annually review the continuing education and training courses established to promote dissemination of developed consensus standards, guidelines and practices.

I-B-12: CSC will evaluate this Strategic Plan's progress and implementation annually and will review and update on a biannual basis.

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STRATEGIC PLAN (Continued)

OBJECTIVE #2: Identify, prepare and promote quality codes, standards, and consensus guidelines/and practices for use in the geo-profession.

2-A: Promote Growth of the Program:

2-A-1: Identify markets and service areas for consensus standards, guidelines and practices.

2-A-2: Identify needs for codes or code revisions and consensus standards, guidelines and practices.

2-A-3: Educate the G-I membership, and the geo-industry in general, regarding the mission of CSC, with intent to promote use of current and future standards, guidelines and practices.

2-A-4: Seek involvement of G-I technical committees to identify areas for preparing new (and improving existing) codes, and consensus standards, guidelines and practices.

2-A-5: Promote marketing of G-I consensus standards, guidelines and practices.

2-A-6: Encourage the G-I's standards and technical committees to develop and promote continuing education and training courses to facilitate implementation and dissemination of G-I consensus standards, guidelines, and practices.

2-B: Expand involvement with other Organizations.

2-B-1: Identify and establish liaisons with other associations, societies, and organizations that produce codes and consensus standards, guidelines and practices.

2-B-2: Cooperate with other organizations; e.g., IBC, ASTM, AWWA, NSF, ACI, NFPA, etc., to jointly develop and harmonize the preparation or revision of codes and consensus standards, guidelines and practices for usage within the U.S.A.

2-B-3: Provide advice to, and develop position statements for, professional and governmental entities as requested on codes and consensus standards, guidelines and practices.