



2025 COES Alumni of the Year



Civil Engineering – Keli Wylie, PE

- **Education:**
 - Louisiana Tech University, B.S. in Civil Engineering, cum laude (2002)
- **Professional Experience:**
 - Transportation engineering leader with over 20 years of experience in infrastructure planning and project delivery.
 - Alternative Project Delivery Administrator, Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT).
 - Oversees Design-Build, Progressive Design-Build, and Construction Manager-General Contractor projects.
 - Manages \$800M in construction statewide.
 - Previous roles at ARDOT:
 - Roadway Design Division – Early career role.
 - Interstate Rehabilitation Program Administrator – Managed a \$1B program.
 - Connecting Arkansas Program Administrator (2012–present) – Oversees \$1.8B in voter-approved infrastructure improvements covering 200 miles of highways and interstates.
- **Professional Credentials & Leadership:**
 - Registered Professional Engineer (P.E.).
 - Founding Chapter President, WTS Arkansas.
 - Active member of:
 - National Association of Women in Construction.
 - Institute of Transportation Engineers.
 - Awards & Recognition:
 - Nominated for the Ethel S. Birchland Lifetime Achievement Award (American Road & Transportation Builders Association).
 - Member of Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce Leadership Arkansas Class XVI (16).