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History and Mission

Founded in 1960, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts (ACEC/MA) is the business association of the Massachusetts engineering community. Our members include over 120 firms, representing more than 8,000 employees. ACEC/MA member firms design the building, environmental, transportation, educational, and recreation infrastructure of the state, enabling Massachusetts residents to drink clean water, take advantage of new technologies, and travel safely and efficiently.

ACEC/MA is dedicated to assisting its members in achieving higher professional, ethical, business and economic standards to provide quality consulting engineering services for their clients and the public. Our member firms range in size from single employee entrepreneurs to the corporate headquarters of international firms. ACEC/MA is affiliated with the Washington, DC-based ACEC, a federation of 51 member organizations, with over 5,000 member firms employing over 180,000 people, which design more than \$200 billion in capital projects.

Committees and Forums

Business Practice Forums:

- Accounting & Finance Forum
- DEI Forum
- Health & Safety Forum
- Human Resources Forum
- Information Systems Forum
- Rising Professionals

Client Sector Committees:

- Building Engineering Committee
- Water, Energy and Environment Committee (WEEC)
- Private Sector Committee
- Transportation Agencies Liaison Committee (TALC)

Government Affairs Committees:

- Government Affairs Committee
- Qualification Based Selection (QBS) Committee
- ACEC PAC Trustees

Event and Operations Committees:

- Awards Committee
- Leadership Education Committee
- Membership Committee
- Programs Committee
- Rising Professionals
- STEM Outreach Task Force
- Fellows Committee

Membership

ACEC/MA members include over 120 consulting engineering, land surveying, and A/E firms in Massachusetts. While many member firms are large companies, about one third of the members are small businesses with ten or fewer employees. Dues vary based on affiliate or full membership and on a company's size. All employees of a member firm are eligible for membership benefits.

ACEC/MA Membership Benefits

- **Advocacy** on issues facing the ACEC Membership: legislative, regulatory, and public policy
 - Public Agency Partnering with public (state) agencies
 - Legislative alerts
- **Leadership Education** Courses:
 - Our Emerging Leaders program for managers with 8-15 years of experience being groomed for significant leadership roles in their firms
 - Odyssey Leadership Program for senior management and anyone identified as a high potential leader
 - The Genesis Program is for employees with 2-5 years of experience to learn more about the business of consulting engineering
 - Several writing courses for design professionals
- **Programs** with newsworthy speakers and timely topics important to the profession
- **In-depth Member Briefings** on key business issues
- Participation in **committees/forums** to learn from industry colleagues and work on issues
- **ACEC/Matters**, a weekly email newsletter highlighting recent activities and opportunities
- **Online local and national directories** of member firms
- ACEC/MA special events, ACEC conventions and briefings
- **Last Word**, weekly ACEC national e-newsletter
- ACEC national magazine, **Engineering Inc.** – *going virtual January 2025*
- **ACEC Benefits**: Group Programs for Health Insurance, Business Insurance and Retirement Savings
- **ACEC Research Institute**: delivers knowledge and business strategies that guide and elevate the engineering industry and to be the leading source of knowledge and thought leadership for creating a more sustainable, safe, secure and technically advanced built environment.

Engineering Excellence Awards Competition: This annual competition recognizes engineering achievements demonstrating the highest degree of merit and ingenuity. For over 30 years, hundreds of engineering firms have entered their most innovative designs before their peers and a panel of distinguished judges. Finalists move to the National Competition, which takes place in Washington, DC.

Fellows Program: ACEC Fellows are selected by peers based on their contributions to the consulting engineering profession through administrative leadership, design, science, and education. Fellows donate their expertise to the profession. ACEC/MA Fellows also work closely with The Engineering Center Education Trust in Boston, a consortium of engineering, surveying, and related associations providing educational programs, resources, and information for professionals and the public.

For More Information: contact ACEC/MA at The Engineering Center Education Trust at 617/227-5551. (updated 5/2024)