



The American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts (ACEC/MA) is the voice of the engineering industry.



Council members in Massachusetts – numbering more than 120 firms and 7,000 employees – are engaged in a wide range of public and private

engineering works that contribute to the economic viability and quality of life in the Commonwealth. The Council's mission is to contribute to Massachusetts' prosperity and welfare by advancing the business interests of member firms.

Massachusetts has a rich engineering tradition that dates back over 150 years. ACEC/MA, which was formed in 1960, carries on that tradition. This brochure describes our national and local organizations, the benefits of being a member of ACEC, and the impact the Council has had on the consulting engineering profession in Massachusetts.

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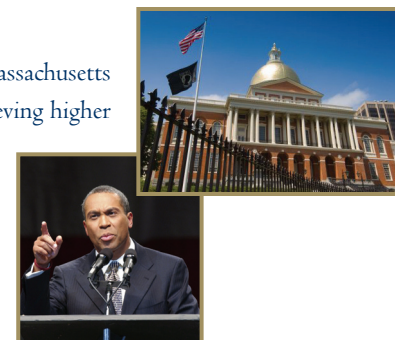
The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) represents more than 5,500 firms throughout the country that plan, design and build projects that benefit the nation's economy, and enhance and safeguard America's quality of life. These projects allow Americans to drink clean water, enjoy a healthy life, benefit from new technologies and travel safely and efficiently... in short, to enjoy a higher standard of living.



ACEC, based in Washington, DC, is a large federation of 51 state and regional councils representing the great breadth of America's engineering industry. ACEC member firms employ more than 300,000 engineers, architects, land surveyors, scientists, planners and other specialists responsible for more than \$100 billion of private and public works annually.

Local

American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts (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 global firms. ACEC/MA is affiliated with the Washington, DC-based ACEC.



Respect for quality is rewarded by quality.

Michael L. McKinney | Deputy Commission, DCAM

Nitsch Engineering joined ACEC/MA right after I founded the firm in 1989. ACEC/MA helped us with the business side of running the firm, including accounting and human resource issues. ACEC/MA continues to be a great resource for Principals and employees of the firm.

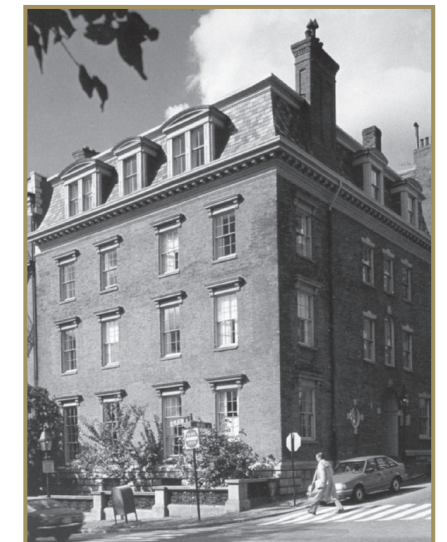
Judith Nitsch, P.E. | President and Founder, Nitsch Engineering, Inc.

Benefits of Membership

- Improving Business Practices.** Member firms benefit from the sharing of information and the committee work on Human Resources, Finance, IT and general business practices.
- Advocating Legislation and Policy.** ACEC/MA is the voice of the industry before state government and advocates beneficial legislation and procurement policy.
- Promoting Leadership and Professional Development.** Through leadership training, networking and continuing education programs, individual members develop their business skills and forge strong personal relationships.
- Recognizing Excellence.** Leadership positions in governing ACEC, sponsorships of programs and the Engineering Excellence Awards recognize firms for their accomplishments.
- Increasing Visibility.** A strong, vibrant ACEC/MA will ensure that the voice of the engineering industry is increasingly being heard in the State House, in corporate boardrooms and by the public.
- Participating in Benefits.** ACEC/MA, through ACEC National, offers business-related benefits such as discounts for liability, commercial, health and other insurance, on-line continuing education, peer reviews, trend surveys, contract documents and more.



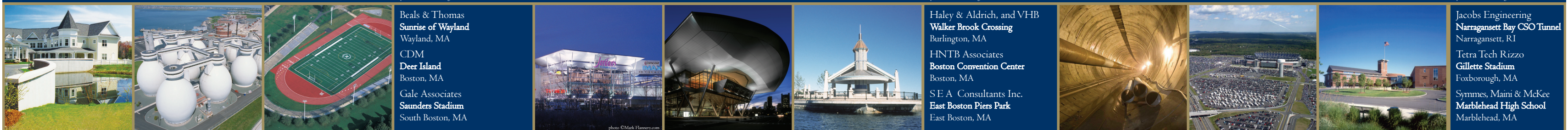
Olin College of Engineering, Needham, MA



The Engineering Center, Boston, MA, circa 2007

ACEC/MA is the voice of the engineering industry in Massachusetts. I participate to help shape the message. We all need to participate so the message will be heard.

Richard Moore, P.E. | President, TetraTech Rizzo



Accomplishments

With the support of our member firms, ACEC/MA works to protect and promote your business. ACEC/MA's work with state leaders, legislators and with state agencies has led to the following recent victories:



1. Through partnership with MassHighway, MBTA and DCAM, the hourly rates and overhead caps have been raised and retainage has been eliminated on new MassHighway contracts.
2. Passage of the 'single designer' law, enabling engineering firms to do both preliminary and final designs on certain projects.
3. Passage of the 2006 Economic Stimulus Bill, creating a Goddard Commission on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, with a reserved seat for the CEO of a consulting engineering firm.
4. Work to support the legislation that streamlines the environmental permitting and appeals process in the State.
5. Passage of language mandating a seat for an ACEC/MA representative on the Massachusetts School Building Authority Advisory Board and on the Designer Selection Board.
6. Support of opportunities in which the government can privatize parts of its work and consider alternative project delivery methods.
7. Support of Construction reform legislation.
8. Protect the interests of private sector engineers by supporting or opposing legislation that affects the industry.

ACEC/MA is active in increasing public awareness of the deteriorating condition of our infrastructure, and identifying the financial resources that it will take to maintain it, expand it and improve it. I whole heartedly support these efforts.
 - Michael Hanlon, PE. | Chairman, Weston & Sampson

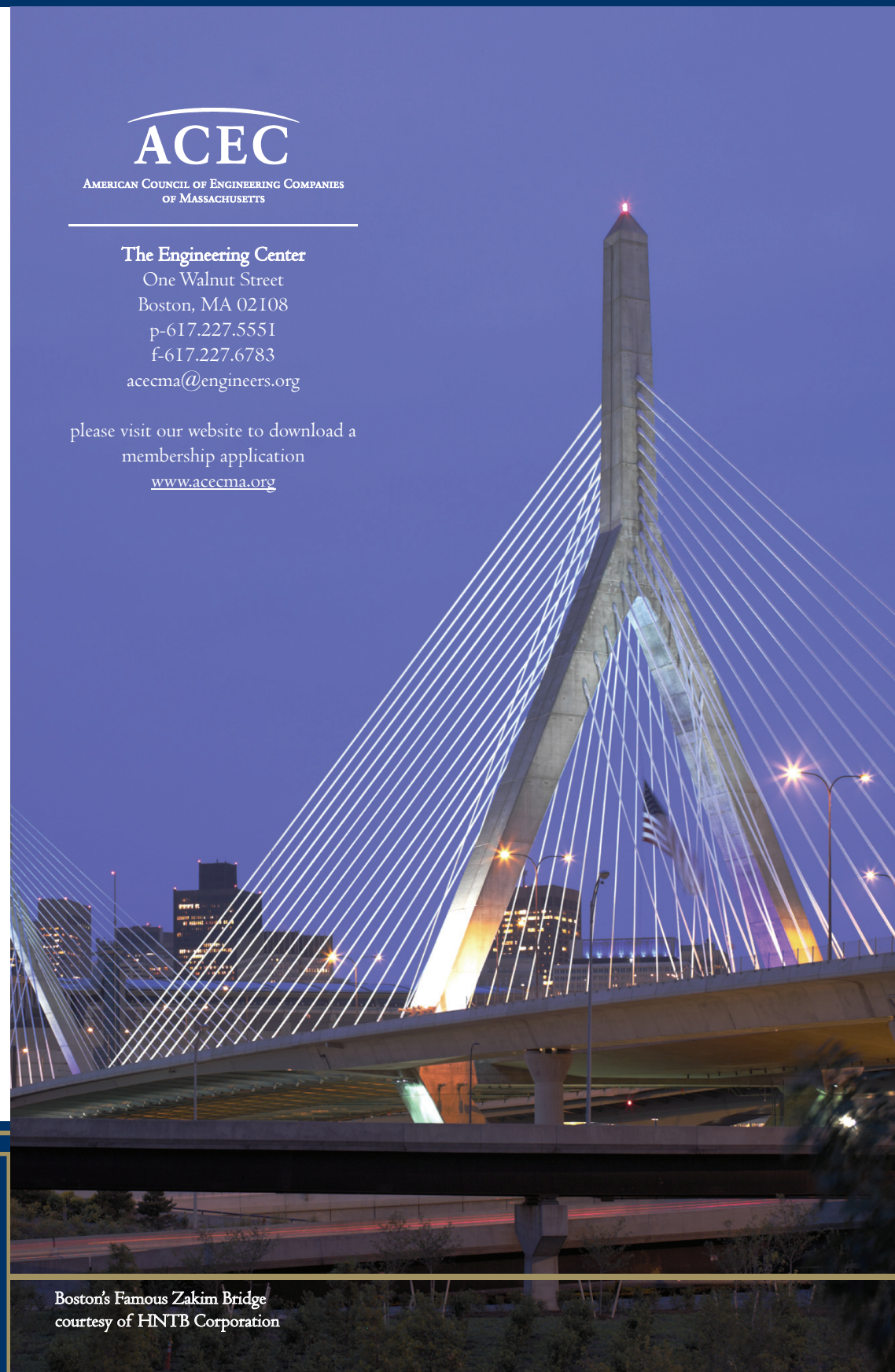
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Boston, MA
- Stantec
Boardwalk Reconstruction
Newburyport, MA
- Shaw Engineering
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South Boston, MA

Boston's Famous Zakim Bridge
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