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**Here's Your 1/27/22
ACEC/Matters**

**Briefing Open to ACEC/MA Members*:
Building Engineering Committee
(BEC) Update**



1/28, 8:30 AM Zoom

Topics: Update on Board of Building Regs & Standards and the state building code, planned AIA MA discussion with MSBA and others on ARPA funds for HVAC in schools, creation of Healthy & Green K12 Environmental Standards, DEI Evaluation criteria on some public agency design procurements including DSB projects, and more.

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Government Affairs

FY23 Budget: on 1/26, Governor Baker introduced his eighth and final budget recommendation. More on our [ACEC/MA FY2023 Budget Resource Page](#)

This week, Gov. Charlie Baker announced plans to propose \$200M for **Chapter 90 funding** used for local road and bridge repair funding, below what cities and towns have requested to address needs. The Massachusetts legislature will determine local aid and Chapter 90 program levels in the coming months.

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Governor's Race Heating Up: At press time: Chris Doughty, a Wrentham Republican, announced that he is running for governor, as is former State Rep. Geoff Diehl. On the Democratic side, Attorney General Maura Healey entered the race, so there are three D candidates: Healey, Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Harvard professor Danielle Allen.

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) reviews bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E community.

Next GAC Meeting 2/18/22 @ 10 AM on Zoom

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Vaccination Mandate Updates from ACEC + ACEC/MA

[Vaccination Mandate Web Page](#) updates as of 1/25/22: OSHA has officially withdrawn the Emergency Temporary Standard, so firms with 100 or more employees are not required to develop and publish a plan for employees to show proof of vaccination or test weekly.

Implications of Emerging Technology Innovation on Firm Strategy

ACEC Research Institute Live Online Roundtable

2/18, 12:30 PM

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Key takeaways from recently-completed research by the ACEC Research Institute designed to measure the value of Technology in the A/E industry to engineering firms specifically.

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