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Update from January 29: OMB withdraws memo that paused federal grants and funding

ACEC/MA [Updates on this page](#).

ACEC/MA Effective Writing Course Registration Open

2 Session Course: March 11 and 12, 2025, 3:30 - 5:30 PM, Zoom

with Instructor **Carol Lurie**

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ACEC/MA Young Professional of the Year Award - Nominations
Due February 3 - [More](#)

ACEC/MA Community Service Award - Nominations Due
February 7 - [More](#)



Engineering Excellence Awards

ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence Gala - Register Today

April 7, 5 PM Reception | 6:30 PM Gala Awards Dinner | 8:30 PM Dessert Buffet

Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, 606 Congress St, Boston

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ACEC/MA Rising Professionals Committee Briefing

February 5, 3:30 - 5 PM on Zoom

- Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
- GPI
- Gray, Gray & Gray, LLP
- Howard Stein Hudson
- Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc
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Join in as our ACEC/MA Leadership panel briefs our Rising Professionals (RPC) about ACEC/MA, our committees and forums, benefits, and overall mission:

*Featuring: **Dawn Connelly**, President, **Robert Belitz**, Treasurer; **Ed Baumann**, Board Member, Membership Co-Chair, **Kristine Wickham**, Board Member, DEI Forum Co-Chair, **Dori Ross**, ACEC/MA Board Member, STEM Task Force*

The RPC is open to staff at ACEC/MA Member Firms who are less than 39 years old. This briefing is open to all ACEC/MA Members.*

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ACEC/MA WEEC & GAC Member Briefing

February 6, 8:30 - 9:30 AM, Zoom

State of Water Infrastructure in MA

Guest: **Jennifer Pederson**, Executive Director, Massachusetts Water Works Association (MWWA)

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Resources from Recent ACEC/MA Member Briefings

From January 21 Private Sector Committee (PSC) + Building Engineering Committee (BEC): City of Boston's efforts to convert underutilized office space to residential with **John Weil**, Senior Program Manager for Downtown Conversions at Boston's Planning Department. [PDF of Presentation](#)

From January 22 TALC: **Guy F. Rezendes, PE**, MassDOT Highway, State Utilities Engineer **Ruben Diaz, Jr.**, District 6 Utility-Constructability Engineer on highlights of upcoming new SUE/AutoCAD directive for consultant community. [PDF of Presentation](#)

From January 27 Health & Safety Forum: Review and Breakdown of the Proposed OSHA Heat Injury and Illness Prevention with **Scott Smith, Ph.D.**, **Tighe & Bond**, Co-Chair of ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum: [PDF of Heat Injury and Illness Prevention OSHA Regulations](#)

MBTA Solicitation for Design Build (DB) North Station Draw One Bridge Replacement and Associated Track & Signal Upgrades, Boston, Cambridge and Somerville, MA

[More Info](#)

Estimated Construction Cost: \$1 Billion

RFLOI Available on Bid Express:

<https://www.bidexpress.com/solicitations/38938>

Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations & Standards Seeks Mechanical Engineer



Candidates with experience in climate resilience, including building systems that reduce flood and heat risk, are encouraged to apply. MA PE license and MA residency required.

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Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[DEI Programs and Executive Orders](#)

[Latest Issue of Engineering Inc. Now Available](#)

[Now Rescinded: Pause of Agency Grant, Loan, and Other Financial Assistance Programs](#)

[Regulatory Shifts and Industry Impact: Navigating Policy Changes on Infrastructure and DEI](#)

STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[ICYMI: Red Line to Hit Major Milestone as Speeds Increase to 50 MPH](#)

[AG Campbell Announces Settlements Requiring First Deposits Into Environmental Justice Trust](#)

[ACEC/MA Resource Page on the FY2026 Budget Process](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Files Multi-Year Chapter 90 Bond Bill to Invest \\$1.5 Billion in Local Road and Bridges](#)

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Acts on Bills Impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on February 13 at 10 AM.

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ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

Opportunities & Resources for your firm to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying including **high school career fairs in February**.

[STEM Task Force Info](#)

STEM Starter Academy

Technical Students for Entry Level Roles in Your Firm from MA Community Colleges

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ACEC Last Word Blog: News and insights on the Council and the industry

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