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**Here's Your 10/14/21  
ACEC/Matters**

## **MassDOT Announces Launch of New Local Bottleneck Reduction Program**



[Press Release](#)  
[Local Bottleneck Reduction Program](#) - Help Municipal  
Clients Apply

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Briefings & Events

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## **ACEC/MA Information Systems (IS) Forum**

**10/14, 12 - 1:30 PM on Teams**

**State of cybersecurity in the engineering industry** and  
commonalities in organizations that experience  
compromises. . . [More >](#)

[Teams Info Request for ACEC/MA IS Forum](#)



## **BEC + GAC To Hear Proposal for Municipal Building Authority**

**10/20, 3 PM - 4 PM on Zoom**

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**SILVER**

Join ACEC/MA's Building Engineering Comm + our Government Affairs Comm. as we meet with **State Senator Walter Timilty** to discuss bills filed this session that would create a Municipal Building Authority, one of the recommendations in **State Auditor Bump's Rural Rescue Plan** *noted below for discussion at our 10/22 GAC Zoom.*

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## Accounting & Finance Forum

10/21, 11 AM - 12:30 PM on Zoom

[Contact us for Zoom Info for ACEC/MA A&F Forum](#)

ACEC's new Peer Benchmarking Program with EFCG and sharing local benchmarking data gathered by DGC.

Speakers:

- **Rebecca Zofnass**, Managing Partner, EFCG Environmental Financial Consulting Group
  - **Marie Ternieden**, Senior Vice President, Business Resources and Education, ACEC
  - **Nick Tamvakis**, Principal in DGC's A/E Practice, co-chair of ACEC/MA A&F Forum with **Jackie Weir** Assurance Partner, BDO
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## State Auditor Bump To Discuss Rural Rescue Plan

10/22, 10 AM GAC Meeting on Zoom

[Contact Us for Zoom Info for GAC](#)

**State Auditor Suzanne Bump** will discuss her office's **Rural Rescue Plan with ACEC/MA Government Affairs Comm.** The plan would help the more than 100 mostly small communities in western Massachusetts pay to **upgrade roads, bridges, and municipal buildings. . .**

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## [ACEC's latest \*\*Monthly Economic Update\*\* on YouTube](#)

ACEC VP for Private Market Resources **Erin McLaughlin** provides a concise update on the key economic data that you need to know for our industry...[More >](#)

View the video, then visit ACEC's new [Private Market Resources Center](#) on the ACEC website.

## **Vaccination Mandate for Federal Contractors Update**

Updated 10/13/21: [More >](#)



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 News & insight on the  
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## **Government Affairs**

**10/13/2021:** House and Senate leaders announced an agreement over a [spending bill that would allow the state to close the books on fiscal year 2021](#) that ended in June, but they decided to defer decisions on how to spend the bulk of the tax surplus until later this fall amid consideration of how to use billions of dollars in American Rescue Plan Act funds.

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Last week, the [Senate Committee on Reimaging Massachusetts Post-Pandemic Resiliency](#) released a report looking at challenges facing the state and potential policy solutions to address them.

... [More >](#)

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

**Next GAC Meeting = 10/22 @ 10 AM on Zoom with  
State Auditor Suzanne Bump**

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## **STEM Task Force + HR Forum: STEM Starter Academy**

**10/7**

**ICYMI: Last week, David Cedrone**, Assoc. Commissioner, MA Department of Higher Education, + students from the [STEM Starter Academy](#), located at every Massachusetts community college, joined ACEC/MA's STEM Task Force and HR Forum on Zoom. They are seeking partnerships with our firms through:

- Student Internships
- Career Awareness Programs with their student on campus or virtually
- Other opportunities

[STEM Starter Academy Resource Page](#), including contacts at Massachusetts Community Colleges

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## **ACEC Fall Conference**

**October 27- 30, 2021**

**JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort, FL**

**#ACEC2021FL**

**New COVID Protocols in Place**

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