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ACEC/MA Housing Conference

An ACEC/MA Breakfast Program

October 24, 8 - 11:30 AM @ CDM Smith, Boston + Zoom

Housing Secretary Ed Augustus, Public and Private Sector Developers, and more.

Register by 10/21

[More Info on this event](#)

Healey-Driscoll Administration Unveils \$4 Billion Affordable Homes Act to Increase Production and Lower Costs

On October 18, Governor Maura Healey filed her anticipated Housing Bond Bill. Join us on October 24 for our Housing Conference to learn more about this important bill.

[Housing Bond Bill Background](#)

ACEC/MA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Commitment Award

Applications Due January 12, 2024

This award honors a firm's ingenuity, leadership, and commitment to advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within the profession.

[More Info](#)

ACEC/MA HR Forum: EEOC Updates, Pregnancy & Maternity Requirements & Accommodations

October 20, 9 AM Zoom

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ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum: Project Manager Safety Awareness

October 23, 2:30 PM Zoom

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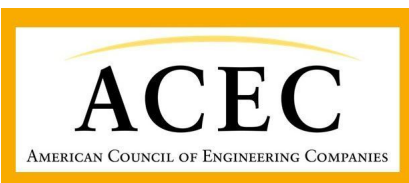
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Events & Briefings Calendar

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ACEC Research Institute Webinar on Diversity Roadmap Benchmarking Results

October 24, 12:30 PM Zoom

The ACEC Research Institute will unveil the results of the industry's first ever DEI&B Maturity Model and Benchmarking Study. Join this esteemed panel to learn about the business case for focusing on DEI&B initiatives, gain an overview of the results from the study to see how the industry as a whole is performing, and learn how to enhance your firm's level of DEI&B maturity. **You will need to create an ACEC National Login and Password to register for this free webinar.**

[More Info](#)

Risk Management Forum: Davis-Bacon Update

ACEC National worked with outside counsel Andy Martone of Hesse Martone, an employment law expert and counsel to ACEC-Illinois, on [this Davis-Bacon memorandum](#) that covers questions related to survey crews, inspectors, and material testers. It also provides general guidelines for whether Davis-Bacon covers employees. The Davis-Bacon Update is expected to take effect on October 23, 2023.

[More Info](#)

ACEC/MA Featured in Engineering Inc.

Check out the latest issue of Engineering Inc., ACEC's award-winning national magazine with a special feature on ACEC/Massachusetts.

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[ESG Disclosures: What All ACEC Business Leaders Need to Know](#)

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[DEI&B Committee Discusses Opportunities and Challenges Going Forward](#)

STATE NEWS

[MassDOT Highway Division Issues Updates to Project Development and Design Guide \(PDDG\)](#)

Updated Chapters of PDDG as of 10/18/24: 1, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13

The purpose of the Project Development and Design Guide (PDDG) is to define the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Highway Division's project development process and guide the planning and design of transportation projects. The PDDG's intended audience includes planners, designers, practitioners, and decision makers.

The previous edition of the PDDG, published in 2006, expanded MassDOT's framework for incorporating context-sensitive design and multimodal elements into transportation improvement projects. This new edition of the PDDG expands on those elements and formally incorporates process changes and guidance revisions that have occurred since 2006. MassDOT is actively updating the 2006 edition's content and modernizing the PDDG to a web-based format to aid the ease and regularity of future updates. Updated chapters are published in this new web-based format. For chapters currently undergoing updates, the 2006 edition is temporarily posted to that chapter's web page.

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces Over \\$6 Million In Land And Water Conservation Grants To Support Parks And Open Spaces](#)

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Acts on Bills Impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community.

Quentin Palfrey, Massachusetts Director of Federal Funds and Infrastructure joins us on 10/27 at 10 AM. [MassTaxpayers Foundation Report with background.](#)

[Join ACEC/MA GAC on 10/27](#)

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The Designer Selection Board (DSB) **seeks 1 PE** for the Board.

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