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AI in the A/E Sector

An ACEC/MA Breakfast Program

December 6, 8 AM, AECOM in Boston + Zoom

AI is on everyone's mind. How is Artificial Intelligence changing how engineering, land surveying and A/E firms approach their work?

How are some firms approaching AI today? Join us on December 6 to learn more.

Register by December 1. In-person seats are limited to 40 people.

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ACEC R&D Amortization Update

ACEC is continuing its campaign to fix R&D amortization with an [action alert](#) and other promotional materials. We're asking you to contact your Members of Congress if you didn't last week - **again**. The focus of the message is the need for congressional action before the end of the year.

ACEC's website, [Protect Engineering Innovation](#) includes an ad appearing in some targeted markets.

R&D amortization isn't just a problem for big companies. 58% of engineering firms surveyed by the ACEC Research Institute indicated they conduct R&D spending. Among those impacted, the average will be a loss of nearly \$1.5 million (median loss of \$400,000). Source: [ACEC Research Institute 2023 Q4 Engineering Business Sentiment Survey](#).

We need to make sure that R&D amortization is a top priority for Congress: send a letter to [your US House Representative](#). Even if your Member of Congress has cosponsored the House and Senate repeal bills, we need ACEC members to reach out again and stress the urgency of Congress fixing R&D amortization now. ACEC makes it very easy for you.

Here is the [Full list of US House co-sponsors](#) to date. Contact [Abbie Goodman](#) if you have any questions.

ACEC International Committee to Meet with USAID

December 15, 11:00 AM Eastern, Zoom

ACEC National's **International Committee** will host a virtual meeting with USAID staff to receive an update on their international infrastructure priorities and how American firms can compete and win work overseas. As

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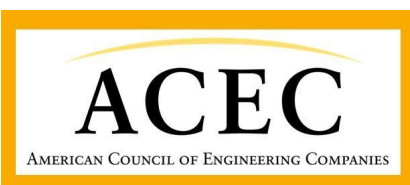
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ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum

November 20, 2:30 PM Eastern, Zoom

Topic: Climate Impacts on Occupational Safety: Nature, Health, and Regulation. Presented by Dr. Scott Smith, CSP, Tighe & Bond.

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Large Entity Reporting Requirement from MassDEP

MassDEP adopted a new regulation, [310 CMR 7.41: Large Entity Reporting Requirement](#), which requires a **one-time report from large entities that operate or dispatch vehicles in MA with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 8,500 pounds**. The reported information will allow MassDEP to assess the best way to develop charging infrastructure and programs to support and accelerate the medium-and heavy-duty zero emission vehicle market in Massachusetts. Affected entities must report applicable information through the Massachusetts Large Entity Reporting portal by 5 PM on **March 1, 2024**.

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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.

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ACEC/MA Education Corporation FY2024 Scholarships

Scholarship Applications are Due January 26, 2024 at 5 PM.

The ACEC/MA Education Corporation provides educational scholarships to advance the engineering and land surveying profession. We work with the ACEC Research Institute to have students apply through their scholarship portal.

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MassDOT Highway Plan Preparation Guidelines for Consultants Preparing Right-of-Way Plans

Issued October 2023; Shared with ACEC/MA TALC on 11/1/2023.

[New Guidelines](#)

MassDOT Highway project development tools: Updated Project Scoping Checklist Posted October 2023

Shared with ACEC/MA TALC on 11/1/2023.

Download the new MassDOT Project Scoping Checklist from the [MassDOT Highway project development tools webpage](#).

Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[Protect Engineering Innovation](#)

R&D Tax Change Threatens America's Engineering Firms

Take Action: ACEC member action is needed to urge their Representative and Senators to support immediate action in Congress to repeal the R&D amortization requirement.

[ACEC Joins Business Groups on R&D Letter](#)

[The Road to the White House Begins Now](#)

News from ACEC President and CEO Linda Bauer Darr

STATE NEWS

[Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Board of Trustees members approves \\$47,005,405 in new loans and grants at its November meeting](#)

[National Grid Launches Fall Workforce Development Academies To Grow And Diversify Clean Energy Labor Force](#)

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

[Join ACEC/MA GAC on 11/16/23](#)

Seeking a Professional Engineer

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

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Opportunities & Resources for your firm to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying

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STEM Starter Academy

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

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