

# ACEC/Matters

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF MASSACHUSETTS

November 22, 2023

*We wish you and your family a warm & safe Thanksgiving. Please enjoy this week's ACEC/Matters 1 day early.*

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## AI in the A/E Sector

An ACEC/MA Breakfast Program - Register by December 1.

**December 6, 8 AM, AECOM in Boston + Zoom**

**In-person seats sold out, Zoom still available**

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.

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## ACEC/MA DEI Forum

**December 6, 3:30 PM, Zoom**

Topic: Non-apparent identities with a focus on disabilities. Speaker: Victoria Verlezza, Fuss & O'Neill. Open to all ACEC/MA Members\*

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## Provisions of a Strong Contract

**December 13, 4 - 5 PM, Zoom**

This one-hour webinar, hosted by the ACEC Business Insurance Trust, Greyling Insurance Brokerage | Risk Consulting, a Division of Epic, and The Hartford, will walk you through various contract provisions so you can more easily identify the risks associated with eliminating or modifying certain contractual elements.

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## ACEC International Committee to Meet with USAID

**December 15, 11:00 AM, Zoom**

ACEC National's **International Committee** hosts a virtual meeting with USAID staff who will update on their international infrastructure priorities and how American firms can compete and win work overseas. As the world's premier international development agency driving significant development results, USAID's work advances U.S. national security and

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economic prosperity, demonstrates American generosity, and promotes a path to recipient self-reliance and resilience.

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### Upcoming Web Briefings from the ACEC Research Institute

[ACEC Research Institute State of the Engineering Economy - Q4 2023: - 11/29 Web Briefing, 12:30 PM](#), Open to all Members

[ACEC Research Institute Fair and Balanced: The Role of Private Equity in Engineering Firms: 12/13 Web Briefing , 12:30 PM](#), Open to all Members.

### 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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### Boards of Registration Issue New Professional Practice Guide

Updated Guide to Current Regulations as of October 2023 from the Board of Registration of Architects and the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

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### Government Affairs

#### FEDERAL NEWS

[Engineers Can Help Build a Better Government:](#) News from ACEC President and CEO Linda Bauer Darr

#### STATE NEWS



**[Healey-Driscoll Administration Awards \\$27 Million to Decarbonize Affordable Housing Across Massachusetts](#)**: First Round of Funding Under \$50M Grant Program Will Lower Energy Costs and Improve Air Quality and Comfort

**[Average Energy Prices In The Boston Area](#)** from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of October 2023 (released November 21, 2023)

**[MBTA Announces Ambitious Track Improvement Program to Eliminate All Speed Restrictions by End of 2024](#)**

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

Join ACEC/MA GAC on 12/8/23

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### **Seeking a Professional Engineer**

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

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### **STEM Task Force Opportunities**

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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### **LAST WORD**

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

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