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Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering

ACEC National online briefing: [New Executive Orders on DEI: Impacts for Engineering Firms.](#)

February 25 at 1:30 PM. This Zoom briefing will be particularly relevant for firms that do work with the federal government and going forward must certify that they do not have DEI programs that conflict with the executive orders. This is comped for ACEC Members, but you must create a login and password on the ACEC National website.

[Bookmark this ACEC page](#) for announcements, executive actions and decisions from the Trump White House that directly affect America's engineering and design services industry.

Although OMB withdrew the order freezing spending on federal grants, this action did not withdraw related Executive Orders seeking to impose more targeted federal funding restrictions. ACEC National would like to hear what's happening in the states. If you know MA projects that are still paused, contact [Abbie Goodman](#)

Example: 'Never in our wildest dreams': Mass. environmental projects stall amid federal funding confusion

The 2025 Agenda – The Trump Administration and the New Congress

Resource Materials from ACEC National Webinar on February 12, 2025

[PDF of Slides](#)

[Recording of this Webinar](#) for ACEC/MA Members (link good for 90 days)

ACEC: Embracing Progressive Design-Build in Modern Engineering

February 19, 1:30 - 2:30 PM Eastern

Registration for this program is through ACEC National.

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ACEC/MA State of Markets Update from ACEC National Team

February 25, 8:30 - 9:30 AM, Zoom

ACEC/MA Member Briefing on Zoom from our Private Sector Committee - Open to all ACEC/MA Members*

Update from ACEC national on current economic data, market reports and how the current federal programs impact private sector markets with

- CDW Consultants
- Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
- French & Parrello Associates
- GPI
- Gray, Gray & Gray, LLP
- Howard Stein Hudson
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these key ACEC staffers:

- **Thomas Grogan**, Senior Director, Economics and Market Intelligence - on the economy

- **Diana O'Lare**, Director, Market Intelligence – on private sector markets research

- **Matt Reiffer**, Vice President, Infrastructure Programs – on how new federal policies impact private sector markets

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ACEC/MA Effective Writing Course Registration

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

with Instructor **Carol Lurie**

< 12 seats open

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MassDEP Posts 2025 Draft SRF Intended Use Plans for Clean Water & Drinking Water

Virtual Public Hearing on March 3, 1 PM

[More Info](#)

Resource from Recent ACEC/MA Member Briefing on Water Infrastructure

From February 6 WEEC & GAC Member Briefing: State of Water Infrastructure in MA with Jennifer Pederson, MWWA Executive Director; [PDF of Presentation](#)



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 2025 Annual Convention & Legislative Summit

Registration for ACEC's Annual Convention is Open!

May 18–21, Washington, DC

Early Bird Deadline: April 17

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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

[Building Bridges](#) - ACEC members' contributions to the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) expands the influence of the engineering profession worldwide.

[DEI Programs and Executive Orders](#)

STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[MBTA Announces South Coast Rail Service Begins March 24, 2025](#)

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

Massachusetts Senate and House leadership are expected to announce their committee chairs this week. We'll report on these key appointments next week

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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Last Word

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

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