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Engineering Excellence Awards

Registration Now Open for ACEC/MA's Engineering Excellence and Awards Gala

March 28

Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, 606 Congress St, Boston

5 PM Reception | 6 PM Gala Awards Dinner | 8:30 PM Dessert Buffet & Networking

Monica Tibbits-Nutt, MassDOT Secretary & CEO, Kathy Murtagh, Director, Tunnel Redundancy Program, MWRA, Co-Emcees

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MassDOT Highway Division Issues 2024 Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges

MassDOT Highway Division notified ACEC/MA about this update on February 14. The 2024 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges will be referenced in the contract documents for all projects advertised on or after **February 17, 2024**. [Engineering Directive E-24-001](#) includes more information.

[More Info](#)

New 248 CMR: 10.00 State Plumbing Code - ACEC/MA Questions, Board Answers and Low Carbon Concrete on 2/28 ACEC/MA Building Engineering Committee (BEC)

February 28, 10 AM, Zoom

Topics: Low carbon concrete, plumbing code

The Secretary of State's office promulgated a new version of the [248 CMR 10.00: Uniform State Plumbing Code](#), effective 12/08/2023. ACEC/MA

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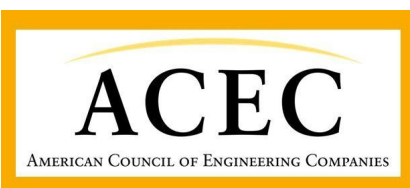
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members generated several questions to which the Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters responded on February 14. ACEC/MA's Building Engineering Committee will discuss the issues along with a member briefing on low carbon concrete on February 28.

[More information about the Plumbing Board's response.](#)

[Request Zoom Info for 2/28](#)

Celebrating Engineers Week: Welcome to the Future.

[More Info](#)

MassDOT Highway Briefs TALC on Road Safety Audits

On February 13, the MassDOT Highway Division briefed over 100 ACEC/MA members about upcoming enhancements to the Massachusetts RSA Program.

[PDF of Presentation](#)

[Helpful Links on RSAs](#)

Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) Seeks Mechanical Engineer for Board

[More Info](#)

ACEC Research Institute: Engineering Your DEI Journey: Client Perspectives and Industry Progress

New Date: March 5, 12:15 - 1:30 PM Zoom

Open to all ACEC/MA Members*

Where is your firm on its DEI journey and why does it matter? A panel of ACEC firm executives will share their perspective and insights on the recently released results of the ACEC Research Institute's Diversity Roadmap as well as progress on their own DEI journey. **Monica G. Tibbits-Nutt, AICP, LEED AP BD+C**, Secretary and CEO of MassDOT, will also join the discussion.

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Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[Contact Your Senators before February 27 On R&D Amortization](#)

[ACEC Energy Market Brief – Winter 2024](#)



[Senate Committee Approves FAA Reauthorization Bill That Boosts Airport Infrastructure Investment](#)

[Federal Agencies and Procurement Advocacy Committee Meets in Washington](#)

STATE NEWS

[Governor Healey Aims To Tackle Transpo Financing "Head On"](#)

[MBTA Official Says Fed Are Happy With Safety Progress](#)

[EPA and New England Aquarium spotlight the sunken treasure of Blue Carbon in climate resilience](#)

[Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Board of Trustees members approves \\$44,768,312 in new loans and grants at its February meeting](#)

[New Report Explores The Diversity And Economic Impact Of Greater Boston's Diverse Immigrant Community](#)

[ACEC/MA FY2025 State Budget Resource Page](#)

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

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ACEC/MA STEM Task Force - Ways to Help in 2024

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

[STEM Task Force Info](#)

STEM Starter Academy

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

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QBS Committee Seeks You

ACEC/MA's Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) Committee advances key initiatives to improve QBS adoption in Massachusetts. This is an important opportunity to make your voice heard within our industry and with public agencies. Initiatives include updating the ACEC/MA QBS manual, reviewing state guidance on procurement, and talking with public agency leaders about why QBS makes sense for the agencies. Please contact ACEC/MA if you are interested in helping with our initiatives.

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