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ACEC/MA State of Markets Update

February 25, 8:30 AM, Zoom

Member Briefing from ACEC/MA Private Sector Committee

Current economic data, market reports, and how the current federal programs impact private sector markets with these key ACEC staffers:

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

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

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

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New Executive Orders on DEI: Impacts for Engineering Firms

February 25, 1:30 PM Eastern, Zoom

ACEC National briefing on how recently issued executive orders restricting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives at federal agencies and among federal contractors will have significant impacts on engineering firms. This is comped for ACEC Full Member Firms' staff, but you must create an individual login & password on the ACEC National website

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ACEC/MA HR Forum + Health & Safety Forum: Cannabis in the Workplace

February 25, 3 PM Zoom

ACEC/MA's HR Forum, Health & Safety Forum, & Risk Management Forum Joint Briefing

Guest: **Howard Goldberg**, Partner, MG+M The Law Firm

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ACEC/MA Risk Management Forum on Recent Amicus Brief

March 5, 9:30 AM Zoom

- CDR Maguire Engineering
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Guest: Howard Goldberg, Partner, MG+M The Law Firm, on the amicus brief in the matter of Trustees of Boston University v. Clough, Harbour & Associates LLP.

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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

Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering:
[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.

Message from Linda Bauer Darr, ACEC President & CEO on 2-18-2025:
[Celebrating Engineers Week: Honoring Innovation, Advocacy, and Excellence](#)

February's Construction Put in Place Survey Analysis is Live: Check out the latest [monthly analysis of the US Census Construction Put in Place Survey](#), which provides estimates of the total dollar value of construction work done in the U.S. and includes design and construction spending for public and private projects.

New! Firm of the Future Webpage: The ACEC Research Institute launched the newly created [Firm of the Future webpage](#) to keep the industry updated on the progress of this important research. The ACEC Research Institute's *Firm of the Future* initiative is a forward-thinking effort designed to explore and prepare for the evolving landscape of engineering and design firms by 2035. Through strategic scenario planning, the Institute has collaborated with over 70 industry leaders and external advisors to develop 44 potential future scenarios. This comprehensive exploration has resulted in a dynamic roadmap highlighting the key competencies firms will need to thrive, along with a focused research agenda aimed at empowering businesses to excel in 2035 and beyond. Get involved in the Firm of the Future Initiative? [Get in touch!](#)

Commercial & Residential Winter 2025 Brief: ACEC's latest market brief on the commercial and residential real estate markets is now available. The brief includes a client list of top developers in the multifamily market, the top 5 trends impacting the market, government affairs action, and business development insights.

STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[AG Campbell Issues Guidance For Businesses On Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Employment Initiatives In The Workplace](#)
- 16 Attorneys General Emphasize Legality and Importance of DEI and Accessibility Initiatives in Hiring, Retention, and Employee Engagement

MassDEP Posts 2025 Draft SRF Intended Use Plans for Clean Water & Drinking Water - [Virtual Public Hearing on March 3, 1 PM](#)

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

Massachusetts Senate & House leadership are expected to announce their committee chairs soon. We'll report on these key appointments when they do.

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Acts on Bills Impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on March 13 at 10 AM.

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ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

Spring Opportunities & Resources for your firm to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying. **(Updated as of 2/19/25)**

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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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