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ACEC/MA's Engineering Excellence Awards Gala
March 28

Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, Boston

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

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

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MassDOT Highway Division Updates Cost Recovery Procedure

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MassDEP Public Comment Period Extended on Proposed Resilience Updates to Wetlands and Waterways Regulations

ACEC/MA's WEEC will collect and submit comments on behalf of ACEC/MA members by April 30, 2024.

To serve on one of three short task forces, where you can provide comments to be used in an ACEC/MA letter to MassDEP, sign up here by February 28: [ACEC/MA Sign Up For MassDEP](#)

[- MassDEP Wetlands Regulations](#)

[- MassDEP 401 Water Quality Certification Regulations](#)

[- MassDEP Waterways Regulations](#)

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MassDOT Highway Division Issues 2024 Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges

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.

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New 248 CMR: 10.00 State Plumbing Code - ACEC/MA Q&A 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 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](#)

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](#)



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

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 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](#)

[Securing the Workforce of the Future](#)

[How are you celebrating Eweek?](#)

STATE NEWS

[Governor Healey Signs Executive Order Establishing Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Strategic Task Force](#); Governor to seek \$100 million in upcoming Economic Development Bill to create Applied AI Hub in MA

[EPA Announces Over \\$151M For Massachusetts Drinking Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrades](#)

[MA Broadband Institute Expands Municipal Planning Program to 16 Additional Cities and Towns Statewide](#)

[MBTA Successfully Completes Expedited Critical Track Work On Red Line, Removes 8 Speed Restrictions](#)

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

STEM Starter Academy

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