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Engineering Excellence Awards

ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence Gala - Register By March 31

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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NCEES Seeks Input from Structural Engineers on Structural Exam

NCEES is seeking a cross section of licensed structural engineers to participate in an online survey for the PE Structural exam. The survey will be open until **March 10**. For access, visit: ncees.org/STRPAKS#engineering.

ACEC/MA Risk Management Forum on Recent Amicus Brief

March 5, 9:30 AM, Zoom

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

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ACEC/MA Water Energy Environment Committee Zoom on EJAN

March 7, 10 AM Zoom

Guest: **Denise January**, EJAN Coordinator

- Apex Companies, LLC
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ACEC/MA Member briefing on the Environmental Justice Assistance Network, a pro bono capacity-building and referral network that matches legal, scientific, public health, and technical experts with communities that are addressing environmental justice challenges

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Update on Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirements

Beneficial ownership reporting requirements are back in effect, with a new deadline of **March 21, 2025** for most companies.

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Resources from Recent ACEC/MA Member Briefings

ACEC/MA TALC on 2/26 Guests:

- **Luisa Paiewonsky**, Executive Director, Megaprojects Delivery Office, MassDOT [PDF of Presentation](#)

- **Paul Campbell**, PE, PLS, MALSCE President-Elect, on Boards of Registration Professional Practice Guide. [Link to Guide](#); [Link to Advisory Task List](#)

ACEC/MA State of Markets Update from ACEC National Team on 2/25:

Private Sector Committee with TALC, WEEC with **Thomas Grogan**, Senior Director, Economics and Market Intelligence, **Diana O'Lare**, Director, Market Intelligence, **Matt Reiffer**, Vice President, Infrastructure Programs: [PDF of Presentation](#)

ACEC/MA HR, Health & Safety, & Risk Management Management Forums' 2/25 briefing: **Cannabis in the Workplace**, with **Howard Goldberg**, Partner, MG+M The Law Firm: [PDF of Presentation](#)

New Executive Orders on DEI: Impacts for Engineering Firms on February 25 with ACEC National Advocacy Team: [Access Recording](#) for next 90 days

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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MA 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

Message from Linda Bauer Darr, ACEC National President & CEO
[Shaping the Future: ACEC's Advocacy, Innovation, and Industry Impact](#)

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.

[AI Risks Get Real](#)

[ACEC on Capitol Hill for E-Week](#)

STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[Massachusetts Legislative Leadership Appointed for 2025-2026 Legislative Session](#)

Of note:

- [Representative James Arciero](#) (D - 2nd Middlesex) is the new House Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation

- [Representative Christine P. Barber](#) (D - 34th Middlesex) is the new House Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

- [The MA Senate adopted Senate Rules for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session](#) on February 13, 2025

- [House Passes Joint Rules and House Rules for 2025-2026 Legislative Session](#) on February 25, 2025

MassCEC Launches Plan to Make Massachusetts the Global Leader in Climatetech: On February 21, Mass Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) today released its [Massachusetts Climatetech Economic Development Strategy & Implementation Plan](#), a comprehensive roadmap to solidify Massachusetts as the global leader in climatetech innovation, drive equitable economic growth, and advance the state's net-zero climate goals.

[AG Campbell Issues Guidance For Businesses On Diversity, Equity, Inclusion And Accessibility Employment Initiatives In The Workplace](#)

[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 March 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**.

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STEM Starter Academy

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

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

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