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## 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.

Although last week's order from the OMB freezing spending on federal grants was withdrawn, this action did not withdraw related Executive Orders seeking to impose more targeted federal funding restrictions.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](#)

## Web Briefing: The 2025 Agenda – The Trump Administration and the New Congress: February 12, 1 – 2 PM on Zoom

ACEC's advocacy team briefs members on the policy agenda in Washington, with emphasis on the Trump Administration's early actions through Executive Orders and Cabinet appointments, plus how the new Congress is preparing to move major legislation on tax policy, immigration reform, regulatory streamlining, and other priorities.

Register for this no-cost briefing through ACEC National. Create your own ACEC National Login & Password for this & any other national programs. [Learn More & Register](#)

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

**February 25, 1:30 PM on Zoom:** This no-cost briefing program (registration fee) 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.

## ACEC/MA Effective Writing Course Registration

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

with Instructor **Carol Lurie**

< 15 seats open

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## MBTA Resource: MBTA Planned Service Outages, aka Construction Schedule for CY2025

### MBTA Closures Calendar - Updated February 4, 2025

To improve stations and tracks, MBTA will implement some closures throughout 2025. View the current calendar of planned closures from January 1 - December 31, 2025. These dates may be useful for planning firms' work on right of way. Closure dates and locations may change. Check service alerts and construction updates on the page below for the latest information. Look for the [2025 Closure Calendar on this page.](#)

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

Virtual Public Hearing on March 3, 1 PM

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## 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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## Revocation of Executive Order 14110—Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence: Relevance to Design Professional Practice

Thank you to MG+M authors **David J. Hatem, PC**, **Kelly Martin Malone**, **John Lim**

On January 20, 2025, President Trump revoked Executive Order (EO) 14110—*Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence*, issued on October 30, 2023. With the rapid advancements in generative AI technologies and potential benefits related to integrating such technologies into design professional practice - will there will be any impacts to the practice by the promulgation and subsequent revocation of EO 14110....



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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 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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## 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

[Generative AI's \\$4.4 Trillion Boom: Data Centers and Tech's Market Integration](#)

[Message from Linda Bauer Darr, ACEC National President & CEO: Sprinting into 2025 – a look back at January at ACEC](#)

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### STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[State Fiscal Team Prepping For "What Comes Next" - Budget Chief, Comptroller Reached Out To State CFOs, General Counsels](#)

[January Revenue Collections Total \\$4.1B: Monthly collections up \\$505M or 14.1% vs. January 2024 actual; \\$406M above benchmark](#)

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

## [Healey-Driscoll Administration Files Multi-Year Chapter 90 Bond Bill to Invest \\$1.5 Billion in Local Road and Bridges](#)

Next week we expect Massachusetts Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano to announce their leadership teams for this legislative session, including the chairs of committees. Look for an update in next week's ACEC/Matters or join us for the February 13 Government Affairs Committee at 10 AM on Zoom for updates.

**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](#)

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## **STEM Starter Academy**

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

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