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**Save the Date: March 28, 2024 for ACEC/MA's Engineering Excellence and Awards Gala - Registration Opens next week.**

**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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**Must Love Building Codes: Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) Seeks Mechanical Engineer for Board**

Serving on a state board or commission is a great way to contribute your professional expertise to improve how public projects are delivered and also to help you learn how public officials evaluate proposals and ideas from design professionals.

[More Info](#)

**2024 National Compensation Matrix (NCM) is Now Available**

The 2024 NCM is used by state DOTs for evaluating 2023 executive compensation.

AASHTO's Committee on Internal and External Audit applied an escalation factor in developing the 2024 NCM, so you will not see any NCM compensation limits that decreased, as we saw in the 2023 NCM. For firms / positions where it is relevant, the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) compensation limit increased to \$619,000 for evaluation of 2023 compensation.

This tool applies to CY2023 data. To use, enter actual revenues from A/E consulting engineering services to compute compensation amounts.

[More from AASHTO Committee on Internal and External Audit](#)

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## MassDOT Updates Scope of Services and Workhour Estimate materials

On February 5, the MassDOT Highway Division issued **updated versions** of the following project development tools, dated January 2024, and asked us to share this news with ACEC/MA Members. A prior version had a formula error.

### - Standardized Scope of Services Guidance for Preparing Work Hour Estimate Forms for Consultant Services

### - Workhour Estimate Forms for Consultant Services

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## ACEC/MA Effective Writing Program

### 2 Session Virtual Course March 19-20

Only 3 seats left. Limited to 2 people per firm.

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## Government Affairs

### FEDERAL NEWS

### [ACEC Market Insights: What's Driving the Industry](#)

### [A Critical R&D Win; Meet ACEC's Incoming Executive Committee](#)

[EPA finalizes stronger standards for harmful soot pollution, significantly increasing health and clean air protections for families, workers, and communities](#)

[R&D Amortization - Update: US House Passes HR 7024 by a wide bipartisan vote on night of 1/31/24!](#)

### STATE NEWS

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces \\$50 Million Investment in Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure](#)

[January Revenue Collections Total \\$3.594 Billion](#)

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

[EPA announces inaugural Artist-in-Residence Program in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts](#)

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

[Boston Children's Museum Seeks Volunteers for Engineering Week - Register by 2/9/24](#)

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

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