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## **ACEC/MA State Markets Conference**

**April 16, 7:30 AM Breakfast | 8 AM - 12 Noon Program**

An ACEC/MA Breakfast Program

**MHA Conference Center, Burlington, MA + Zoom Option**

**Featuring Speakers from MassDOT Highway Division, DCAMM, DER, Massport, MBTA, MSBA, MSCBA, and DCR**

**Register by April 10**

**In-person seats are limited to two people per firm and are expected to fill quickly, so register as soon as possible.**

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## **Support the ACEC Political Action Committee**

**Special Reception to Thank ACEC/PAC Contributors: May 8 @ Jacobs, Boston**

ACEC's Political Action Committee - ACEC/PAC - is the engineering industry's primary tool for political engagement at the national level. ACEC/PAC is the largest PAC in the engineering and design services industry.

Supported by engineering professionals from across the country who work for member firms, the sole purpose of ACEC/PAC is to elect candidates to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who support policies and legislation favorable to the engineering industry.

Your personal contribution to ACEC/PAC helps us to reach members of Congress as we advocate about the challenges our industry faces.

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## **Genesis Course Registration - < 10 seats open**

**April 17, 24, May 1, 3 - 6 PM, CDM Smith, Boston**

3-session course for professionals with about 3-5 years experience.

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## **Engineers & Land Surveyors Day + Water's Worth It Day @ the State House**

**May 14 @ 9:30 AM, Rm 428, State House**

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### Events & Briefings Calendar

### Join an ACEC/MA Committee or Forum



Join us at the State House to talk with legislators and their staffs about infrastructure and more; three advance briefing sessions are planned on the issues.

Check names of your MA State Senator and State Representative before you register.

Find your Legislators:

<https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>

**Info & Registration Link:**

<https://www.acecma.org/about/news/engineers-and-land-surveyors-at-the-state-house-waters-worth-it-day-3751>

**Register by May 1.**

## ACEC 2025 Annual Convention & Legislative Summit

May 18–21 Convention, Washington, DC.

Join us for meetings with the Massachusetts Congressional delegation during this convention.

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## ACEC/MA IT and Risk Management Forum

**April 24, 12 Noon Virtual Meeting**

Topic: Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC)

**Open to ACEC/MA Members\***

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## MassDOT Highway Division Issues 2025 Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges

See also [Engineering Directive E-25-003](#).

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## MassDOT Highway Division Issues 2025 Construction Standard Details

Due to [Engineering Directive E-25-002](#), changes have also been made to the MassDOT Title Plan sheets.

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## Board of Building Regulations & Standards Seeks Mechanical Engineer

MA PE license & MA residency.



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## Government Affairs

### FEDERAL NEWS

#### [STEM sparks excitement at Arizona Stadium](#)

**Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering:**  
[Bookmark this ACEC page](#) - announcements, executive actions, & decisions including tariffs from White House that directly impact America's engineering & design services industry

### STATE and LOCAL NEWS

#### [ACEC/MA Comments on MassDEP Draft MEP Guidance for replacement stream crossings](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Files \\$756 Million Supplemental Budget for Fiscal Year 2025](#) - includes an outside section that raises procurement thresholds under public construction laws. These threshold increases align with recommendations from the Public Construction Projects Advisory Council that Governor Healey convened in 2024 through Executive Order 630.

[Where the state's climate work currently stands under Trump](#) - Boston Globe paywall

[Massachusetts offshore wind contracts get delayed again, this time until June](#) - Boston Globe paywall

#### [EPA announces appointment of Mark Sanborn as Regional Administrator for New England](#)

**Virtual Public Meetings:** State legislators enacted [H.62](#), sending the bill to Governor Healey who signed it into law on 3/28 as [Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025](#). This extends the ability to conduct public meetings virtually, with a remote access option for the public, through June 2027.

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**ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on April 23 at 10 AM at Aldrich Center at The Engineering Center in Boston + Zoom option.**

**Join us as we review bills impacting the engineering, land surveying, and design professional community.**

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## ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

Opportunities & Resources to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying.

[STEM Task Force Info](#)

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

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